

**Holy Assumption Orthodox Church**  
*Celebrating 125 years witnessing to the Apostolic Faith*

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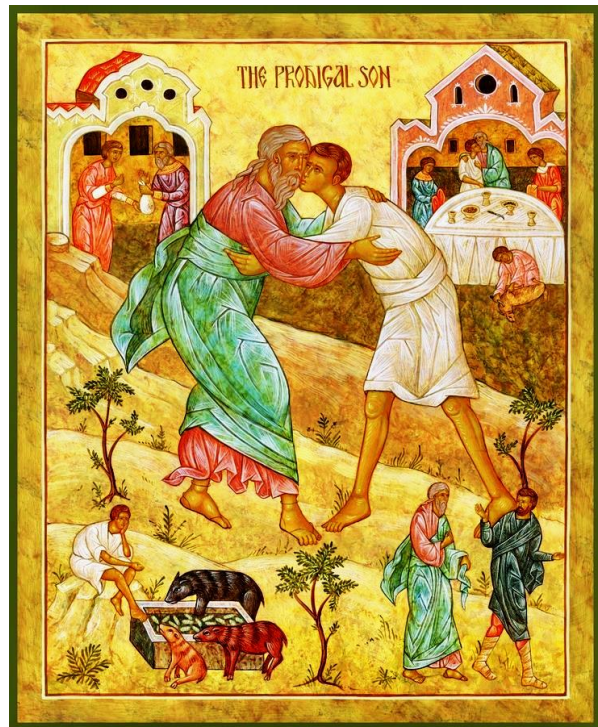
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Diocese of the Midwest***

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

THIRTY FORTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
*Sunday of the Prodigal Son*

**EPISTLE: Corinthians 6:12-20**

Bretheren: All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.



Parable of the Prodigal Son

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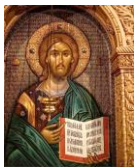
## GOSPEL: Luke 15:11-32

The Lord spoke this parable: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So, he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So, he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’ But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore, his father came out and pleaded with him. So, he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’”



### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Patti Owens**, 311 Woodbridge Road, Vermilion, OH 44089; **Basil Glovinsky**, 1007 Glendale Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452; **Subdeacon Roger Pinta**, P.O. Box 39, Middle Bass, OH 43446; **Ed & Irene Vangeloff**, 454 Strouse Lane, Sandusky, OH 44870



### FEBRUARY REPOSED

Helen Hritsko (1908) No date provided; Alexandra Brendza (1909) No date provided; Steve Danchisen (1909) No date provided; **2-** Nancy Pipenur (2018); **5-** Peter Kowal (2004); **6-** Steve Michael Mazur (1970); **6-** Elizabeth Kravetz Mc Mahon (1984); **12-** Glenn Schoonmaker (2002); **12-** Lawrence Beck (2018); **14-** Rose Polosky (1953); **17-** Stanley Guzy (1986); **20-** Linda Sue Alber & infant (1969); **20-** Dc. Mike Cinalli (2020); **21-** Mary Tomka Matso (1956); **21-** John Richard Elchisco (2021); **22-** Metro Mazur (1973); **22-** Marguerite Bird (2022); **23-** George Elchisco Sr. (1961); **23-** Tom Twarek (2024); **26-** Elizabeth Millie (1998); **29-** Mary Uka Kosteary (1996)

## PRAYER LIST

**Parishioners & Family:** Tina Rindfleisch / Sharon Shaheen (Patti Owen's sister) / Norb / Heidi Golob / Ron & Bobbie Royhab / Rodney Clevenger / Jennifer Heffernan / Tom Hileman / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Helena Tomášová / Ruth Sheller / Basil Glovinsky / Dale / Sophie / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Chris Hannon / Subdeacon Roger Pinta / Ed Vangeloff / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / Ron Royhab / James Bargdill / John Beadle / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Nora.

**Other Requests:** Tom Osborne / Sarah King / Catechumen Blake Shoemaker / Catechumen Nickolas Dawenport / Catechumen Joshua Paull / Catechumen Danielle Paull / Catechumen Wrenley Paull / Arimus Paull / Linkoln Paull / Catechumen Joshua Schulden / Catechumen Ryan Stamp / Matushka Melania / Sharyn Osborne / Christine Zahm / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Michael Heffernan / Susanne / Barbara Heffernan / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Maxwell Chaney / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čižmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / Mark Masica / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

**Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

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| <b>MON. Feb 17</b> | Great Martyr Theodore the Tyro; 1 John 2:18-3:10, Mk 11:1-11  |
| <b>TUE. Feb 18</b> | Saint Leo the Great, Pope of Rome; 1 John 3:11-20, Mk 14:10-42  |
| <b>WED. Feb 19</b> | Apostles of the Seventy Archippus and Philemon; 1 John 3:21-4:6, Mk 14:43-15:1  |
| <b>THU. Feb 20</b> | Saint Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily; 1 John 4:20-5:21, Mk 15:1-15  |
| <b>FRI. Feb 21</b> | Venerable Timothy of Symbola in Bithynia; 2 John 1:1-13, Mk 15:22, 25, 33-41  |
| <b>SAT. Feb 22</b> | <b>Memorial Saturday</b> , Uncovering of the relics of the Holy Martyrs at the Gate of Eugenius at Constantinople; 1 Cor. 10:23-28, Lk 21:8-9:25-27,33-36 |
|                    | <b>9:10 AM HOURS</b>  |
|                    | <b>9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY</b>   |
|                    | <b>4:00 PM VESPERS</b>  |
| <b>SUN. Feb 23</b> | <b>35<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 2</b><br><b>Meatfare Sunday, Sunday of the Last Judgment</b>   |
|                    | <b>9:10 AM HOURS</b>  |
|                    | <b>9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY</b> Followed by Coffee Hour   |



### VIGILS FOR FEBRUARY 9

**Susan Guzy 1** In memory of grandpa John, born February 8, 1888, Vichnaya Pamyat

**Laura Kovach 3** For health and/or healing of Matushka Melania, Ron R., Betty K., Margaret M., David M., Hannah S., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Kathie J., Jerry P., Ed & Irene V, Heidi & Wayne G., Sarah K. and Brett D.

Prayers for the Rakosky family

Safe travels for family and friends

**Sandy Martin 1** Special Intentions

**David & Roddie Mazurik 2** Blessings for neighbors, special intentions

**Natalie Twarek 8** For the health of Nikki and Sean and family, For the health & recovery of Matushka Melania, For the health and recovery of Kristi's dad, For the health and recovery on Basil, Ron, Rodney, Betty, Carol, Kayla, Pam, Jim, Heidi, Wayne, Father Emilian, Health and healing for Father's parents Michal & Helena and Matushka's mom Barbara, and Walter, For the health of Jen, Tony, Bev, Ed, Irene, Father David, Judy, Tina, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Tina's dad, Earl, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Special intentions

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### FEBRUARY CANDLE SPONSORS



**Altar Candles:** Fr. Peter and Mat. Michelle, For Health and God's Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski, and Michal & Helena Tomáš **(\$50)**; **Chandelier:** Available **(\$50)**; **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Available **(\$25)**; **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, In memory of my dad Steven and birthday memory of my mom Margaret **(\$20)**; **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** Available **(\$20)**

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### READERS LIST



Sunday Feb 16 – Tim  
Sunday Feb 23 – Jake  
Sunday Mar 2 – Tim

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### ATTENDANCE



**02/08** Vespers, **5** attending; **02/09** Divine Liturgy, **23** attending (3 guests)

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### UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb 20<sup>th</sup>** Monthly social 3rd Thursday 6:00 pm at JJ's Table and Bar Restaurant
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** Memorial Saturday (*Saturday*)
- Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>** Beginning of the Great Fast (*Monday*)
- Mar 9<sup>th</sup>** Daylight Saving Time begins (*Sunday*)
- Mar 15<sup>th</sup>** Memorial Saturday (*Saturday*)
- Apr 13<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday (*Sunday*)
- Apr 20<sup>th</sup>** HOLY PASCHA (*Sunday*)



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### NEW PARISH COUNCIL

His Eminence, Archbishop Daniel approved the elected members of the new Parish Council: **Tim Glovinsky, Susan Guzy, Laura Kovach, Stephanie Kowal, Jake Muscaro, Donna Schoonmaker, Joe Schutt, and Natalie Twarek.** The Installation of the new officers will take place next **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** after the Divine Liturgy. We would like to congratulate them and pray that the Lord bless them and grant them long life, good health, peace and happiness for Many Years!



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### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**16** – David Mazurik; **22** – Wayne Golob; **24** – Sonya Rose; **25** – Fellar (Michael) Fay; **25** – Heidi Golob \*; **26** – Basil Glovinsky



## MEMORIAL SATURDAYS

We would like to ask all of you if you have any new names to be commemorated during the Memorial Services to kindly submit the names to Fr. Peter before this Saturday. You may email or text the names that need to be added.



## SUNDAY OFFERING

### Sunday, February 9, 2025

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tithe                          | \$1,975.00        |
| Donations                      | \$ 74.25          |
| Candles                        | \$ 43.00          |
| Vigils                         | \$ 110.00         |
| Holy Day Donation              | \$ 225.00         |
| Altar Candles                  | \$ 50.00          |
| St. Vladimir Seminary          | \$ 175.00         |
| New Altar Linens and Vestments | \$2,536.00        |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | <b>\$5,188.25</b> |

*May the Lord reward you for your financial and spiritual support!*



## CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“St. Vladimir's Seminary” is the charity we donate to for the month of February.



