

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

110 EAST MAIN STREET,
Marblehead, OH 43440

Fr. Peter Tomas, Rector



JULY 9, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY - JULY 9
5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bp. Of Taormina in Sicily

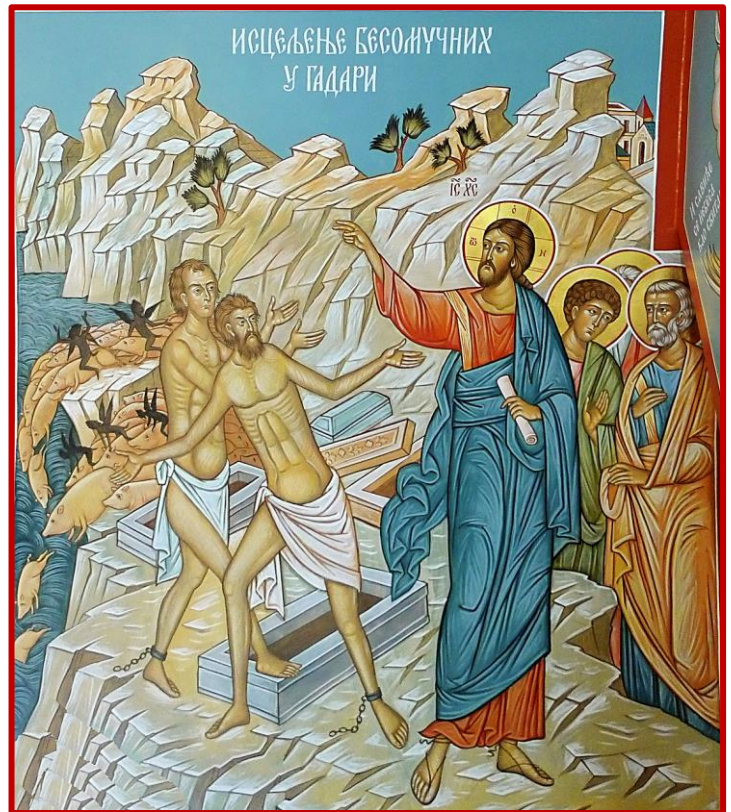
9:10 AM HOURS, 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour

SATURDAY - JULY 15
Great Prince Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles

VESPERS, 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - JULY 16
6th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Fathers of the first six Ecumenical Councils

9:10 AM HOURS, 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour



*Jesus Restores Two Demon-Possessed Men
at Gergesenes*

EPISTLE: Romans 10:1-10

Brethren, my heart's desire, and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them." But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down from above) or, 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord

Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

GOSPEL: Matthew 8:28-9:1

At that time, when Jesus had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So, the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So, when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region. So, He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



Basil Glovinsky, Firelands Hospital, 1111 Hayes Ave., Room 5012, Sandusky, OH 44870; Greg Twarek's sister Jeanne Smith, Magruder Hospital; Subdeacon Roger Pinta, P.O. Box 39, Middle Bass, OH 43446; Diane Tryon, 109 Joslyn Street, Arcadia, OH 44804; Ed & Irene Vangeloff, 454 Strouse Lane, Sandusky, OH 44870

JULY CANDLE SPONSORS



Altar Candles: Fr. Peter & Matushka Michelle, Wedding Anniversary blessings (7/02) and Fr. Peter's Anniversary of Ordination (7/23) (**\$50**); **Chandelier:** available (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** available (**\$25**); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, In birthday memory of Susan (**\$15**); **Candles at St. Tikhon's Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, & Chloe (**\$15**)

JULY REPOSED

Triantafilos Lefas (1995) **No date provided**; **2-** John Danchisen (2009); **6-** Anna Mazur (1969); **6-** Joseph Golob Jr. (2006); **6-** Annette Ressetar-Lapso (2023); **7-** Mary Martha Glovinsky (1975); **9-** Andrew Holodnak (1971); **10-** Gretta Gresh (2018); **14-** John Gulla (1968); **20-** Mitered Archpriest Sava Chaly (1991) Former Pastor; **21-** Anna Mazurik (1973); **27-** Father Vladimir Meschersky (1937) Former Pastor; **29-** Sally Franklin (2018); **29-** Robert Zgonc (2018); **29-** Charles Hagmaier (2018)

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Basil Glovinsky / Jeanne Smith / Carol / David Martin / Jim Twarek / Fred Soski / Chris Hannon / Subdeacon Roger Pinta / Tony Monastra / Tina / Ed Vangeloff / Irene Vangeloff / Diane Tryon / Sonja Rose / David Mazurik / Ron Royhab / James Bargdill / John Beadle / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / 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 / the child Bodhi Cassell / Nikki Williams & Brexly / Gleice & Chloe / Natalie & newborn Caleb / Gabrielle and her newborn Josey / Carol / Debbie & Marco / Nora. **Other Requests:**

