



**Sunday, September 10, 2017**

**Gospel:** St. Matthew 22:1-14

**Tone 5**

**Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday Before the Elevation of the Holy Cross  
Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora & Nymphodora**

**Holy Assumption Orthodox Church**

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Ronald F. Royhab

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector

*Liturgical & Events Schedule*

**Sunday, September 10**

9:15 am: Hours  
9:30 am: Divine Liturgy / Panachida for Remembrance of 9-11  
1:00 pm: Luncheon @ Cathedral of St. Theodosius

**Wednesday, September 13**

6:00 pm: Great Vespers w/ Litya for Feast of the Elevation of the Cross  
6:00 pm: Village Board Meeting

**Thursday, September 14 (STRICT FAST DAY)**

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy / No Breakfast Club

**Saturday, September 16**

4:00 pm: Great Vespers

**Sunday, September 17**

9:15 am: Hours  
9:30 am: Divine Liturgy / Panachida for Rose Haburt & 40 day Remembrances / social

**Attendance & Collection**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Collection</u>
Sep 3 (DL)	38	\$765
Sep 7 (Vespers)	7	
Sep 8 (DL for Feast)	10	

**KEEPING UP WITH OUR ATHLETES**

Soccer players, Cooper & Quincy are 1-3 in the early season

Football player, Cole & his team is 0-2 in the early

Good Luck to all of you!

NOTE: Please let Fr. Andrew know of any past week updates by Wednesday.

**Vigil Lamp Offerings- September 3**

**Marguerite Bird** (1) Special intention

**Basil Glovinsky** (6) Health recovery to Diane, Paul Mazurik, Dave Martin; Birthday Blessing to Julia; In loving memory of Jean and brother Norm.

**Laura Kovach** (4) Birthday blessings to Joe Habegger; Safe travel for Ron & Bobbie; The health of Dave Martin & Harry Roth.

**Sandy Martin** (2) Health of Dave; Special intention.

**Roddie & David Mazurik** (3) Special intentions

**Joe & Valerie Schutt** (3) In memory of Dorothy Czuha, LaVerne Schutt, Rose Haburt

**Natalie Twarek** (7) Birthday Blessings to Julia; Birthday blessings to Zach; Health and recovery of Nancy & Richie; Heath and recovery of Pete Koch; Health & recovery of Dave Martin; Congratulations and good health to Father David; Health of Sue, Morgan, Jake, Ron, Diane, John, Judy, Helen, Janice.

**OUR SHUT-INS**

**Edgewood Manor Nursing Center**

1330 Fulton Street  
Port Clinton, OH 43452  
Anne Kovalik- Room 309  
Mary Kamiotis- Room 109

Please send a card or a note letting them know they are loved, missed and thought of. It will brighten not only their day, but yours too!

**PARISHIONERS IN REHAB**

Diane Tryon  
Birchhaven Village  
15100 Birchhaven Lane  
Findlay, OH 45840



## Metropolitan Tikhon: Day of Prayer for Creation, Hurricane Harvey

On Friday, September 1, 2017—the beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year and the annual Day of Prayer for Creation—His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon issued a statement that included words of hope for the countless individuals and families who have been suffering as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

### Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon on the Beginning of the Ecclesiastical Year, the Day of Prayer for Creation September 1, 2017

To the Clergy, Monastics and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America and to all who are suffering as a result of Hurricane Harvey,

It was on September 1, 1989 that His All-Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Demetrios I of blessed memory proclaimed the first day of the Ecclesiastical Year as a “Day of Prayer for Creation.” Since that day nearly 30 years ago, faithful the world over have offered prayers for creation, for its healing and good estate, for the welfare of those who inhabit it, and for the inspiration to serve as wise and faithful stewards over the many gifts and blessings God has so freely given to His People.

