

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***

AUGUST 6, 2023

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Liturgical Schedule

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 9

*Apostle Matthias
Venerable Herman of Alaska*

SATURDAY – AUGUST 12

Martyrs Anicletus and Photius

VESPERS, 4:00 PM

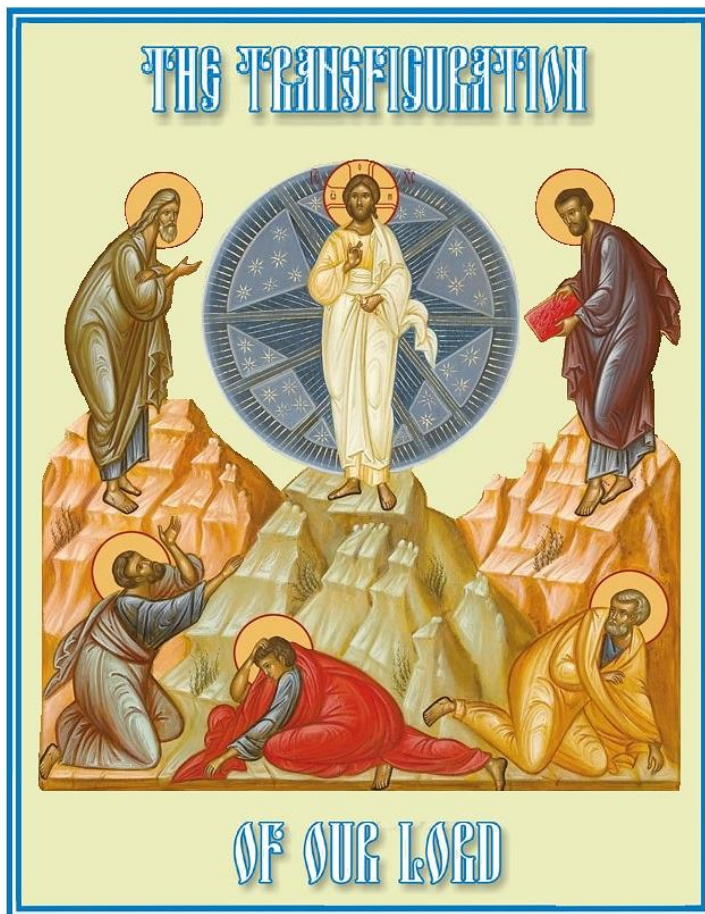
SUNDAY – AUGUST 13

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

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

EPISTLE: 2 Peter 1:10-19

Brethren: be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things, you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For this reason, I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover, I will be careful to ensure



that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease. For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so, we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." So, He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

At that time, Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Basil Glovinsky, 1007 Glendale Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452; 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



AUGUST CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: In memory of LaVerne Schutt & Violet Bargdill (**\$50**); **Chandelier:** In memory of Dorothy Czuha (August 23) (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** 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 (**\$15**); **Candles at St. Tikhon's Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, & Chloe (**\$15**)



AUGUST REPOSED

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)

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 / Sidharth Bijilani – friend of Subdeacon Roger and Debbie Pinta / Anthony / 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 30

Susan Guzy 2 In memory of Brother Bill on his “80th” birthday 7/27 Vichnaya Pamyat Health of Basil and brother Gary

Jean Hileman 2 Safe travels for Tommy, Joey, and Colleen

For health and healing for Sandy Scafaria

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Sarah F., Pauline O., George K., Margi H., Basil G., Kathie J., Roger P., Diane T., Irene V., Robin C., Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., and Karen D.

Special intentions for children and grandchildren

Special intentions for Christina H.

Sandy Martin 1 Special intentions

Ron & Bobbie Royhab 1 For the health of Maxwell Chaney

Natalie Twarek 8 For the health and recovery of Matushka Michelle’s mom Barbara, 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



ATTENDANCE

7/29 Vespers, 14 attending (2 guests); 7/30 Divine Liturgy, 32 attending (11 guests)



READERS LIST

Sunday Aug 6 – Natalie
Sunday Aug 13 – Jake
Sunday Aug 20 – Joe
Sunday Aug 27 – Tim



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

August 10 – Irene Vangeloff



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

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



MARKET DAY HALUPKY MAKING – THANK YOU!

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the following parishioners who came this week to make Halupky for this week's Market Day: Tina, Natalie, Sandy, Roddie and Laura. May our Lord and God reward you all for your hard work and love for our church with His special blessings!



FOCA - FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY FESTIVAL

The Ohio District of the FOCA in an effort to bring our Parishes and faithful together is sponsoring its First Annual Family Festival **Saturday August 26, 2023 at St. Nicholas in Mogadore**. The event will begin with **vespers at 6:00pm** followed by a **cookout and a drive-in movie**. All are invited and encouraged to join in the fellowship. The event is free but reservations are required. See the link on the flyer which is included in this bulletin.



