



Sunday, September 17, 2017

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Gospel: St. Matthew 22:35-46

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

**15th Sunday after Pentecost / Sunday After the Elevation of the Holy Cross
Martyr Sophia & her daughters Faith, Hope & Love**

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Ronald F. Royhab

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, September 17

9:15 am: Hours

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

Thursday, September 21

6:00 pm: Monthly Board Meeting

Saturday, September 23

4:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, September 24

9:15 am: Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / Panachida for Peter Rindfleisch & 40 Day remembrances

OUR SHUT-INS

Edgewood Manor Nursing Center

1330 Fulton Street

Port Clinton, OH 43452

Anne Kovalik- Room 309

PARISHIONERS IN REHAB

Diane Tryon

Birchhaven Village

15100 Birchhaven Lane, Findlay, OH 45840

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!

Vigil Lamp Offerings- September 10

Marguerite Bird (1) Special Intention

Basil Glovinsky (3) Special Intention, loving memory of Jean (b-day), Health & recovery of Diane

Tim Glovinsky (1) in birthday memory of mom

Laura Kovach (1) for the health of Harry, Briar & David

Sandy Martin (1) Special Intention

Greg Mazur (2) Prayers for friends suffering in FL, prayers for parishioners & friends at Christ the Saviour Cathedral in Miami

David & Roddie Mazurik (3) Blessings for our Anniversary, safe travel, special Intentions

Diane Tryon (1) loving memory of Aunt Jean's birthday

KEEPING UP WITH OUR ATHLETES

(updated 10-17)

Soccer players, Cooper & Quincy are 1-4-1 in the early season.

Football player, Cole & his team is 1-2 in the early
Good Luck to all of you!

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

Date	Attendance	Offerings
Sep 3 <i>(Correction)</i>	25 adults 4 children 10 guests	\$38
Sep 10	16 adults 2 children 2 guests 13 Communion	Fundraising \$1,039 Collection \$636 Hurricane Harvey Special Collection \$140 Total \$1,815
Sep 13 <i>(Vespers)</i>	7	
Sep 14	9	



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**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.



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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.

40 Day Remembrance

- September 17: Matushka Catherine Jula , 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
- October 15: Lois Tuttamore
- October 22: Mary Kamiotis

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



*Bishop Paul blesses Julia Guzy at Vespers, on her 94TH Birthday, on his recent visitation here on Labor Day weekend. Julie is our oldest parishioner!
MANY YEARS TO JULIA!*

Memory Eternal

Mary Kamiotis who fell asleep in the Lord on September 14.

May her memory be eternal

September Schedules

Readers	Cleaning
09-04: David	09-04 Laura Kovach
09-10: Wayne	09-11 Sandy Martin
09-17: Tim	09-18 Roddie Mazurik
09-24: Natalie or Ron	09-25 Ron & Bobbie Royab

CONFESSION

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

FATHER AWAY

Fr. Andrew will be away Monday-Wednesday afternoon to wrap up final moving items in IL. If you need him, call him on his cell @ 570-212-8747

Prayer List (Updated September 17)

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; Pani Patricia Duranko

Parishioners / & their Family: Michael Glovinsky; Joseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); James Heffernan (*Father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*) ; Rich Kokinda (*Cousin of Greg Twarek*); Stephanie Kowal; Anne Kovalik (*former parishioner*); Helen Lis: Stanley Lis; Dave Martin; 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*); Diane Tryon, Melissa & her newborn Lily (*Natalie's daughter*); Amber & her newborn baby Hayes (*Natalie's daughter*); Rachel & her unborn baby; Jessica Issler & her unborn baby (*Jean Hileman's daughter*)

Other Requests: Howard Bailey; Brad Biecheler; John Cox (*husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox*); Paul Demkosky (*friend of Father's*); 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*); Nick Shortridge (*Friend of Christi*); Janice Timko; Mat. Carly Koranda & her unborn baby (*Chicago Deanery*)

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.

