



**Sunday, November 26, 2017**

**Gospel:** St. Luke 13:10-17

**Tone 8**

**Epistle:** Ephesians 4:1-6

**25th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Ven. Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis / Dedication of the Church of the Greatmartyr George at Kiev / Repose of St. Innocent, First Bishop of Irkutsk  
Ven. James the Solitary of Syria**

*Liturgical & Events Schedule*

**Sunday, November 26**

9:15 am: Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Panachida for Mary Kobb, Terri Fink, Gori Pietropolo, Virginia Bojan; Military killed in Niger & all those departed in the month of November / Social

**Tuesday, November 28**

6:00 pm: Bible Study

**Wednesday, November 29**

6:00 pm: Public Village Meeting

**Thursday, November 30**

10:00am: D.L. At St Andrew's in Maple Heights for Feast of St Andrew

**Saturday, December 2**

1:30 pm: Decorating Church for St. Nicholas & Feast of the Nativity of our Lord immediately following Great Vespers with pre-communion prayers & confessions

**Sunday, December 3**

9:10 am: Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day Remembrance & Panachida for Helen Elchisco / Rapping w/ Fr. / Social / Woman's Group Organizational Meeting

**NEW WOMAN'S MINISTRY**

All woman of the church (Orthodox or non-Orthodox), you are invited to attend an organizational meeting Sunday, December 3 to discuss what the mission, purpose and possible accomplishments could be. All will have the opportunity to have input at the January meeting.

December meeting: election of officers.

Meetings: on a quarterly basis or as needed.

**2017 OTTAWA COUNTY HOLIDAY BUREAU**

2017 Giving Sundays: November 12, 19 and 26.

Needed: Soap, hygiene products, toiletry items, paper products, cleaning items, non-perishable foods, money.

The Holiday Bureau volunteers wish to thank everyone who helped brighten Christmas mornings for the past 55 years and for years to come. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Ways you've helped in the past: canned goods collected by Scout groups; Toys or gifts for children; You had mitten trees; You were check writers; Food bringers; Volunteers; Sorters; pickup and delivery people.

Christmas comes but once a year, And we ask of you to spread the cheer. For without your kindness and good will a family's wish we could not fill. Our pledge to help all those in need is the Holiday Bureau creed!



**40 Day Remembrance**

Nov. 26: 4 Military soldiers killed in Niger; Mary Kobb, Gori Pietropolo, Virginia Bojan, Teri Fink

Dec 3: Youngstown Police Officer killed in the line of duty

Dec. 10: Terror attack victims in NYC

Dec. 17: 26 people killed in First Baptist Church, Sutherland Springs, TX shooting

Dec. 24: Pa. Police officer killed in line of duty



**Church Christmas Decorating  
DECEMBER 2 @ 1:30 p.m.**

We're decorating early this year so the church is festive for St. Nicholas Day! (And to help lessen the hectic days ahead.)

Saturday December 2 @ 1:30 pm.

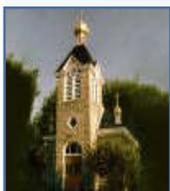
Please come and help.

**Holy Assumption Orthodox Church**

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## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND REMEMBRANCES

Christmas Flowers, In Memory of or For The Health Of a family member, loved one or friend are being offered at \$25 per flower. All names will be remembered during the Christmas Liturgy. Please contact Father Andrew if you are interested.