SS. PETER & PAUL ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL

The 2023 Annual Food Festival will take place on **Friday and Sunday, August 18th – 19th** at Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Lorain, OH. For more information, please see the flyer in this bulletin or on the bulletin board in the church vestibule.



ANNUAL PEACH SOCIAL
AUGUST 12, 2023
4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

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The Annual Peach Social will take place at St. Paul Lutheran Church on **Saturday, August 12th** from **4:00 – 6:30 pm**. See the flyer included in this bulletin.



GIANT COOKIES BAKING – THANK YOU!

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Greg Mazur for baking the Giant Cookies and bread 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, Greg, Sandy, Kathy, Susan, and Mimi. The gross income from the sale was **\$2,240.49** 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, September 9th 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!



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, July 23

Tithe	\$1,267.00
Candles	\$ 33.00
Vigils	\$ 205.00
Donations	\$ 85.25
Cemetery Donation	\$ 5.00
Respect Life Donation 125 th	\$ 5.00
Catastrophic Fund Donation	\$ 100.00
Anniversary Donations	<u>\$3,200.00</u>
Total:	\$4,900.25

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



CLEANING SCHEDULE

Aug 7, Jean
Aug 14, Laura
Aug 21, Stephanie
Aug 28 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!

Important: We kindly ask all our parishioners to return Festival raffle tickets and money to Natalie at your earliest convenience. The deadline is next **Sunday, August 13th!**



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 23rd** with the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy to be celebrated at 10:00 am by **His Eminence, 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!

Important: The deadline for submitting your ads for the Commemorative Anniversary Booklet is today, **Sunday, August 6th**. Kindly send your ad to our email address: info@holyyassumptionmarblehead.org or mail it to Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

P.O. Box 443
Marblehead, OH 43440

Up-Coming Events in Our Parish – Mark Your Calendars!

Aug. 6th Ads/greetings and money due to Laura for inclusion in 125th anniversary book

Aug. 13th Festival raffle tickets and money due to Natalie

Aug. 13th Ticket request form and money for 125th grand banquet due to Laura

Aug. 20th 66th Annual Halupki Festival

Sept. 9th Market Day at 8 AM

Sept. 23th 125th Anniversary Celebration

Sept. 30th Market Day at 8 AM

- Help yourself to herbs in the garden behind the church. In response to questions about herbs we have copies of "15 Common Herbs and How to Use Them" in the church hall
- Consider sponsoring a Sunday coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy



THE TRADITION OF BLESSING FRUIT ON THE TRANSFIGURATION

PROTOPRESBYTER GEORGE D. KONSTANTOPOULOS

On the Holy Feast-Day of Transfiguration (Metamorphosis) on August 6th (19th) our tradition calls that the Orthodox Christian faithful bring fruits and even vegetables to be blessed on this day. The most common fruit to be blessed are grapes.

The blessing of fruits i.e., grapes, apples, etc., as well as vegetables on this day, is one very beautiful custom of our Holy Church. The practice signifies the final transfiguration of all things in Christ our Savior. "It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in the Paradise of God's Kingdom of Life where all will be transformed by the Glory of the Lord".

This is an early Christian tradition. The first week of August, on the sixth of August, the farmers used to gather the first fruits of their summer harvest (grapes, figs, etc.) and to offer thanks to God and offer them to the Church to be blessed and then to give them to the faithful present at the Divine Liturgy as a blessing to them. These fruits are called the "beginnings".

In a text from the 7th century ("the laws of the kingdom") by Emperor Constantine Porfirogenitos this tradition is described clearly: "The Emperor of Constantinople gathers the "beginnings" ("aparches") in Chalcedon, where there are many vines, and then he waits for the Patriarch of Constantinople to come on the Holy Day of the Transfiguration of Christ, to bless the fruits and to personally hand out the grapes to the faithful.

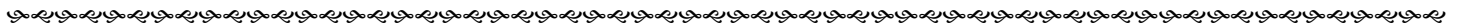
This tradition is adhered to in various parts of Greece where they grow grapes.

Saint John Chrysostom wrote: "Plowman receives fruit from the earth not so much for his labor and diligence, as out of the goodness of God Who grows this fruit, because neither is he that plants anything, neither he that waters, but God that gives the increase".

Grapes are brought to church because they are directly connected to the Holy Eucharistic Mystery (Sacraments); that is why in the prayer for the blessing of grapes the priest says, "Bless, Lord, this new fruit of the vine which reached ripeness because Thou kindly provided good weather, drops of rain

and stillness. Let eating this fruit of vine makes us joyful. And give us the honor of offering this fruit to Thee, as the gift of purging of sins, altogether with the Holy Body of Thy Christ.

In the first centuries of Christianity, the faithful brought forth to the church the fruit and crops of the new harvest: bread, wine, olive oil, incense, wax, honey, etc. Of all these offerings, only bread, wine, incense, olive oil, and wax were taken to the altar, while the rest was used for the needs of the clergy and the poor whom the church was caring for. These offerings were to express gratitude to God for all goods, but at the same time help servants of God and people in need. Until today, the consecration of bread and wine, eggs and milk and other food has been kept in the consecration of artos (bread) in the church and meals at home on Pascha. Consecration of flowers and tree branches is performed now on Palm Sunday, the days of the Holy Trinity and Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and on Sunday of the week of the Veneration of the Cross. Rice with raisins and honey are used as offering in services for the dead and remembrance repast. Proskophora is brought forth to church for proskomide (Credence) in order for the priest to perform the Offertory Service.



- Even though the meaning of the words [of psalmody] be unknown to you, teach your mouth to utter them meanwhile. For the tongue is made holy by the words when they are uttered with a ready and eager mind...

...No one in such chanting [with a ready and eager mind] will be blamed if he be weakened by old age, or young, or have a rough voice, or is altogether ignorant of rhythm. What is here sought for is a sober soul, an alert mind, a contrite heart, sound reason, and a clear conscience. If having these you have entered into God's sacred choir, you may stand beside David himself. There is no need of zithers, nor of taut strings, nor of a plectrum, nor skill, nor any instruments. But if you will, you can make yourself into a zither, mortifying the limbs of the flesh, and forming full harmony between body and soul. For when the flesh does not lust against the spirit, but yields to its commands, and perseveres along the path that is noble and admirable, you thus produce a spiritual melody. — St. John Chrysostom

- When, indeed, the Holy Spirit saw that the human race was guided only with difficulty toward virtue, and that, because of our inclination toward pleasure, we were neglectful of an upright life, what did He do? The delight of melody He mingled with the doctrines so that by the pleasantness and softness of the sound heard we might receive without perceiving it the benefit of the words, just as wise physicians who, when giving the fastidious rather bitter drugs to drink, frequently smear the cup with honey. Therefore, He devised for us these harmonious melodies of the psalms, that they who are children in age, or even those who are youthful in disposition, might to all appearances chant, but in reality, become trained in soul. — St. Basil the Great

- A psalm consoles the sad, restrains the joyful, tempers the angry, refreshes the poor and chides the rich man to know himself. To absolutely all who take it, the psalm offers an appropriate medicine; nor does it despise the sinner, but presses upon him the wholesome remedy of penitential tears. — St. Niceta of Remesiana

FOCA Family Festival

Saturday August 26, Following vespers (Rain or Shine)

Featuring

Family
Friendly
Drive - in
Movie
Disney's
Jungle Cruise



Join us for vespers at 6:00 pm and a cookout to follow. Burgers, Dogs, Chips and a drink for all!



Sponsored by the Ohio District of the FOCA
Hosted by St. Nicholas Church, 755 S Cleveland Ave., Mogadore OH

Things you'll need to bring:

Folding Chairs, Blankets, an fm radio for sound, Popcorn, snacks, and additional drinks, Summer cookout games and most important you and your family!

Free Event!!! - Reservations Required!!!

Reserve your spot by scanning the QR code or clicking the link below;



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/foca-family-festival-tickets-681637344647>

Everyone Welcome! Let's get together!!!

2023 SAINTS PETER + PAUL
ANNUAL FOOD FESTIVAL

FRIDAY
AUGUST 18
4:30 PM - 9:00 PM

SATURDAY
AUGUST 19TH
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

FREE ADMISSION

Outdoor tents & tables
Cash, checks & credit cards accepted

Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
2238 East 32nd Street | Lorain OH



DINNER
OPTIONS



ASSORTED
BAKED GOODS



INTERNATIONAL
BEER & WINE



LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT



Czar Dinner

Sausage w/ 2 Stuffed Cabbage, Cabbage & Noodles, Russian Slaw, and 2 Piroghis

Piroghis Dinner

6 Piroghis w/ Cabbage & Noodles

Russian Hoagies

Sausage Sandwich w/ Piroghis & Russian Slaw

Assorted Baked Goods

Baklava, Cookies & more!

PLUS

Beef Stroganoff Dinner | Sausage Hoagies w/ Slaw
Stuffed Cabbage by the Dozen or Half Dozen



ANNUAL PEACH SOCIAL

AUGUST 12, 2023

4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

ICE CREAM

PEACHES

CHIPS

PIES

HOT DOGS

BRATS

St. Paul Lutheran Church
541 S. Church Road in Danbury