This message is especially poignant at this time in history, as we ponder the tragedy of Hurricane Harvey, which during the last week of August had devastated southeastern Texas and many other points along the Gulf Coast. The storm—considered to be the worst in US history—relentlessly visited the region with a record amount of rain, causing widespread flooding and other damage that in time will experience its own “healing.” Countless individuals and families—many of whom have lost everything as a result of the storm—are also in need of healing as they patiently pursue the means by which life might once again return to “normal.” And those who have lost their lives in the storm stand, above all, in our prayers, that they may receive eternal rest “where there is neither sickness, nor sorrow, nor sighing, but life everlasting.”

While grieving with those who have been devastated beyond measure by Hurricane Harvey and its lingering effects, we proclaim boldly the hope that our Lord, Jesus Christ, offers as He says, “Behold, I make all things new” [Revelation 21:5]. Our most compassionate God grieves with us as we pray for the renewal of ourselves and the creation of which we are called to be stewards.

The unmatched assistance rendered by first responders and an endless array of volunteers, who continue to provide a supreme example of compassion for one’s neighbors, is a sign of God’s presence in the midst of tragedy. And, while all of us are called to intensify our prayers for the victims of Hurricane Harvey, we are likewise called upon to put our faith into action by contributing to organizations such as International Orthodox Christian Charities, whose representatives have been “on site” in Texas for several days. Those who are in a position to contribute in other ways—by collecting and delivering essential items, clothing, food and water, and cleaning supplies, for example, or by partnering with local and regional agencies—surely will play an important role in “making all things new” for those who otherwise might hold little hope in the days ahead.

And so our prayers for God’s creation have taken on a new meaning this year—one that is quite personal and immediate. Our thoughts and love are with those who have suffered—and who continue to suffer—as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Our faith, put into action, can truly “move mountains” as we grieve with those who suffer while revealing in our own lives and response that our Lord indeed is watching over them—and us—as He makes “all things new.”

May our loving and compassionate Creator bless us now and in the days to come, and may He inspire us to do all that we can, regardless of our personal circumstances, to bring about the renewal of His creation and His People!

With paternal love and blessings,

+ Tikhon  
Archbishop of Washington  
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

### Is a hospital visit in your near future? Or outpatient treatment?

As much as possible, please notify Father Andrew ahead of time so he can bring you the Sacraments and anoint you with Holy Oil.

Please don’t hesitate to call Father Andrew **any time, day or night**, for an emergency.

Rectory: 419-798-4591  
Cell: 570-212-8747



### CONFESSION

Confessions will be heard one half hour before AND after Vespers every Saturday.

## Prayer List (Updated September 10)

**Priests:** His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; Ted Bobosh; John Duranko (Father's home pastor); Joseph Gibson; James Gleason ( Fathers Spiritual Father); Paul Lazor; Myron Manzuk

**Matushkii:** Laryssa Hutnyan; Carol Janecek; Paula Manzuk; Pani Patricia Duranko

**Parishioners / & their Family:** Stephanie Kowal; Diane Tryon, Dave Martin; Joseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); James Heffernan (*Father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*) ; Rich Kokinda (*Cousin of Greg Twarek*); Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; John Mazurik (*brother of Paul Mazurik*); Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Karen Milano (*Heidi Golob's sister*); Nancy Pipenur (*sister-in-law of Jean Hileman*) ; William Rentz (*Father of Tamara Rentz Blackford*) ; Nancy Sitzler (*Mother of Amber Twarek*); Melissa & her newborn Lily (*Natalie's daughter*); Anne Kovalik (*former parishioner*)

**Other Requests:** Howard Bailey; Brad Biecheler; John Cox (*husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox*); Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director*); Baby Lucas Goodman (*friend of Christi Soski*); Jake Lipstraw (*friend of Natalie Twarek*); Violet Mattingly (*neighbor of Greg Mazur*); Alison Pinckney (*friend of Wayne Golob*); Beth Reinhard (*friend of Diane Tryon*); Cheryl Schell (*Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan*); Janice Timko Lois Tuttamore (*wife of Bill Tuttamore & friend of Ron Royhab*); Carolyn Zeigler (*friend of Jean Hileman*); Mat. Carly & her unborn baby (*Chicago Deanery*); Paul Demkosky (*friend of Father's*)

**Military:** Craig Cassell; Justin Issler

**Captives:** Metropolitan Paul (*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*); Archbishop John (*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*); for the UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world; those held captive throughout the world.