Galatians 2:16-20 (*Epistle, Sunday After the Cross*)

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

<i>September Celebrations</i>		
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
<i>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.</i>		

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)

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.



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.

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

In The News: Hurricanes, an earthquake, 9/11, and a conference OCA parishes weather hurricanes, earthquake

While communications have been difficult as a result of the recent hurricanes affecting the South and the major earthquake that hit Mexico, it appears that OCA parishes and communities in the affected areas have largely “weathered the storms.”

In Texas, Father Dimitri Cozby, Priest-in-Charge of Victoria’s All Saints Mission, reports that while his church was undamaged except for several downed trees, recovery efforts were being offered locally from other parts of Texas, from neighboring states, and from countless volunteers. “A couple of carloads of 20-somethings from Saint Anthony Parish in San Antonio came down and cleaned up our property and the properties of some in our neighbors, thereby enabling me to help a wheel-chair bound parishioner to get his downed trees cleared,” Father Dimitri says. “We also helped a volunteer worker from central Texas get his equipment fixed after he and the equipment got caught in the flooding. A member of the Antiochian parish in Waco sent us \$1000.00, which we are distributing especially to our Eritrean members—we are still trying to locate some of them who evacuated and find out their needs.”

Closer to Houston, Father Benedict Crawford, Priest-in-Charge of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Mission, The Woodlands, TX, reports that “our area thankfully was not hit nearly as hard as Father Dimitri’s, and the flood waters quickly receded.” He adds that a number of parishioners had experienced various degrees of flooding and damage to their homes, but that cleanup efforts had already been concluded or were ongoing.

Meanwhile in Jacksonville, FL—especially hard hit by flooding—Father Ted Pisarchuk reports that Saint Justin Martyr Church experienced no damage, other than a downed tree blocking the church entrance. As of Wednesday, September 13, he knew of no major damage to any parishes in his deanery.

Miami’s Christ the Savior Cathedral also suffered downed trees, but there was no damage to the church or hall. Father Patrick Smith, Rector of Saint Andrew Church, New Port Richey, FL, reports “minimal damage,” while Father Joseph Ciarciaglino, Priest-in-Charge of Tampa’s Saint Philip Mission, is thankful that “all are accounted for and there was no damage at anyone’s house, or at the church.”

“Thanks to God, there seems to be no injury to any faithful and no major loss of property due to Hurricane Irma,” says Father Marcus Burch, Chancellor of the Diocese of the South. “The one exception is that a 100 year oak tree fell on Father Theophan Buck’s house in Macon, GA, destroy

ing a third of it. Fortunately he and his wife and daughter were in another part of the house at the time, and sustained no injury.”

Elsewhere across Florida, Father Gleb McFatter, Priest-in-Charge of Saint Demetrius Mission, Naples, FL, reports that while damage in the area was widespread, the church “has been spared any major—or really even minor—damage.” Father Leonid Palceski, Rector of Holy Cross Church, Fort Myers, FL, reports that while his church was spared from flooding, damage to the cross on the cupola over the altar caused water damage. Meanwhile, Father Stephen Lourie, Priest-in-Charge of Holy Spirit Church, Venice, FL, reports only minor damage, adding that no parishioners had been seriously affected. Father John Chudik, Rector of Bradenton’s Saint Mark Church, reports that “all is well” in his parish.

Meanwhile, His Eminence, Archbishop Alejo of Mexico City says that no damage was reported by any of the churches or missions in his diocese during the magnitude 8.1 earthquake—the strongest to hit Mexico in a century—late Thursday night, September 7.

Those who know of any major damage to parishes or the homes of faithful across the Diocese of the South and/or the Diocese of Mexico are kindly asked to send information to the Orthodox Church in America at info@oca.org for inclusion in an upcoming article.