### Fr. Andrew: (5 Flowers):

- For the Health of all Holy Assumption parishioners & their families
- For the health of all my family and friends
- For the health of the Marblehead Police Department, Danbury Fire Department, Summit IL Fire Department and all first responders
- In Memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, my ordaining Bishop
- In memory of my family, especially my parents George and Dorothy Bartek

## MONTHLY ATTENDANCE RECORD

### Nov. 5:

Attendance 30 people (22 Members; 2 children; 6 guests; Vespers: 11; Communicants: 23)

Total Offerings: \$1,397 (\$1,160 offerings; \$203 for Seminarian fund; \$34 for bookstore)

### Nov. 8: St. Michael Feast Day

Attendance: 10 for Vespers; 9 for Liturgy (Communicants 8)

### Nov. 12:

Attendance: 32 people (23 members; 5 children; 4 guests; 22 Communicants; 8 people for Vespers)

Total Offerings: \$1,009 (\$797 Offering; \$162 for St Matthew's Antiochian Church; \$50 bookstore)

### Nov. 19:

Attendance: 25 people (22 members; 3 children; 15 Communicants; 8 people for Vespers)

Total Offerings: \$1,116 (\$875 offerings; \$116 for Special Collection for Holiday Bureau; \$125 for Christmas flowers)



## Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis

*Commemorated on November 26*

Saint Alypius the Stylite was born in the city of Adrianopolis in Paphlagonia. His mother, a Christian, was widowed early, and she sent her son to be educated by Bishop Theodore. She distributed her substance to the poor, then began to live an ascetic life near the church as a deaconess.

Saint Alypius, from his early years, wanted to devote his life to God and yearned for the solitary life, although Bishop Theodore would not give him permission to do so. Once, when Saint Alypius was accompanying his bishop to Constantinople, the holy Martyr Euphemia (September 16) appeared to him in a vision, summoning Saint Alypius to return to Adrianopolis and found a church in her name.

With contributions offered by believers in Adrianopolis, Saint Alypius did build a church in the name of the holy Martyr Euphemia, on the site of a dilapidated pagan temple infested by legions of devils. Beside the church, under the open sky, the saint erected a pillar over a pagan tomb. For fifty-three years Saint Alypius struggled upon the pillar, praying to God and teaching those who came to him.

The demons which infested the pagan cemetery fell upon the ascetic by night and pelted him with stones. Saint Alypius, wanted nothing to stand in the way of the attacks of the spirits of darkness, then even took down the boards that served him as a roof, protecting him from the rain and wind. In the face of the saint's conquering steadfastness, the demons fled the place forever, which had been sanctified by his deed of voluntary martyrdom.

Fourteen years before his death, Saint Alypius was no longer able to stand. He was compelled to lie on his side because of the weakness of his legs, and endured grievous sufferings with humble gratitude. Around the saint's pillar two monasteries sprang up: a men's monastery on the one side, and a women's monastery on the other. Saint Alypius introduced strict monastic rules for both monasteries and he directed both monasteries until his death. Saint Alypius reposed in the year 640, at age 118. The body of the venerable stylite was buried in the church he founded in honor of the holy Martyr Euphemia. The relics of the saint of God healed many of those who came in faith.

## OUR SHUT-INS

Edgewood Manor Nursing Center  
1330 Fulton Street  
Port Clinton, OH 43452  
Anne Kovalik- Room 309

## Prayer List (Updated November 19)

**Priests:** His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*); Joseph Gibson; James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*); Emilian Hutnyan; Paul Lazor; Myron Manzuk; John Matusiak; Peter Tutko

**Matushkii:** Laryssa Hutnyan; Carol Janecek; Barbara Kopka; Virginia Lecko; Paula Manzuk; Sonya Tutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mother Victoria

**Parishioners / & their Family:** Debbie Garnek (*sister of Roddie*); Michael Glovinsky (*Nephew to Basil*); Wayne GolobJoseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); James Heffernan (*Father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*); Rich Kokinda (*Cousin of Greg Twarek*); Michael Kouznetsov (*Son of Mary Hiser*); Victoria Kousnetsov (*Daughter of Mary Hiser*); Anne Kovalik; Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s Cousin*); Dave Martin; John Mazurik (*brother of Paul Mazurik*); Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Darlene Mazurik; Tony Monastra; Tony Palac (*Brother-in-law of Jean Hileman*); Nancy Pipenur (*sister-in-law of Jean Hileman*); William Rentz (*Father of Tamara Rentz Blackford*); Nancy Sitzler (*Mother of Amber Twarek*); Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; Rachel & her unborn baby; Jessica Issler & her unborn baby (*Jean Hileman's daughter*)