Anthony / Annette & her family / Archpriest David Lis / Bishop Matthias / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Marge Dziama / Child Ezra / Kurt Franck / Ben Franklin / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Marsha / Mark Masica / Robert Piznar / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Sandy Scafaria / Chuck Wiedenhoft / Chris / Tamman Haddad. **Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military

VIGILS FOR JULY 2



Tim Glovinsky 1 Speedy recovery for dad

Laura Kovach 4 Anniversary blessings and many years to Father Peter and Matushka Michelle. For health and/or healing of Joe S., Basil G., Kathie J., Roger P., Diane T., Irene V., Ed V., Robin C., Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., and Karen D. Safe travel for Sarah, Maddie, & Fin and safe travel to & from Greece for Stephanie Kowal. Special intentions for Christina H.

Sandy Martin 1 Special intentions

Natalie Twarek 8 Health and recovery of Basil, Health and recovery of Jeanne, Anniversary blessing to Father Peter & Matushka Michelle, Birthday blessing to Brantley (7/3), Health and recovery Roger, Carol, Tony, Irene, Father David, Diane, Marilyn, Pauline, Sandy, Don & Judy, Mimi, For the health of Mike, Tina, Ed, Ron, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie, Health of Amber, Zach, Dottie, Jamie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Tom, Loren, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intentions

READERS LIST



Sunday July 9 - Jake
Sunday July 16 - Joe
Sunday July 23 - Tim
Sunday July 30 - Ron

ATTENDANCE



7/01 Vespers, 12 attending (1 guest); 7/02 Divine Liturgy, 36 attending (19 guests)

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



11–Christian Cleis (Korea)*; **16**–Peter & Stephanie Kowal Anniversary; **23**–Fr. Peter Ordination (1995); **27**–Greg & Natalie Twarek Anniversary; **30**–Tim & Jennifer Heffernan Anniversary

CHARITY OF THE MONTH



Respect for Life Ministries is the charity we donate to for the month of July.

SUNDAY OFFERING



Sunday, July 2

Tithe	\$ 854.00
Candles	\$ 143.00
Vigils	\$ 66.00
Donations	\$ 260.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 40.00
One Time Restricted Donation	\$ 70.00
Total:	\$1,433.00

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



GIANT COOKIES BAKING – THANK YOU!

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Greg Mazur for baking the Giant Cookies for our Market Days this past week. May our Lord and God reward you for your hard work and love for our church, and grant you long life, good health, peace, and happiness for Many Happy and Blessed Years!



MARKET DAY

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the following parishioners and friends who helped us with our Market Day yesterday: Tina, Natalie, Roddie, David, Tim, Greg, Sandy, Kathy, Cliff, Mimi, Fr. Peter, and Mat. Michelle. The gross income from the sale was **\$2,278.29**. May Our Lord reward you all for your time and energy with good health, peace, and happiness for Many Happy and Blessed Years!

Our next Market Day will take place on Saturday, July 22nd starting with set up at 8:00 AM. We will have perohi, kielbasa and kraut, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is greatly appreciated!



CLEANING SCHEDULE

July 10, Basil & Tim
July 17, Laura
July 24, Susan
July 31, Laura



66th ANNUAL HALUPKI FESTIVAL

Our Halupki Festival will take place on Sunday, August 20, 2023.

Once again, the main raffle during our Festival will be cash raffle with the five vining prizes of cash in the amount of **\$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$150, and \$100**.

We kindly ask each family to help us sell twenty tickets. If anyone needs more tickets, please see Natalie. Thank you in advance for your help!



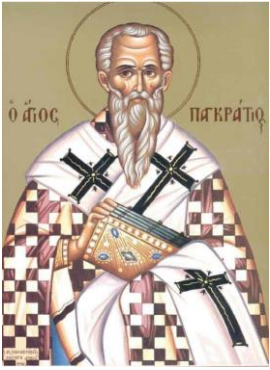
HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH - 125th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our 125th Anniversary Celebration which will take place on Saturday, September 23, 2023 with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy to be celebrated by His Beatitude the Most Blessed Tikhon, Metropolitan of All America and Canada and the Most Reverend Daniel, Archbishop of Chicago, and the Midwest.

Please Note: Laura is seeking any old photographs you have of our church, groups of people at the church, or events at the church to be published in our 125th anniversary commemorative booklet. She promises to scan them and return them to you right away so your precious photographs are not lost or misplaced. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

- 1— Monday, July 10th, Nut and Poppyseed Rolls baking at 8:AM
- 2— Could you use fresh thyme, sage, Greek oregano, sweet basil, or dill? Sprigs are ready to cut from these plants growing in the herb garden behind the church. Help yourself! Four or five other smaller herbs growing there may not yet be ready to use
- 3— Please consider sponsoring a Sunday coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy



Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina in Sicily

Commemorated on July 9

The Hieromartyr Pancratius, Bishop of Taormina, was born when our Lord Jesus Christ yet lived upon the earth.