9/11 victims remembered at OCA’s St. Catherine Representation Church, Moscow

Every year since September 11, 2001, the clergy and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America’s Representation Church of the Great Martyr Catherine in Moscow have commemorated the terrorist attacks on the US and offered prayers for their victims. This year’s commemoration—which coincided with the celebration of the Feast of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist on the Julian Calendar—was attended by Minister Counselor for Political Affairs of the US Embassy in Moscow, Christopher T. Robinson, and Secretary for Political Affairs of the Embassy of Canada in Moscow, Nina Kondraty. At the conclusion of the service, the commemorative bell was rung 16 times in honor of those who lost their lives on that day.

Prior to the service, Archpriest Christopher Hill read the message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon to the clergy and faithful of the parish.

“As the Representation Church of the Orthodox Church in America, it is worthy and right that you commemorate the tragic violence of September 11, 2001, by praying for all those who died on that Day of Terror,” Metropolitan Tikhon wrote.

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In the News Con't

“The Orthodox Faith respects and honors every human being as a being created in the image and likeness of God. Acts of terror are violent assaults on men, women and children who are precious in the sight of God.

“Our prayer today for the thousands who died in the towers of the World Trade Center, in Washington, and in the downing of Flight 93, is our prayerful witness for loving memory, our prayerful witness against acts of terror, our prayerful witness for true humanity, for human dignity, for a world of peace and mutual respect,” Metropolitan Tikhon continued. “Russians and Americans hold in common experiences and memories of terrorism. These experiences and memories hold our peoples and nations together as witnesses to suffering, and also as witnesses to the power and grace of compassion. Let us together create a better and humane world, a world open to the presence of God. May the blessing of the Lord be upon you, through His grace and love for mankind, always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.”

Statement of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon on the 16th Anniversary of 9/11 Attacks

To the Clergy, Monastics and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today is the Anniversary of the tragic attacks of September 11, 2001 on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and Flight 93 that came down in the fields of Shanksville, Pennsylvania. At the same time that we remember those who lost their lives from these shameful acts of human terrorism, we are praying for the millions of people who have been affected by the on-going onslaught of natural disasters, particularly hurricanes and earthquakes on several continents, including our own.

Even in popular media these multiple events prompt apocalyptic thinking about the end of the world. It certainly seems that the extent of both natural disasters and human violence place us in a context much as our Lord Jesus Christ describes in the Gospel reading we hear on the Saturday following the Elevation of the Cross [Matthew 24:1-13]: “Then Jesus went out and departed from the temple, and His disciples came up to show Him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said to them, ‘Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down.’ Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’ And Jesus answered and said to them: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive

many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”

While the tone of this passage seems frightening, it is important to recognize that this passage is heard while we are in the midst of the celebration of the Exaltation of the Cross. “He who endures to the end shall be saved.” With our Lord’s final exhortation, we are given an overall message of hope and encouragement, which is precisely the message of the Cross: through the Cross, joy has come into all the world. Indeed, the very next verse says it is this gospel of the Kingdom—this joyful news of God’s presence in the midst of calamities—that is our message and witness to the world. “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come” [Matthew 24:14].

As we sing on the feast itself, the Cross is ultimately a source of hope for us and the means by which mercy and resurrection are offered to us and to the world. “The Tree of true life was planted in the place of the skull, and upon it, eternal King, Thou hast wrought salvation in the midst of the earth! Exalted today, it sanctifies the ends of the world. Angels in heaven greatly rejoice and men and women upon earth make glad, crying aloud with David and saying: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His footstool, for He is holy and grants the world great mercy!” [Litiya].

Suffering makes the world “the place of the skull.” Yet that is where God has chosen to plant His Cross as “the Tree of true life.” As we pray for those who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks (and all the attacks that have subsequently afflicted so many parts of the world) and those who have perished or are suffering through the effects of Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma and the earthquake in Mexico, let us make the message of the Cross and Resurrection our focus and hope.

Yours in Christ,

+ Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada