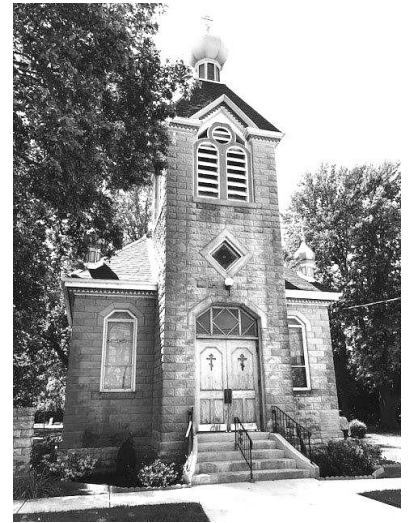


# HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

110 EAST MAIN STREET, MARBLEHEAD, OH 43440

MARCH 26, 2023



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**MARCH 26, SUNDAY ST. JOHN  
CLIMACUS, 9:10 AM HOURS /  
9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY  
FOLLOWED BY LENTEN  
COFFEE HOUR**

**MARCH 29, WEDNESDAY  
PRESANTIFIED LITURGY, 6 PM**

**APRIL 1, SATURDAY VESPERS  
FOLLOWING THE 2:30 PM  
DEDICATION OF OHIO  
HISTORICAL MARKER / OPEN  
HOUSE / REFRESHMENTS**

**APRIL 2, SUNDAY ST. MARY OF  
EGYPT, 9:10 AM HOURS / 9:30  
PM DIVINE LITURGY FOLLOWED  
BY LENTEN COFFEE HOUR**

## **EPISTLE Hebrews 6:13-20**

For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying, “Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you.”

And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,

that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

## **GOSPEL Mark 9:17-31**

Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”

He answered him and said, "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me."

Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it: "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."

But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"

So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it.

For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day."

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS** Diane Tryon, 109 Joslyn Street, Arcadia, OH 44804; Ed & Irene Vangeloff, 454 Strouse Lane, Sandusky, OH 44870

**PRAYER LIST Parishioners & Family:** Chris Hannon / Roger Pinta / Tony Monastra / Tina / Ed Vangeloff / Irene Vangeloff / Diane Tryon / Sonja Rose / David Mazurik / Valerie Schutt / Joe Schutt / Ron Royhab / James Bargdill / John Beadle / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Maryann Cook / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Elaine Hileman / Betty Kovach / Helen Lis / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / Elaine Libb / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Stephanie Royhab / Stacy Kaplan / Kathy Jacob / Tom Twarek / the child Bodhi Cassell / Nikki Williams & newborn Brexly / Gleice & newborn Chloe / Natalie & newborn Caleb / Gabrielle and her unborn child **Other Requests:** Archpriest David Lis / Bishop Matthias / Donny / Marge Dziama / Child Ezra / Kurt Franck / Ben Franklin / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Marsha / Mark Masica / Jamie Philpot / Robert Piznar / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Sandy Scafaria / David Warner / Chuck Wiedenhof / Sara / Chris / Tamman Haddad **Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS** 3-Tony Monastra; 7-Tamera Blackford; 8-Rachel Adamcio; 8-Ruth Sheller; 11-Jason Monschein; 22- Ariana Holmes; 23-Mason Monschein; 30-Bobbie Royhab; 30-Fred Cassell; 31-Greg Mazur

**MARCH CANDLE AND BULLETIN SPONSORS** **Altar Candles:** (\$50) Natalie Twarek for Birthday memory of Aunt Martha 2/24 and Aunt Anna 3/23; in loving Memory of my Godmother, Aunt Ella, 38 years, 3/23. **Bulletin:** (\$50) Available. **Chandelier:** (\$50) Diane Tryon in loving Memory of my brother, Richard for the 40th anniversary of his passing, March 13, 1983. **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) Available. **Candles at the Cross:** (\$15) Laura Kovach for Birthday blessings to Greg and in Memory of Russ. **Candles at St. Tikhon's Icon:** (\$15) For Safety of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, and baby Chloe.

## **VIGILS FOR MARCH 19**

**Basil Glovinsky** (2) For Health and Recovery of Diane and Ed and Irene

**Susan Guzy** (1) Special intentions

**Jean Hileman** (1) Special intentions

**Laura Kovach** (2) For health of Joe H., Irene V., Tony M., Bonnie K., Robin C., Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., and Karen D; Anniversary Blessings to Ben and Sarah.