Additions or removals from the list? Please notify Fr. Andrew

### Danbury Food Pantry: September → Canned Fruit

Join the other churches in our community & donate canned fruit.. These food items are then distributed on the third Saturday of each month.

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Canned Fruit	Laundry Detergent	Jars of spaghetti sauce

"How can we work for our salvation surrounded by people and material wealth?

We have to practice. Prayer also needs practice. If a person ceaselessly repeats a prayer, it turns into a habit... When one continuously repeats something, it becomes natural for him, like Jesus Prayer for example...

If you turn to God with all your heart, with the prayer of the mind, in due time, whether you want it or not, the prayer will run itself within you. After that you'll feel such joy and peace which are not of this world.

*Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives:  
The Life and Teachings of Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica*

### September Celebrations

BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY	NAME'S DAY
09-02: Julia Guzy 09-03: Mike Mazurik 09-05: Dan Elchisco 09-18: Fr. David Lis 09-19: Cooper Kowal 09-23: Rita Mazur 09-25: Noah Adamcio, Nikki Twarek	09-05: Cliff & Kathy Ruggles 09-11: David & Roddie Mazurik, Wayne & Heidi Golob 09-24: Mike & Diane Tryon	09: Archbishop Michael of NY & NJ 30: His Beatitude, Met. Theodosius, retired

*If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family Orthodox and non-Orthodox.*

## Coming Events Save the Date

St. John the Baptist in Campbell, OH will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary the weekend of October 13-15.

### Friday, October 13

6:00 pm: Vespers followed by a Service of Thanksgiving (Molieben)

### Saturday, October 14

9:30 am: Procession into church, vesting of His Beatitude, and the hours.

10:00 am: Main Centennial Divine Liturgy presided by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and His Grace Bishop Paul and visiting clergy

4:00 pm: Panikhida (Memorial Service) for the departed members of the parish.

5:00 pm: Great Vespers

### Sunday, October 15

9:30 am: Procession into church, Vesting of His Beatitude, and the hours.

10:00 am: Hierarchal Divine Liturgy presided by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and His Grace Bishop Paul

### Centennial Banquet

1:30 pm: Cocktails

3:00 pm: Grand Banquet (Palermo Center, Campbell, OH)

Please RSVP to Mrs. JoAnn Sirilla @ 330-881-6775 or by email: josirilla@yahoo.com

### Lodging:

Holiday Inn, 7410 South Ave., Boardman, OH (330-726-1611)

Mention "St John the Baptist Orthodox Church" and rate will be \$105 (Deadline October 1)

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### 40 Day Remembrance

September 17: Matushka Catherine Julia , Dorothy Romig, Cora, Josh & Barbara, Dorothy Romig, Dc. Bohdan

September 24: Terrorist attacks in Spain & the mudslide victims in Sierra Leone

October 1: Howard Schutt

October 8: Sacramento deputy killed in line of duty

## ANNUAL MIDWEST DIOCESAN RETREAT FOR 6th-12th GRADERS

Dear Brothers and Fathers,

Christ is in our midst!

His Grace, Bishop Paul has asked me to share with you some updates about the work of our diocesan youth team.

On the evening of Friday, October 28, His Grace will lead our first ever virtual discussion with pre-teens and teens across the diocese. We're starting with four host pilot parishes connecting via tele-conference with His Grace in Chicago:

- St. Innocent Church, Olmsted Falls, OH
- St. Luke Church, Palos Hills, IL
- Holy Trinity Church, Overland Park, KS
- St. Mary's Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN

Can you please encourage youth in your parishes and deanery who are in grades 6 - 12 to register (<http://bit.ly/mw-oct2017-retreat-registration>) for the overnight retreat at one of the four host parishes?

With your support to make this event a success, our plan is to host similar events in the future where His Grace can connect with youth in more parishes from each deanery.