The parents of Pancratius were natives of Antioch. Hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, Pancratius' father took his young son with him and went to Jerusalem in order to see the great Teacher for himself. The miracles astonished him, and when he heard the divine teaching, he then believed in Christ as the Son of God. He became close with the disciples of the Lord, especially with the holy Apostle Peter.

It was during this period that young Pancratius got to know the holy Apostle Peter.

After the Ascension of the Savior, one of the Apostles came to Antioch and baptized the parents of Pancratius together with all their household. When the parents of Pancratius died, he left behind his inherited possessions and went to Pontus and began to live in a cave, spending his days in prayer and deep spiritual contemplation. The holy Apostle Peter, while passing through those parts, visited Pancratius at Pontus. He took him along to Antioch, and then to Sicily, where the holy Apostle Paul then was. There the holy Apostles Peter and Paul made Saint Pancratius Bishop of Taormina in Sicily. Saint Pancratius toiled zealously for the Christian enlightenment of the people. In a single month he built a church where he celebrated divine services. The number of believers quickly grew, and soon almost all the people of Taormina and the surrounding cities accepted the Christian Faith.

Saint Pancratius governed his flock peacefully for many years. However, pagans plotted against the saint, and seizing an appropriate moment, they fell upon him and stoned him. Thus, Saint Pancratius ended his life as a martyr.

The saint's relics are in the church named for him in Rome. He is also commemorated on February 9.



Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna in Crete

Commemorated on July 9

The Hieromartyr Cyril, Bishop of Gortyna, was bishop at Gortyna on the island of Crete for 50 years. He suffered either under the emperor Decius (249-251), or according to other historical sources, the emperor Maximian (284-305).

Brought to trial before a governor named Lucius, who demanded that he offer sacrifice to idols, the holy Elder steadfastly confessed his faith in Christ and refused to fulfill the soul-destroying command. The governor sentenced Saint Cyril to burning, but the flames did not touch him. Seeing this miracle, many pagans came to believe in Christ. Lucius himself offered up praise to the Christian God and set the saint free.

Saint Cyril continued with his preaching and led many pagans to Christ, but also, he grieved that he had not been allowed to suffer for the Savior. It was reported to the governor that Saint Cyril would not cease his preaching, and that he continued to convert people from the darkness of paganism to the light of Christ. Hearing the sentence against him, Saint Cyril rejoiced that he was to be granted a martyr's death for Truth, and the 84-year-old Elder willingly placed his head beneath the sword.

- If one were to put all of the world's most precious things on one side of a scale, and the Divine Liturgy on the other, the scales would tip completely in favor of the Divine Liturgy. — St. John of Kronstadt

- Nothing elevates the soul; nothing gives it wings as a liturgical hymn does. — St. John Chrysostom

- Just as the angels stand with great fear and chant their hymns to the Creator, likewise should we stand in psalmody. — St. Ephraim the Syrian



THE PRAYER RULE OF ST. SERAPHIM OF SAROV

Saint Seraphim of Sarov created a short prayer rule for those who are busy and don't have enough time to pray using the full morning or evening prayer rule. He taught this rule to the sisters of the Diveyevo Convent and also to any other person that came to him for spiritual advice.

St. Seraphim said:

“Let any Christian, upon arising from sleep stand before the holy icons, and read the Lord’s Prayer “Our Father” thrice, in honor of the Most-holy Trinity, then the hymn to the Theotokos “O Theotokos and Virgin, rejoice...” three times as well, the symbol of Our Faith once.”

The saint also believed that Christians must pray unceasingly, as it is said in the Bible: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). This is why he proposed that during the day any Christian can repeat the short Jesus prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.”

At night, before going to bed, Christians may repeat the same praying rule:

1. “Our Father” (3 times)
2. “O Theotokos and Virgin, rejoice...” (3 times)
3. The Symbol of Our Faith (once)

St. Seraphim explained why he chose these particular prayers for the rule: “The three prayers indicated are the foundation of Christianity. The first, as the prayer given to us by Christ Himself, is the model for all prayers. The second was brought from Heaven by the Archangel to greet the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Our Lord. The Symbol of Our Faith contains in brief all of the salvific dogmas of the Christian faith.”

To those who for whatever reason could not complete this little rule, Venerable Seraphim recommended reading it under whatever circumstance: during lessons, while walking, even in bed. He based this advice on the words of the Scriptures: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” (Romans 10:13)