

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

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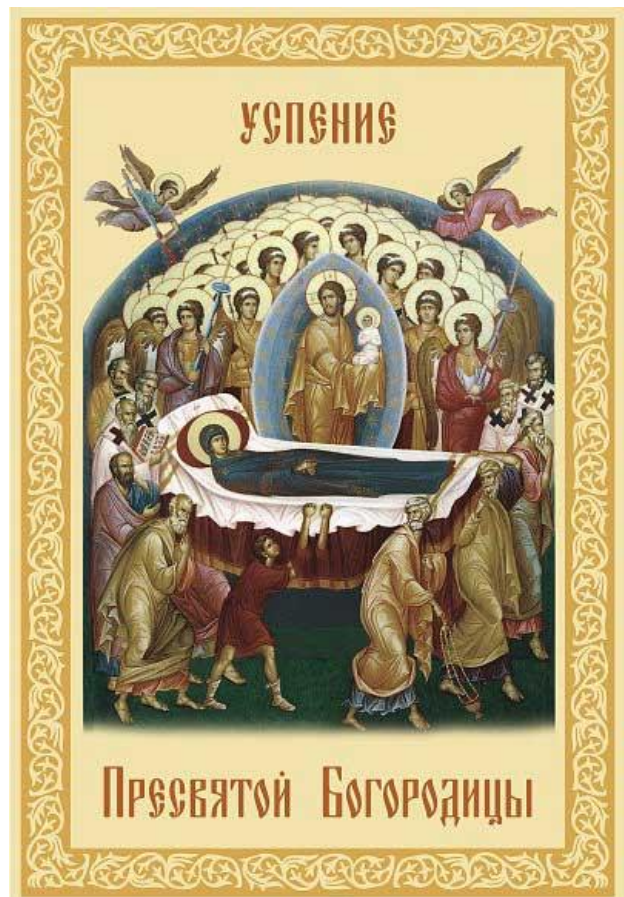
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE: Rom 15:1-7

Brethren: We who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification. For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me." For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

GOSPEL: Mt 9:27-35

At that time, When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to



Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos
Feast Day – August 15th

bring you sight?"

do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, "See that no one knows it." But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!" But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons." Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MON. Aug 12	Afterfeast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, Martyrs Anicletus and Photius; 1 Cor 9:13-18, Mt 16:1-6
TUE. Aug 13	Leavetaking of the Transfiguration; Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk; 1 Cor 10:5-12, Mt 16:6-12
WED. Aug 14	Forefeast of the Dormition; Prophet Micah; 1 Cor 10:12-22, Mt 16:20-24 6:00 PM VESPERS
THU. Aug 15	DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS ; Phil 2:5-11, Lk 10:38-42, 11:27-28 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY followed by Lunch in the hall
FRI. Aug 16	Afterfeast of the Dormition; Image "Not-Made-By-Hands" of our Lord Jesus Christ; 1 Cor 14:26-40, Mt 17:10-18
SAT. Aug 17	Afterfeast of the Dormition; Martyr Myron; Rom 13:1-10, Mt 12:30-37 4:00 PM VESPERS
SUN. Aug 18	8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, <i>Tone 7</i> 9:40 AM HOURS 10:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY Followed by 67th Halupki Festival



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Debby Pinta, P. O. Box 39, Middle Bass, OH 43446; **Tony Monastra**, 2119 Willow Cove Marblehead, OH 43440; **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



AUGUST CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of LaVerne Schutt & Violet Bargdill (**\$50**); **Chandelier:** Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of Dorothy Czuha (August 23), and Dennis Lapso, In Blessed Repose of Annette Ressetar Lapso, her father Subdeacon Prof. John Ressetar and her mother Caroline Ressetar (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Joe & Valerie Schutt, In memory of Howard Bailey, Damian Bailey, Sophia Grgich (**\$25**); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Matt and birthday memory of my dad Steven (**\$20**); **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, Sophie & Chloe (**\$20**)



VIGILS FOR AUGUST 4

Angela Bricker 2 For Father Peter & Matushka, Dale & Sophia

Susan Guzy 1 Special Intensions

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Fr. Peter, Donnie S., Elaine R., Betty K., Debby P., David M., Patti O., Jim K., Ruth S., James W., Tony M., Hannah S., Barbara D., Pauline O., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., Karen D., Kathie J., and Jennifer H.

Memory eternal to my dad and RJ Fleenor.

Birthday blessings to Irene Vangeloff.