**Sandy Martin** (1) Special intentions

**David & Roddie Mazurik** (4) Special intentions

**Natalie Twarek** (6) Health and Recovery of Pauline, Scott, Joe, Health and Recovery of Tony, Irene, Father David, Don & Judy, Mimi, For the health of Tina, Robin, Valerie, Joe, Ed, Ron, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie & Ed, Health of Amber, Zach, Dottie, Jamie, Jim, Stephanie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Tom, Loren, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Diane, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intentions, special intentions

**MARCH REPOSED** 1-George Danchisen (2018); 3-Anna Stoyka (2018); 4-Andrew Mazur (2001); 6-Frank Guzy (2002); 6-Robert Haynal (2022); 8-Mat. Sonya Tutko (2021); 11-Ella Mazur (1918); 13-Richard Michael Benya (1983); 17-Frank Holodnak (1961); 23-Eva Pondillo (2001); 23- Ella Mazurik (1985); 23-Francis Mitchell (2008); 23-Barbara Ann Wasylenko (2017); 29-Todd Pollack (2019); 29-Carolyn Woodward (2000); 30-John Rofkar (2019)

## **PLEASE HELP WITH THE APRIL 1st OHIO HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION!**

It will be wonderful for Holy Assumption, and for the village of Marblehead to have this marker honoring immigrants who settled on the peninsula!

**ATTENDANCE** Saturday Vespers, 12 attended; Sunday Divine Liturgy, 27 attended; Wednesday Presanctified, 13 attended

**CLEANING SCHEDULE** March 27, Basil & Tim; April 3, Susan; April 10, Laura

**GROUNDS CLEANUP IS UNDERWAY THIS WEEK AND YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! STOP BY TO PICK UP BRANCHES AND STICKS WHEN YOU CAN—WE ARE PREPARING FOR THE OHIO HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION ON SATURDAY APRIL 1—THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE AND PEOPLE WILL BE WALKING ON THE CHURCH PROPERTY**

*From the Amvon of Father John Adamcio*

## WHAT DOES ONE CONFESS?

Now that we have examined the origins of the Mystery of Penance (Reconciliation, Confession), and have addressed our preparation for Confession, we now come to the actual confession itself. This is something usually dreaded! It's almost as bad as going to the dentist! But, it really doesn't have to be.

In the Orthodox Church, Confession is a very personal interaction between, God, the Father Confessor (the parish priest), and the penitent. The two are in close proximity: there is no "confessional" to separate them; there are no physical barriers. It is just the priest, the penitent, and the Lord.

As mentioned earlier, each priest will have a different approach to doing the Confession. Some will ask questions, others will wait until the penitent begins to speak. Some will offer counsel, other just pronounce the "Prayer of Absolution." I can share with you what I think appropriate.

After welcoming the penitent, there is the opportunity for them to express the sins they have committed. This, again, is not the time for a spiritual chat. There is plenty of time for that after the services. Neither is it a time for spiritual counsel, although the Mystery of Confession does contain an aspect of that. Sometimes much personal time needs to be set aside to delve into the concerns of the penitent which may not be readily available at this particular time. However, this is the time to "get personal."

Coming to Confession and just saying: "I have sinned," or "I am a sinner" is really not enough. One should confess what they have done whether it be: swearing, taking the Name of the Lord in vain, judging others, gossiping, stealing, not praying, not fasting, not reading the Bible, not attending church services, arguing, hurting others emotionally or spiritually on purpose, not being meek or humble, not honoring parents or children, lying, jealousy, pride... The list can go on and on if we really think about it. While these may seem small, little sins, very few of us have the audacity to commit the really BIG sins: adultery, murder, apostasy. They are sins just the same and need to be admitted and confessed.

This is the time to be honest with one's self and confess our sins plainly in order to be forgiven. It is not a time to fear or be afraid, but to be sincere.

The priest does not judge! Judgment and forgiveness are for the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Who has promised to forgive our sins! The priest is only a witness who will often offer advice and perhaps suggest some prayers, Psalms, and/or Bible passages to help one in their spiritual journey.

There we have it! When we prepare ourselves for Confession, take responsibility for our sinful actions, listen to the guidance offered by our Spiritual Father, and perform the actions he may suggest, we are able to feel relief and joy in the knowledge that the chasm of sin which has separated us from our Lord is now breached and we are able to be reunited with Him in faith and love!

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