In related news, the six-question survey (<http://bit.ly/mw-parent-survey2017>) for parents and families to share their thoughts about our diocesan youth programs will be available until Sunday, October 1.

We've gotten a lot of great responses, and now that summer is over, wanted to ask for your help in encouraging more to parents share what they feel is important for the spiritual growth and formation of their children in the Orthodox Faith. Attached is a graphic which can be shared via email or in your parish bulletin.

Thank you for your assistance and may you have a blessed feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos later this week. If you have any questions, please email me at [frbentucci@gmail.com](mailto:frbentucci@gmail.com).

In Christ,  
Father Ben, *Director*  
Diocesan Youth Department

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### BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY UPDATES

Fr. Andrew would like to update the Birthday and Anniversary lists. Please send him the dates of your family, (children & grandchildren too!) Remember, your families are our families here at Holy Assumption! Email address: [padrebartek@gmail.com](mailto:padrebartek@gmail.com).

## Metropolitan Tikhon presides at triple celebration in Berlin, MD

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon visited Christ the Savior Mission here August 25-27, 2017 for a triple celebration—the elevation of the community to full parish status; the celebration of the 90th birthday of the parish’s founder, Protopresbyter Daniel Hubiak; and the annual Washington, DC Diocesan Day celebration.

The weekend’s festivities opened on Friday, August 25 with the welcoming of Metropolitan Tikhon, together with family and friends of Father Daniel and Matushka Dunia, for a dinner in their honor.

“His Beatitude conveyed the sincere best wishes and congratulations of the Holy Synod, the Chancery and the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America, of which Father Daniel has been a faithful priest for 60-plus years, serving in numerous parishes and capacities, most notably as chancellor, treasurer, secretary, and head of the OCA Representation Church of Saint Catherine in Moscow,” said Priest John Parsells, Rector. “At the conclusion of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on Saturday, Father Daniel and Matushka Dunia were presented with the Order of Saint Innocent, Gold Class—the OCA’s highest award.”

Clergy and faithful from the Archdiocese of Washington gathered at Christ the Savior on Saturday, August 26, joining those already in attendance, to celebrate their annual Diocesan Day, which provides an occasion for the unity of the Archdiocese to be concretely experienced in joyful gathering for worship, spiritual conversation, and fellowship. After the Divine Liturgy, during which Dr. Nicholas Borodulia was tonsured to the order of Reader, attendees enjoyed a festive barbecue, an open house in the rectory, and a little relaxation in the parish pool. Following a spiritual discussion with Metropolitan Tikhon, the day concluded with the celebration of Great Vespers in the chapel.

“The festive and noteworthy events of the weekend continued as His Beatitude elevated the church from mission to full parish status,” Father John added. “This officially marked the coming of age of the community which was established some 17 years earlier in Fenwick Island, DE, before relocating to Dagsboro, DE, and finally settling in Berlin, MD. The ‘graduation to parish status,’ following exactly one year after the mortgage burning celebration, signified that the community had reached the necessary level of institutional maturity and stability established in the Archdiocesan guidelines for parishes to which the church aspired since its inception in 2000.”

Metropolitan Tikhon congratulated the entire community, thanking them for their efforts in service to God, and bestowed upon Father John the privilege of wearing the gold cross.

“We thank all those who traveled, in some cases at great distances, to celebrate the coinciding of these joyous occasions, and we also congratulate those who wished to but could not be in attendance,” Father John concluded. “We thank His Beatitude, accompanied by Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak, Subdeacon Roman Ostash, and the priests and deacons who led the divine services and festivities. We heartily wish Protopresbyter Daniel and Matushka Dunia, the members, benefactors, supporters, and all the faithful, including the newly tonsured Reader Nicholas, health, strength, salvation, a furtherance in every good thing, and many blessed years! We ask the Lord to grant eternal memory and rest with the Saints to all the departed members of Christ the Savior, who have gone before us in the assurance of the resurrection. And most importantly, we bow down most deeply before Almighty God, overwhelmed by gratitude and filled with awe in the face of His majesty, providential care, and merciful kindness to us, glorifying and thanking Him for the gift of this small humble parish which bears His Holy Name and unites us to Him and one another in the joy and peace of eternal life, experienced already in this age!