Sandy Martin 1 Special intentions

Ron & Bobbie Royhab 1 In loving memory of Cyril Yanov

Natalie Twarek 8 In loving memory of Zoe Hines, For the health and recovery of Rodney Clevenger, Safe travel for Matushka Michelle and for the health and recovery of her and Father Peter, For the health and recovery of Elaine Roth and Mary Dziak, For the health and recovery of Betty, Carol, Kayla, Bill, Ruth, Pam, Debbie, Ron, Jim, Michelle, Terrie, Theresa, Clayton, Father Emilian, For the health of Matushka Melania, Patrick and Marty, Mike Heffernan and Barbara Heffernan, Health and healing for Father's dad Michal and Matushka's mom Barbara, For the health of Tony, Bev, Ed, Irene, Father David, Pauline, Judy, Tina, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Tina's dad, Earl, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat



AUGUST REPOSED

Michael Onyock (1931) No date provided; Michael Hritsko (1934) No date provided; **7-** Dorothy Romig (2017); **12-** Jim Mazur (2021); **13-** Andrew Millie (1958); **21-** Sophia Monak (2004); **23-** Martha Brooks (2010); **24-** Damien (cousin of Valerie S (2019)); **28-** Rev. Dr. William Walter Worstall (2011); **31-** Larry Noon (2014)

ATTENDANCE



08/03 Vespers, **9** attending (1 guest); **08/04** Divine Liturgy, **48** attending (21 guests);
08/05 Vespers, **11** attending; **08/06** Divine Liturgy, **13** attending

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Rodney / Jennifer Heffernan / Tom Hileman / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Tony Monastra / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Ruth Sheller / Basil Glovinsky / Dale / Sophie / Jeanne Smith / 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 / Elaine Hileman / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Clifford / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Debbie & Marco / Nora.

Other Requests: Sharyn Osborne / Christine Zahm / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Michael Heffernan / Susanne / Barbara Heffernan / Rita Mumea / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Maxwell Chaney / Sidharth Bijilani – friend of Subdeacon Roger and Debbie Pinta / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čizmár / 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



READERS LIST

Sunday Aug 11 – Joe
Sunday Aug 18 – Jake
Sunday Aug 25 – Tim



COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

Aug 11 – Mat. Michelle & Fr. Peter
Sep 15 – Mat. Michelle & Fr. Peter

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



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

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



CLEANING SCHEDULE

Aug 12, Angela
Aug 19, Angela
Aug 26, Angela
Sep 2, Natalie



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, August 4, 2024

Tithe	\$1,042.00
Donations	\$ 710.10
Candles	\$ 75.00
Vigils	\$ 90.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 190.00
St. Herman's Seminary (Aug)	\$ 5.00
Candles for the Cross	\$ 20.00
One Time Restricted Donations	<u>\$ 216.57</u>
Total:	<u>\$2,348.67</u>

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

**RAFFLE
TICKETS**

6th ANNUAL HALUPKI FESTIVAL

Festival raffle tickets are still available. If you need more raffle tickets, please see Natalie.

Important: We kindly ask all of you to return Festival raffle tickets and money to Natalie at your earliest convenience. The deadline is today, **Sunday, August 11th**!



MARKET DAY

Our next Market Day will take place next **Saturday, September 7th** starting with set up at **8:00 AM**. We will have perohi, kielbasa and kraut, halupki, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is greatly appreciated!



BLESSING OF FLOWERS

On **Thursday, August 15th**, we will celebrate the **Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos** – our Parish' Feast Day.

The usual blessing of flowers will take place after the Divine Liturgy. Please do not forget to bring your flowers for blessing and place them in front of the iconostas.

UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Aug. 12th – Aug. 17th Festival preparation week. All work days begin at 8am unless otherwise noted
See complete work list posted on the bulletin board in the hall.

- Aug 12th** Process onions, begin shed clean up (*Monday*)
- Aug 13th** Process onions, begin shed clean up (*Tuesday*)
- Aug 14th** Package baklava, package bulk perohi, shed and garage clean up and set up (*Wednesday*)
- Aug 15th** Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos – Procession with the shroud and blessing of flowers, Lunch in the hall (*Thursday*)
- Aug 15th** After lunch, package dinner and ala carte perohi, ready basement for Saturday (*Thursday*)
- Aug 16th** Halushki cooking and assembly, continue shed clean up and set up (*Friday*)
- Aug 17th** Roll and cook halupki, yard set up (*Saturday*)
- Aug 18th** 67th Annual Halupki Festival (*Sunday*)
- Sep 1st** Church New Year (*Sunday*)
- Sep 7th** Market Day 8:00 AM (*Saturday*)
- Sep 8th** Nativity of the Most Holy Theotokos (*Sunday*)
- Sep 14th** Exaltation of the Precious Cross (*Saturday*)
- Sep 21st** Market Day 8:00 AM (*Saturday*)



THANK YOU, CARD, RECEIVED

Our parish received a Thank you card and a letter from Ronny Royhab. Please see the copy of both in this bulletin as well as on the bulletin board.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

We would like to thank all our parishioners who remained for the Special Parish Meeting last Sunday. During the meeting some questions came up to which we needed to contact the roofer to get the proper answers. Following is the letter that we received from Ron:

Subject: Rectory Roofing Project

Holy Assumption Parishioners

Here are answers from David Zywiec to questions raised at last Sunday's meeting at which we voted to approve the bid from DZJ Roofing to replace the rectory's existing roof.

1. There is a 10 year "bumper to bumper" warranty on the shingles. Every year after 10 they will be prorated.
2. If rotted wood is found, he will bring that to our attention to be worked out.
3. Regarding gutters. David said the gutters looked ok when he was inspecting the roof. But if it turns out they need to be replaced, we will discuss it.

Thank you, Ron, for contacting Mr. Zywiec and getting these questions answered for us!

MATUSHKA'S CORNER

“He ain’t heavy, he’s my brother.”

There’s a story of a girl carrying a large baby boy. When someone asked if she was tired, she replied, "No, he's not heavy; he's my brother".

-1884, James Wells, “The Parables of Jesus”

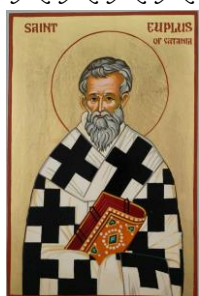
“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.”

In the course of this life in every group there will be those who struggle to keep up and will not be able to do so unless someone steps up to help them along their way – someone who has a compassionate heart, a heart that moves him to look beyond his own needs to the needs of others and then moves him to do something about it.

Are you willing to offer yourself in that sort of way? In a day when too many people are more interested in themselves than others, can you live in a different way so that you offer support to anyone who may be struggling to keep up? If you are, then what you will discover is that in the process of helping others, you come to experience a power in your own life that you otherwise would never have known. That is, after all, what the mission of Christ’s church is supposed to be about. In a world that could not care less, we must show ourselves to be a people who could not care more. Can you make a commitment to be such a person today?

To undertake difficult tasks in the name of brotherly love is what Saint Paul would say that we, as Jesus’ followers, are called to do. Sometimes as we undertake such tasks we feel the burden is way too heavy or too difficult for us to bear. We may, though, come to see that if we attempt it in the power of the Spirit and as a way of fulfilling the law of Christ, those tasks and those burdens suddenly become amazingly less heavy. Glory to God!

Marigold season is in full bloom! Please send pictures of Matushka’s Marigolds to my email (mishtomas@gmail.com) and we will post pictures in upcoming bulletins. Batushka Peter will pick the best photo and that person will win a special prize!



Martyr and Archdeacon Euplus of Catania

Commemorated on August 11

The Martyr Archdeacon Euplus suffered in the year 304 under the emperors Diocletian (284-305) and Maximian (305-311). He served in the Sicilian city of Catania. Always carrying the Gospel with him, Saint Euplus preached constantly to the pagans about Christ.

Once, while he read and explained the Gospel to the gathered crowd, they arrested him and took him to the governor of the city, Calvisianus. Saint Euplus confessed himself a Christian and denounced the impiety of idol-worship. For this they sentenced him to torture.

They threw the injured saint into prison, where he remained in prayer for seven days. The Lord made a spring of water flow into the prison for the martyr to quench his thirst. Brought to trial a second time, strengthened and rejoicing, he again confessed his faith in Christ and denounced the torturer for spilling the blood of innocent Christians.

The judge commanded that the saint’s ears be torn off, and that he be beheaded. When they led the saint to execution, they hung the Gospel around his neck. Having asked time for prayer, the archdeacon began to read and explain the Gospel to the people, and many of the pagans believed in Christ. The soldiers beheaded the saint with a sword.

His holy relics are in the village of Vico della Batonia, near Naples.



Why Is the Dormition Called a “Summer Pascha”?

by Archpriest Vladimir Shutov

Why do Christians celebrate the Dormition? What does it have in common with Pascha?

The canonical texts of the Holy Scriptures (the Gospel, the Acts of the Holy Apostles) contain neither any mention of the time and place of the Dormition of the Holy Virgin, nor a description of this event. We draw information about the Dormition from the Holy Tradition of our Church, which we revere on a par with

Holy Scripture.

It is generally accepted that the Resurrection of Christ took place in the year 33. The Dormition of the Mother of God, according to Holy Tradition and the chronicle of the church historian Eusebius of Caesarea, took place in the year 48, that is, 15 years after the Resurrection of the Savior. The Most Pure Mother spent these years with the apostles, travelling and having received with them the gift of Pentecost. During this entire period, the main thing that the apostles preached was the Resurrection of Christ. However, not everyone accepted this. Let us remember St. Paul and his sermon in Athens, when people refused to listen to him after he mentioned the Resurrection of the Savior. People were not ready to accept this central event, and yet “if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain.” (1 Cor. 15:14).

In one of his epistles, the apostle says, “[Christ] will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.” (Philippians 3:21). Today it is still very difficult to believe in the resurrection of the dead, although we have many facts testifying to this. It was even more difficult to believe in it during the days when the Disciples of Christ were spreading the light of Christian teaching in the world. It was indeed a stumbling block to some, and foolishness to others. Most of those who agreed that Christ was resurrected considered this possible only because He is God incarnate. How can an ordinary person be resurrected? How can this be possible?

The Dormition of the Mother of God and the events that followed it became the answer to this question. The events described in the Holy Tradition (for example, when they opened the cave at the request of St. Thomas and did not find the body of the Theotokos there) testify that the promised universal resurrection is possible, because the Mother of God was a human being of flesh and blood. This is evidence of yet another victory over death. If the first victory was won by the God-man through the power of His Divinity, the second one was won by a person of earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who in Her life embodied all that Her Son and our God taught us. This gives us hope that we, too, will be able to achieve this, following in the footsteps of the Savior and the Mother of God. This is why the Dormition is called the second Pascha. The Lord, using the example of His Mother, Whose soul and body He painlessly took to heaven, shows what will happen at the time of the Second Coming, when He will resurrect all of us.

It is very difficult to say something about the Mother of God – this topic is very close to every Christian’s heart. Each of us has an earthly mother. Our mothers are usually good, kind and loving people. Losing them on earth, we feel pain because there is no one here to pray so hotly for us. Christians are consoled by the knowledge that there is a Mother who will not die and whose love will never run dry. This gives us great joy. The Most Pure Mother is the embodiment of all-embracing love, kindness and purity. She is meek and kind.

If such love is possible in a human being, then the Resurrection is also possible, because when we resurrect, we unite with the Lord God, Who is love. All we have to do is strive for this love. The Feast of the Dormition is so close to our hearts, because it is a feast of all-forgiving love, which every person is able to achieve. Everyone can rise with Christ and live with Him in eternity – this is God's plan and the meaning of life for every person. This was also the life purpose of the Most Pure Mother of God, Who strove from an early age for one thing: to please God. Her life and Her Dormition testify that love never dies. It simply cannot die. The Lord Himself greets a person filled with love, painlessly taking his soul and transforming his body. Faith in this gives us hope and joy as great as can only be felt on Pascha.

Holy Assumption,
Thank you all so much
for supporting, teaching,
and helping me grow through
the years! Also thank you
for wishing me a happy
graduation & supporting my
future!

Thank you
again and again!

- Ronny

(the young
and handsome one!)



FEST

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July 9, 2024

Hello all!

Thank you for supporting EDCO Fest this year! The festival was without a doubt a HUGE success! Without the hard work from our volunteers, sponsors, bands, vendors, and the community of Evans City, the event would not have been possible. Thanks to the efforts of those listed above, the community has raised \$19,300.00 for the EDCO Park Foundation and the EDCO Park Authority!

This project started as an idea. The idea to better the community and help the park and pool financially. Through the nine months leading up to EDCO Fest, the community has invested hundreds of volunteer hours and thousands of dollars to make sure EDCO Fest could be the best it could possibly be. This is the type of support the small community of Evans City depends on. Thank you for being a part of our community.

The fundraising efforts of EDCO are vital for the maintenance, operations, and affordable services we provide. EDCO Fest profits just purchased a new robot to vacuum the pool to keep it clean during the operational season! In addition, the funds of EDCO Fest are supporting EDCO Pool's night swim events! The funds help the pool provide much needed essential staff, and fun things like decorations, new food, live music and so much more! Without your support none of this would be possible!

In conclusion, thank you for contributing to an amazing event that benefits our community!

With thanks,

Ronny Royhab, EDCO Fest Director