**Other Requests:** Victor Abrahamowicz (*Friend of Mary Hiser*); Brad Biecheler; David Bobb (*friend of Nikki Twarek*); John Cox (*husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox*); Dominic (*friend of the Cassell's*); Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director*); Mike Jacobson (*Fr.'s friend*); Baby Lucas Goodman (*friend of Christi Soski*); Jake Lipstraw (*friend of Natalie Twarek*); Violet Mattingly (*neighbor of Greg Mazur*); Pauline Meath (*Friend of Fr. Andrew's*); Beth Reinhard (*friend of Diane Tryon*); Cheryl Schell (*Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan*); Nick Shortridge (*Friend of Christi*); Karen Simonsen (*friend of David Mazurik*); Janice Timko; Brian Turner (*Fr.'s friend*); Mat. Carly Koranda & her unborn baby (*Chicago Deanery*); Nicole & her unborn Baby (*Friends of Fr. Andrew*)

**Military:** Craig Cassell; Justin Issler; James Jerome

**Captivz:** 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

### Ephesians 4:1-6 (Epistle)

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

November	
<u>Readers</u>	<u>Cleaning</u>
5-Ron	6-Laura Kovach
12-Wayne	13-Sandy Martin
19-Tim	20-Roddie Mazurik
26-Natalie	27-Ron/Bobbie Royab

### NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY	NAME'S DAY
11-16: Valerie Schutt 11-17: Cole Heffernan 11-17: Roddie Mazurik 11-19: Kristen Cassell 11-19: Fr. Andrew Groom	11-14-05 Fr. Matthew Moriak 11-15-80 His Eminence Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit & the Romanian Archdiocese	11-6: His Grace Bishop Paul of Chicago & retired Bishop Varlamm of Vancouver 11-10: Retired Bishop Mark of Boston 11-25: Retired Bishop Lazor of Ottawa

*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.*

## REPOSED LIST FOR NOVEMBER

- 2- Donald Sennich (1994)
- 3- Marian Glovinsky (2001)
- 8- Ann G Stretchberry (2003)
- 8- Anne Catherine Glovinsky (2004)
- 11- Dorothy Bartek (2005)
- 18- Archpriest George Timko (2000) Former Pastor
- 19- Evelyn Biecheler (2002)
- 19- Fr. John Dolhy (2006)
- 21- Ann S. Ratica (1991)
- 28- Anna Grabonsky (1972)
- 29-Alexander Mazur (2003)

### The Parish Diptychs

#### *A note from Father Andrew*

The last two months I have been composing a list of the deceased (by month) from the church's Diptychs. There are some written in Russian. If anyone can translate them for me, please let me know.

Also, I have put together a Soul Saturday Diptychs book by family name. It will be sitting on the back table in the vestibule. Please review it, note any corrections and initial it when done. That will let me know it has been reviewed.

Please let me know of any corrections or additions, as well as names of living friends & relatives.

I use this book during Proskemdia to pray for every single name before Liturgy.



### Danbury Food Pantry: November → Jars of Spaghetti Sauce

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

## MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

Bus trip to Washington, D.C. January 18-20, 2018 (Thursday morning departure -Saturday night return)

The bus departs from Port Clinton. It is being sponsored by Respect life Ministry of Port Clinton / Marblehead.

Includes: Bus, Hotel, Breakfast, Vigil Mass at Basilica (I'm sure we can go to OCA Cathedral), March for

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Life Rally, Sightseeing Saturday Morning.

If anyone is interested in going please let me know and maybe we can get a group from here to go. RSVP by Dec 12: \$220 a person & \$240 after that. Or if anyone is interested we can go to the March for Life in Chicago the weekend before. (Saturday Jan. 13-14) It would be cheaper and closer.

## NOVEMBER / DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

- Nov. 12: Fred & Terri
- Nov. 19: Joe Rose
- Nov. 26: Basil & Tim
- Dec. 03: Sandy & Marguerite
- Dec. 10: Greg
- Dec. 17: Ron & Bobbie
- Dec. 24: Open
- Dec. 31: All day Social @ Rectory sponsored by Fr Andrew (Please RSVP by 12-1)

*During the Nativity Fast:*

*From Nov. 19- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> there will be no meat products served.*

## VIGIL LAMP OFFERINGS- November 19

**Marguerite Bird: (1)** Special Intention

**Natalie Twarek: (5)** For the Health and recovery of Roddie's sister Debbie; For health and recovery of Darlene & Wayne; For health of Robin, David, Margi and Joe; Health and Nancy; Health of Sue, Morgan, Richie, Jake, Ron, Diane, John, Judy, Helen, Janice, Pete; For Special Intention

**Ron & Bobbie Royhab: (3)** For Health of brothers-in-law Jack, Charles & Tom.

**Basil Glovinsky: (2)** In loving memory of wife Jean, In loving memory (Birthday of brother Norm.

**Tim Glovinsky: (1)** In birthday memory of Uncle Norm

**Sandy Martin: (2)** In Loving memory of Butch; Special Intention

**David & Roddie Mazurik & family: (4)** Safe travel; for health & blessings for sister and Aunt Debbie; safe travel; for health & blessings for mom & dad & grandmother & grandfather

**Janice Timko: (1)** In blessed & loving memory of my precious parents Sophia and Peter Monak. Vechnaya Pamyat!

**Diane Tryon: (1)** In loving memory of Uncle Tiger (birthday)

## **YOUR STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION: For the Life of our Parishes**

*The Orthodox Church in America relies on the stewardship of its faithful to support ministries in communities across America and around the world. As the Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America Annual Appeal approaches on November 19, David Drillock writes about how the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations has been able to strengthen the life of our parishes with the generous support of the Church's dedicated Stewards.*

Our worship of God in truth and spirit is central to our lives as Orthodox Christians, and liturgical music is the backbone on which our worship relies.

The story of Saint Vladimir's conversion to Orthodoxy speaks to the beauty that permeates the Church of God through her worship.

Prince Vladimir sent envoys to Constantinople to learn about the faith of the Orthodox, and they returned to describe a liturgical atmosphere they were sure was inhabited by God.

"We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth," they reported, describing the majestic Divine Liturgy in Hagia Sophia. "For on earth there is no such splendor or beauty, and we are at a loss as how to describe it."

That is what all of us today must experience in our worship, an encounter with the presence of God and the foretaste of the heavenly kingdom. The purpose of our worship is not just to arouse our emotions when we encounter such beauty, but to enable us to enter into a direct and personal relationship with God.

Not only should our worship be beautiful, but it can and should be life transforming. Our hymnology helps us to begin such a transformation.

In the Department of Liturgical Music and Translations, we are committed to helping every parish attain an environment such as the one Saint Vladimir's envoys found in Constantinople.

More than 6,500 pages of music and texts are available on our website for free downloading and use by not just choirs in the Orthodox Church in America, but in choirs all around the globe. We make tutorials and teaching materials available as well.

Perhaps most important for the sustainability of our church music, we are offering an online course for beginning choir directors for the sixth consecutive year. More

than 90 people have participated, with many of them now serving as choir directors in parishes throughout the OCA.

We are blessed to be able to provide resources that are so vital to parish life and worship, and thank the generous support of the Church's Stewards for making this ministry possible "for the life of the world."

—Prof. David Drillock, Chair, OCA Department of Liturgical Music and Translations

## **ACTION: For the Life of our Communities**

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The fullness of Orthodox Christian life is found and nurtured in the liturgical worship and sacramental grace granted to us in the Church. We proclaim with joy that "Jesus Christ died for the life of the world," and we express our faith in following His Gospel by serving one another in love.

While it is natural for us to live out our faith in caring for those in need, we can be more effective when we have a way to communicate with the clergy and lay leaders who help guide us.

The Department of Christian Service and Humanitarian Aid fills that vital role. Its focus is on parish ministries, charitable outreach, senior life and family life, always striving to encourage compassionate and charitable ministries in all levels of the OCA.

Our programs, resource materials and ongoing work are important factors in building up vibrant Christ-centered parishes throughout the Church.

For example, our Parish Ministry Resources is an online library of nearly 300 articles categorized under eight ministry themes, ranging from theology of lay ministries to community service. These are practical applications of successful parish ministries written by and for people of all ages in their reaching out to those in need, both within and outside our parishes.

As part of our family life and senior life ministries, we also provide two comprehensive legal documents for end-of-life care, approved by the Holy Synod of Bishops, as consistent with the teachings of the Orthodox faith. We have made sure "A Gift for My Loved Ones" and its addendum **Con't Page 6**

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are always available to assist individuals and families in making faith-informed decisions at such challenging times.

We are especially excited about our Compassion in Action parish ministry training, which is an advanced-level visitation ministry focused on personal presence. After launching the pilot program at Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Fenton, Michigan, several parishes have expressed interest in helping us expanding the program to communities throughout North America. We envision taking Compassion in Action to every parish in the OCA that wants it, but this will be possible only as far as it is funded sufficiently to enable the training and mentoring necessary for its success. The financial support offered by the Stewards offers great hope.

Our entire department asks that parishes, organizations and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ contribute financially to the OCA during this annual appeal. The support of our Stewards is not just for any one program or ministry, but is truly a contribution “for the life of the world.”

—Donna Karabin, Chair, Department of Christian Service and Humanitarian Aid

### **YOUR STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION: For the Life of Our Families**

*The Orthodox Church in America relies on the stewardship of its faithful to support ministries in communities across America and around the world. As the Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America Annual Appeal approaches on November 19, 2017, Matushka Valerie Zahirsky, in the article below, writes about how the Department of Christian Education has been able to strengthen the life of our families with the generous support of the Church's dedicated Stewards.*

*“The educational work of the Church has to be three-dimensional: building up a full liturgical life in the parish, reaching the parents and the home, and instructing the children. Any one of these aspects cannot exist and grow by itself. This total task is what the Orthodox Church in America faces today” [Sophie Koulomzin, *Our Church and Our Children*].*

Following the guidance of the distinguished Orthodox Christian educator, the late Sophie Koulomzin, the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America seeks to engage these three dimensions through its support of Church school teachers, clergy, families and all those engaged in faith formation at every age.

We create web-based study units consisting of age-appropriate lesson plans and activities and provide support for the teachers who use them. The Department also serves an important function by reviewing, recommending and making available resources created by parishes and other jurisdictions' Christian education programs. One example is the Vacation Church School unit, “The Rest of the Story.” There are countless resources and materials available on the Department's web site.

The Department also supports families. Several resources produced by the Department, such as the series of Activity Books which offer varied teaching strategies and activities based on lives of saints, are being used in homes as well as Church schools. For many families, these materials are the most reliable for authentically Orthodox teaching, having been produced by graduates of Orthodox seminaries who are also trained as educators.

Educating our faithful in the dogmas and teachings of the faith is of utmost importance, but the Department of Christian Education also provides essential resources which help to connect us to the lives and history of the saints who have witnessed here in North America. For example the study units created on the lives of the North American Saints feature the story of each saint's icon and an explanation of the scenes depicting moments in his life, thereby providing a deeper understanding of the history of our Church in North America.

The Department continues to offer resources, workshops, retreats and support for students, teachers and families. We invite you to take advantage of what we have to offer, the life of our children and families.

—Matushka Valerie Zahirsky, Chair, Department of Christian Education

### **Luke 13:10-17 (Gospel)**

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.” The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?” And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.