### September Schedules

#### Readers

09-04: David  
09-10: Wayne  
09-17: Tim  
09-24: Natalie or Ron

#### Cleaning

09-04 Laura Kovach  
09-11 Sandy Martin  
09-18 Roddie Mazurik  
09-25 Ron & Bobbie Royab

**Preserving our legacy: OCA Archives undergo urgently needed renovations**

The Archives of the Orthodox Church in America, located at the Chancery here, will be closed until further notice “due to a number of renovations designed to modernize the facilities and ensure protection of the collection for future research and utilization,” according to Archpriest Eric G. Tosi, OCA Secretary. The Archives will not be available for public use until the renovation project has been completed.

“The renovation project is being funded through a modest endowed fund for the Archives approved for use by the Metropolitan Council and blessed by the Holy Synod at their Spring meetings,” Father Eric explained. “This modest fund will allow for the Archives to be updated and reorganized.”

Renovation plans have been drawn up by Smiros and Smiros, a local architectural firm in Oyster Bay Cove, NY, in conjunction with local officials.

“The plans include waterproofing the basement; establishing a climate controlled environment with proper lighting; reworking the walls, floors and ceiling of the space; and making other modest yet essential renovations,” Father Eric continued. “Also included will be a new office area for the Archivist, a reading room and work space, as well as a new layout for the collection.

“We must preserve this incredible and historic jewel of the OCA so that future generations can utilize it,” Father Eric concluded. “This is a project that cannot wait as the holdings are not stored in the best manner. We have been advised by a series of experts on the Archives Committee and outside consultants as to the best way to address the Archives’ needs on a very modest budget.”

It is anticipated that all renovation work will be completed by the end of the current year.

**THANK YOU FOR GIVING OF YOUR TIME, TREASURES & TALENTS**

Joe Rose who replaced the broken window in the breezeway of the Rectory.

To all who prepared for the Farmers market this weekend!

**GOD BLESS YOU BOTH & GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!**

**45th ANNUAL**

**“SOMETHING RUSSIAN” FESTIVAL**

**WHEN:** Tuesday & Wednesday October 3  
from 10:00am to 9:00pm

**WHERE:** St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, 755 S Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, OH 44260 (@ Rt 532 & US 224)

Homemade ethnic foods & baked goods; Purchase beautiful & unique Russian imports & religious items; Performances by the St. Nicholas Balalaika Orchestra and Russian Youth Dancers; Sip tea in the cozy “Something Russian Tea Room”; Watch intricate egg decorating demonstrations & more! FREE Admission / FREE Parking.

Proceeds will benefit many outreach programs which include: Portage County Habitat for Humanity, the Rundolph / Suffield Food Shelf and more. Last year St. Nicholas donated over \$30,000 to help others.

**IOCC: Update on Hurricane Harvey relief efforts**

Thank you from International Orthodox Christian Charities [IOCC] for your tremendous outpouring of prayers and support for those affected by Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath. We ask you to keep those affected by Hurricane Harvey in your prayers and also those now facing Hurricane Irma.

IOCC has been in the region since early last week providing care and we will continue to be in the Houston region and Louisiana for weeks and months to come.

IOCC’s Frontliner Team was the first group to offer emotional and spiritual care in the “mega-shelter” at the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston, and they remain a steadfast presence there, collectively offering 12 hours of care daily to both survivors and volunteers, as well as to law-enforcement officers, at the center.

The IOCC Emergency Response Van and Staff arrived in Houston on 9/1 for a Rapid Needs Assessment, and IOCC’s first muck-out team took place on Saturday 9/2. Some 50–75 more houses are slated for assessments in the coming day to see what needs might exist for IOCC muck-out teams in the coming 7–14 days.

IOCC has arranged, through partners Church World Service and Good360,

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