

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

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***Holy Assumption Orthodox Church is a parish of the Orthodox Church in America,
Diocese of the Midwest***

JULY 16, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FATHERS OF THE FIRST SIX ECUMENICAL COUNCILS

Liturgical Schedule

MONDAY – JULY 17

Royal Passionbearers, Tsar Nicholas and his family

WEDNESDAY – JULY 19

First Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Seraphim of Sarov

THURSDAY – JULY 20

Holy Prophet Elijah

SATURDAY - JULY 22

Myrrhbearer and Equal of the Apostles Mary Magdalene

VESPERS, 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - JULY 23

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Martyr Trophimus, and 14 others in Lycia

9:10 AM HOURS, 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY Followed by blessing of the Vehicles and Coffee Hour



***Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Great Prince Vladimir,
Enlightener of Rus'
Feast Day – July 15th***

EPISTLE: Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he

who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" – then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house. Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



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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:** Fr. Peter & Matushka Michelle, Health and God's Blessings for Michal and Helena Tomáš (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Matushka Michelle & Fr. Peter, Health and God's Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski (**\$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: Barbara Wroblewski / 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 9



Tim Glovinsky 1 Speedy recovery for dad

Laura Kovach 4 For health and/or healing of Sarah F., 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.

Memory eternal to Steve Laeng, Brannon Powers, and Joe Alvarado.
Special intentions for Christina H.

Sandy Martin 1 Special intentions

Diane Tryon 1 In loving memory of my grandparents for their birthdays

Natalie Twarek 6 Health and recovery of Basil, Health and recovery of Jeanne, 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 16 – Joe
Sunday July 23 - Tim
Sunday July 30 - Ron

ATTENDANCE



7/08 Vespers, 8 attending; 7/09 Divine Liturgy, 30 attending (11 guests)

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



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.



FEAST OF ST. ELIJAH – BLESSING OF VEHICLES

On Thursday, July 20th Holy Church celebrates the Feast of Holy and Great Prophet Elijah (Elias) who is known as the patron saint of vehicles. Since this Feast Day falls on Thursday, the usual blessing of vehicles will take place next Sunday, following the Divine Liturgy. *Just as we have our homes blessed each year, everyone is encouraged to have their vehicle blessed!*

SUNDAY OFFERING



Sunday, July 9

Tithe	\$1,067.00
Candles	\$ 36.00
Vigils	\$ 75.00
Donations	\$ 358.00
One Time Restricted Donation	\$ 402.00
Respect for Life	\$ 75.00
St. Tikhon's Icon	\$ 15.00
Total:	\$2,028.00

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



MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will take place next 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 17, Laura
July 24, Susan
July 31, Laura
Aug 7, Jean



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— Wednesday, July 19th, 125th Anniversary Meeting at 6 PM
- 2— Monday, July 24th, Nut Horns baking at 8 AM
- 3— Tuesday, July 25th, Kolachi baking at 8 AM
- 4— 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.
- 5— Please consider sponsoring a Sunday coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy



Royal Passionbearers Tsar Nicholas (Nikolai), Tsaritsa Alexandra, Tsarevich Aleksy, Grand Duchesses Olga, Tatiana, Maria, Anastasia

Commemorated on July 17

Saint Nicholas, the last Russian Tsar, was born in 1868. As a child, he was very religious, guileless and free from malice.

Nicholas II was crowned as Tsar in 1894, following the death of his father Tsar Alexander. He began his reign with lofty hopes for peace, urging other nations to reduce the size of their armies, and to seek the peaceful settlement of international disputes. The Peace Conference at the Hague in 1899 laid the groundwork for the League of Nations and the United Nations.

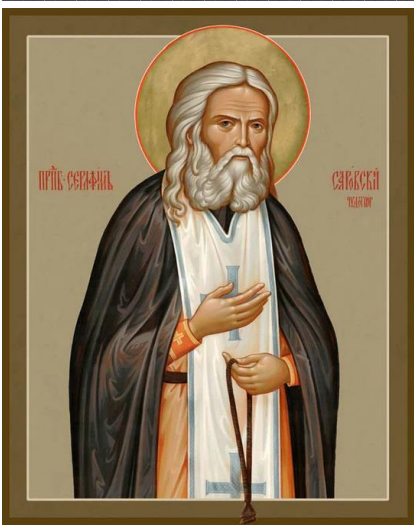
He married Princess Alice of Hesse, who converted to Orthodoxy and took the name Alexandra. Their children were Olga (1895), Tatiana (1897),

Maria (1899), Anastasia (1901), and Alexis (1904).

The glorification of Saint Seraphim of Sarov took place on July 19, 1903, and Tsar Nicholas attended the ceremonies at Sarov with his family. At that time, he was given a letter written by Saint Seraphim more than seventy years before, which seemed to disturb him. Although the Sovereign never revealed the letter's contents, it is believed that it was a prophecy of the bloodshed that would engulf Russia in less than fifteen years.