## MIDWINTER FEAST

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church is inviting you to their Midwinter Feast which will take place next Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM at Saint Mary Byzantine Church Hall, 506 East Main Street, Marblehead, Ohio.

Dinner with Music.

Menu: Cheese and Charcuterie. Garden Salad. Rolls and Butter. Shrimp/Pork Loin with Asparagus/Hollandaise Sauce. Rice/Grains. \$50.00 per person. BYOB. Silent Auction. Fundraiser for replacement of roofs of parish buildings.

Please call 419-626-0375 by February 17<sup>th</sup>. No tickets at door.

## CLEANING SCHEDULE



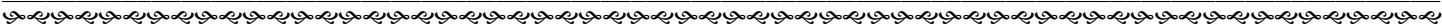
- Feb 17, Roddie & David
- Feb 24, Bobbie
- Mar 3, Natalie
- Mar 10, Basil & Tim



## COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

- Feb 16– Natalia
- Feb 23– Parish Potluck Lunch for the Meetfare Sunday
- Mar 2– Parish Potluck Lunch for the Cheesefare Sunday

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall





## Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Commemorated on February 16

The Sunday after the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Luke 15:11-24).

After the Polyeleion at Matins, we first hear the lenten hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." It will be sung for the next two Sundays before Lent begins, and it serves to reinforce the theme of exile in today's Gospel.

Starting tomorrow, the weekday readings summarize the events of Holy Week. On Monday we read Saint Mark's account of the Entry into Jerusalem. On Tuesday we read how Judas went to the chief priests and offered to betray the Lord. On the night before His death Christ tells His disciples that one of them will betray Him. He also predicts that they will desert Him, and that Peter will deny Him three times. On Wednesday the Gospel describes how Judas betrayed the Savior with a kiss. Thursday's Gospel tells how Jesus was questioned by Pilate. On Friday we read the narrative of Christ's crucifixion and death.



## On Saturday Commemoration of the Dead in Orthodoxy by Hieromonk Job (Gumerov)

*The Saturdays of commemorations of the dead are called ancestral Saturdays (the first universal commemoration on Meat Fare Saturday, the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of Great Lent, Trinity Saturday, and St. Demetrius Saturday). Why do these take place specifically on Saturdays? What are the historical roots of this tradition? They were not all instituted at the same time.*

*God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it he ceased from all His works which God began to do (Gen. 2:3). Saturday (Sabbath) for the Jews was a day of festive rest. Christ's resurrection placed the beginning of the new Israel: a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light (1 Pet. 2:9). The resurrection day of the Savior of the World became the seventh, festive day that completes the week. Sunday [in Russian, *voskresenie*, meaning "resurrection") is a day of prayer in church at Divine Liturgy and pious rest. From a day of earthly rest, Saturday became a symbol of joyous rest in the Kingdom of Heaven: *There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his (Heb. 4:9-10)*. This is where the custom, fixed by the Church typicon, came from of having special services on Saturday for the commemoration of the dead.*

The establishment of the universal ancestral Meat Fare Saturday dates back to the first century of Christianity. In the Synaxarion for this day (*The Lenten Triodion*) it says that the holy fathers established, *having received it from the holy Apostles*, that on this day should be commemorated *all people from the ages who have reposed in faith and piety*. This day was chosen because Meat Fare week reminds us of the future Last Judgment. On the eve of this day, Saturday, as if preceding the Last Judgment, the Church prays especially for all of its reposed children, begging the Lord to have mercy on them and make them partakers of blessed eternal life.

Just like Meat Fare Saturday, ancestral Saturday before Holy Trinity Day (Pentecost) is called *universal*. The custom of commemorating the dead on that day also dates from Apostolic times. On that Saturday, prayers are raised for all people from the ages who have died with the hope of resurrection and eternal life, because on the day of Pentecost, the Kingdom of Christ appeared by the descent of the Life-creating Most Holy Spirit. Therefore, on the eve of this feast, the Church prays for all of its children who have reposed up to then, that they would be gathered into the Heavenly Kingdom and vouchsafed eternal blessed life.

During Great Lent, the Church does not serve the usual daily commemorations of the dead (pannikhidas, litias). As a supplement to this, so that the dead are not deprived of the Church's saving intercessions, the commemorations were established for the Saturdays of the second, third, and fourth weeks of Lent.

St. Demetrius Saturday is celebrated on the nearest Saturday before the commemoration day of Great Martyr Demetrius of Thessalonka (October 26/November 8). This Saturday commemoration was established in the Russian Church after the battle of Kulikovo (September 8, 1380), with the blessing of St. Sergius of Radonezh. At first, commemorations were served for all soldiers who fell in that battle. Eventually, St. Demetrius Saturday came to be a day when all reposed Orthodox Christians are commemorated.