Saint Nicholas was executed by the Bolsheviks at Ekaterinburg on July 4, 1918 along with his family and servants. The prisoners were awakened late at night and ordered to get dressed for travel. They went down to the cellar of the home in which they were being held, waiting for the word to leave. The Tsar sat on a chair in the middle of the room holding his son Alexis in his lap, while his wife and daughters stood around them.

The executioners entered the room and read out the order for their execution. Saints Nicholas and Alexandra died under the hail of bullets, but the children did not die right away. They were stabbed and clubbed with the butts of rifles. Their bodies were taken to an abandoned mine, cut into pieces, then piled in front of the mine. Sulphur and gasoline were poured on the bloody mound and set on fire. When the fire went out two days later, whatever remained of the bodies was thrown into the mine and grenades were tossed into it. Then the ground was plowed so that no trace of the disposal of the bodies remained.



Uncovering of the relics of Venerable Seraphim of Sarov

Commemorated on July 19

Uncovering of the Relics of Saint Seraphim, Wonderworker of Sarov: The glorification of Saint Seraphim of Sarov (January 2), took place in 1903, seventy years after his repose. On July 3, 1903 Metropolitan Anthony of Saint Petersburg, assisted by Bishop Nazarius of Nizhni-Novgorod and Bishop Innocent of Tambov, transferred the saint's relics from their original burial place to the church of Saints Zosimus and Sabbatius. Tsar Nicholas II and Tsarina Alexandra provided a new cypress coffin to receive the relics. This cypress coffin was then placed inside an oak coffin and remained in the church until the day of the saint's glorification.

At noon on July 16, the first day of the festivities, Metropolitan Anthony offered a Memorial Service for the ever-memorable Hieromonk Seraphim in the Dormition Cathedral. Services also took place in the monastery's other churches.

The next day Metropolitan Anthony and Bishop Nazarius served a Memorial Liturgy in the Dormition Cathedral. At 5:00 that afternoon, the bells of Sarov began to ring, announcing the arrival of Tsar

Nicholas and his family. Metropolitan Anthony greeted them and then led them to the Dormition Cathedral for a Service of Thanksgiving.

The royal family attended the early Liturgy on July 18th and received the Holy Mysteries. Later that morning, the final Memorial Service for the repose of Hieromonk Seraphim's soul was offered in the Cathedral. These would be the last prayers offered for him as a departed servant of God. From that time forward, prayers would be addressed to him as a saint. At 6 P.M. the bells rang for Vigil, the first service with hymns honoring Saint Seraphim, and during which his relics would be exposed for public veneration.

At the time of the Litia during Vespers, the saint's coffin was carried from the church of Saints Zosimus and Sabbatius and into the Dormition Cathedral. Several people were healed of various illnesses during this procession. During Matins, as "Praise ye the Name of the Lord" was sung, the coffin was opened. After the Gospel, Metropolitan Anthony and the other hierarchs kissed the holy relics. They were followed by the royal family, the officiating clergy, and all the people in the cathedral. On July 19, the saint's birthday, the late Liturgy began at 8 o'clock. At the Little Entrance, twelve Archimandrites lifted the coffin from the middle of the church, carried it around the altar, then placed it into a special shrine. The long awaited event was accompanied by numerous miraculous healings of the sick, who had gathered at Sarov in large numbers. More than 200,000 people came to Sarov from all across Russia.

The festivities at Sarov came to an end with the dedication of the first two churches to Saint Seraphim. The first church to be consecrated was over his monastic cell in Sarov. The second church was consecrated on July 22 at the Diveyevo convent.

In 1991, Saint Seraphim's relics were rediscovered after being hidden in a Soviet anti-religious museum for seventy years. Widely esteemed in his lifetime, Saint Seraphim is one of the most beloved saints of the Orthodox Church.



Holy, Glorious Prophet Elijah

Commemorated on July 20

The Holy Prophet Elijah is one of the greatest of the prophets and the first dedicated to virginity in the Old Testament. He was born in Tishba of Gilead into the Levite tribe 900 years before the Incarnation of the Word of God.

Saint Epiphanius of Cyprus gives the following account about the birth of the Prophet Elijah: "When Elijah was born, his father Sobach saw in a vision angels of God around him. They swaddled him with fire and fed him with flames." The name Elijah (the Lord's strength) given to the infant defined his whole life. From the years of his youth he dedicated himself to the One God, settled in the wilderness and spent his whole life in strict fasting, meditation and prayer. Called to prophetic service, which put him in conflict with the Israelite king Ahab, the prophet became a fiery zealot of true faith and piety.

During this time the Israelite nation had fallen away from the faith of their

Fathers, they abandoned the One God and worshipped pagan idols, the worship of which was introduced by the impious king Jereboam. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab, was devoted to idol worship. She persuaded her husband to build a temple to the pagan god Baal, which led many Israelites away from the worship of the true God. Beholding the ruin of his nation, the Prophet Elijah began to denounce King Ahab for impiety, and exhorted him to repent and turn to the God of Israel. The king would not listen to him. The Prophet Elijah then declared to him, that as punishment there would be neither rain nor dew upon the ground, and the drought would cease only by his prayer. Indeed, the word of Elijah was a torch (Eccles. 48: 1). The heavens were closed for three and a half years, and there was drought and famine throughout all the land.

During this time of tribulation, the Lord sent him to a cave beyond the Jordan. There he was miraculously fed by ravens. When the stream Horath dried up, the Lord sent the Prophet Elijah to Sarephta to a poor widow, a Sidonian Gentile who suffered together with her children, awaiting death by starvation. At the request of the prophet, she prepared him a bread with the last measure of flour

and the remainder of the oil. Through the prayer of the Prophet Elijah, flour and oil were not depleted in the home of the widow for the duration of the famine. By the power of his prayer the prophet also performed another miracle: he raised the dead son of the widow.

After the end of three years of drought the Merciful Lord sent the prophet to appear before King Ahab, and promised to send rain upon the earth. The Prophet Elijah told the king to order all of Israel to gather upon Mount Carmel, and also the priests of Baal. When the nation had gathered, the Prophet Elijah proposed that two sacrificial altars be built: one for the priests of Baal, and the other for the Prophet Elijah who served the True God.

The Prophet Elijah told them to call on their gods to consume the sacrificial animals with fire, and he would call on his. Whichever was first to send fire on the sacrifice would be acknowledged as the true God. The prophets of Baal called out to their idol from morning till evening, but the heavens were silent. Towards evening the holy Prophet Elijah built his sacrificial altar from twelve stones, the number of the tribes of Israel. He placed the sacrifice upon the wood, gave orders to dig a ditch around the altar and commanded that the sacrifice and the wood be soaked with water. When the ditch had filled with water, the prophet turned to God in prayer. Through the prayer of the prophet fire came down from heaven and consumed the sacrifice, the wood, and even the water. The people fell down to the ground, crying out: "Truly, the Lord is God!" Then the Prophet Elijah had all the pagan-priests of Baal put to death, and he began to pray for rain. Through his prayer the heavens opened and an abundant rain fell, soaking the parched earth.

King Ahab acknowledged his error and repented of his sins, but his wife Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet of God. The Prophet Elijah fled into the Kingdom of Judea and, grieving over his failure to eradicate idol worship, he asked God to let him die. An angel of the Lord came before him, strengthened him with food and commanded him to go upon a long journey. The Prophet Elijah traveled for forty days and nights and, having arrived at Mount Horeb, he settled in a cave.

The Lord told him that the next day Elijah would stand in His presence. There was a strong wind that crushed the rocks of the mountain, then an earthquake, and a fire, but the Lord was not in them. The Lord was in "a gentle breeze" (3 Kings 19: 12). He revealed to the prophet, that He would preserve seven thousand faithful servants who had not worshipped Baal.

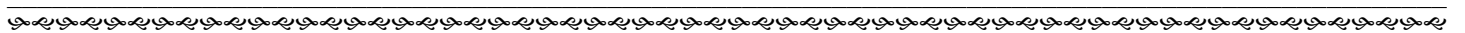
Later, the Lord commanded Elijah to anoint Elisha into prophetic service. Because of his fiery zeal for the Glory of God the Prophet Elijah was taken up alive into Heaven in a fiery chariot. The Prophet Elisha received Elijah's mantle, and a double portion of his prophetic spirit.

According to the Tradition of Holy Church, the Prophet Elijah will be the Forerunner of the Dread Second Coming of Christ. He will proclaim the truth of Christ, urge all to repentance, and will be slain by the Antichrist. This will be a sign of the end of the world.

The life of the holy Prophet Elijah is recorded in the Old Testament books (3 Kings; 4 Kings; Sirach/Ecclesiasticus 48: 1-15; 1 Maccabees 2: 58). At the time of the Transfiguration, the Prophet Elijah conversed with the Savior upon Mount Tabor (Mt. 17: 3; Mark 9: 4; Luke. 9: 30).

Orthodox Christians of all times, and in all places, have venerated the Prophet Elijah for centuries. The first church in Russia, built at Kiev under Prince Igor, was named for the Prophet Elijah. After her Baptism Saint Olga (July 11) built a temple of the holy Prophet Elijah in her native region, at the village of Vibuta.

In iconography the Prophet Elijah is depicted ascending to Heaven in a fiery chariot, surrounded with flames, and harnessed to four winged horses. We pray to him for deliverance from drought, and to ask for seasonable weather.



- A holy hymn gives birth to piety of soul, creates a good conscience, and is accepted by God in the treasuries of the heaven — St. John Chrysostom

- With fear and reverence, you should stand in church, for our Christ is invisibly present with the holy angels — Elder Ephraim

- Chanting is the work of the Bodiless Powers, who stand beside God and praise Him unceasingly — Antiochos