



Sunday, September 23, 2018

Gospel: St. Luke 5:1-11

Tone 8

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

**17th Sunday After Pentecost
Conception of St. John the Baptist**

September Bulletin Sponsor: Father Andrew

For the Health of all our parishioners & family and all that helped at our Annual Festival

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, September 23

9:05 am: Third & Sixth Hours

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy / Birthday Social / Choir Rehearsal

Monday, September 24

6:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Tuesday, September 25

11:30 am: Marblehead Clergy Meeting

5:30 pm: Awards Banquet for our Parish

Wednesday, September 26

11:00 am: Fr. Andrew speaking at St. John's Lutheran Church woman's group

5:45 pm Public Village Meeting

Saturday, September 29

9:00am Walk for Alzheimer's

10:00 am: Classic Car Show in Marblehead

4:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, September 30

9:05 am: Third & Sixth Hours

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy / Social

2:00 pm: 50th Ann. Banquet in Maple Heights

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE: SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 2

Total Attendance: 30 (24 members; 6 guests; 14 communicants; 10 people attended Vespers)

Total Income: \$1,161 (\$961 Sunday offering; \$100 June Special Collection; \$100 Cemetery Fund)

Friday, September 7 (Vespers for Feast)

7 people attended

Saturday, September 8 (Liturgy For Feast)

12 people attended

Sunday, September 9

Total Attendance: 32 (27 members; 5 children; 23 communicants; 6 attended Vespers)

Total Income: \$2,827 (\$1,516 Sunday offering; \$1,144 Farmers market; \$167 Special Collection for SOS Month)

Friday, September 14- Feast of the Cross

9 attended Liturgy; 7 attended Vespers

Sunday, September 16

Total Attendance: 30 (23 members; 3 children; 4 guests; 5 attended Vespers)

Total Income: \$1,090 (\$945 Collection; \$25 Food pantry; \$120 Ann. Dinner)

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR OUR 120TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

- Please pay \$20 per person by Sunday, September 30.
- Please make check payable to *Holy Assumption Orthodox Church*. Put in memo line: *Anniversary Dinner*.

DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - OCTOBER

Suggested donation of Laundry Detergent (and other non-perishable goods) will be collected through October 14.

July donations will be delivered to the food pantry Thursday October 18.

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest



WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Sponsored by Edward Jones, the walk will take place on Saturday, September 29 at the

Shoreline Park located: 411 E Shoreline Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870

Registration is at 9:00 am with a ceremony at 10 and the walk beginning at 10:15 am. The distance is 2 miles.

Sign up today at www.alz.org/edwardjones. The team name and number are: Port Clinton EJ, 471665. More information call Frank or Cheryl at 419-732-6570



Prayer List (Updated September 20)

Priests: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*); Ted Bobosh, William Bass; Joseph Gibson; James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*); Emilian Hutnyan, Josef Von Klarr; Vladimir Lecko; Peter Tutko; Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii: Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani Mary Nakonachny; Carol Janecek; Virginia Lecko; Sonya Tutko

Parishioners / & their Family: Carol Chevenger (*Roddie's mom*); Christopher Dixon (*son-in-law of Mary H.*); Victoria Dixon (*Mary H. Daughter*); Debbie Garnek (*sister of Roddie*); Michael Glovinsky (*Nephew to Basil*); Ernest Gresh (*Basil's nephew*); Tom Grgich (*Valerie's cousin*); Julia Guzy; Joseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); Margi Habegger (*Laura's sister*); James Heffernan (*father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*); Judy Heffernan; Rich Kokinda (*Cousin of Greg Twarek*); Maria (*Terrie's mom*); Michael Kouznetsov (*Son of Mary Hiser*); Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s Cousin*); Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Mike Mazurik; William Rentz (*father of Tamara Rentz Blackford*); Joe Rose; Nancy Sitzler (*mother of Amber Twarek*); Baby Stella Miller (*Chico's granddaughter*); Larry Twarek (*Greg's uncle*); Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; Sarah & her unborn baby (*Laura's daughter*); Kristen (*Daughter of the Cassell's*)

Other Requests: Victor Abrahamowicz (*Friend of Mary Hiser*); Brad Biecheler; David Bobb (*friend of Nikki Twarek*); Frank Cannon; Diane Cannon (*Friends of Halupki festival*); Mark Conroy (*Friend of Joe S.*); Linda Crockett (*Vendor*); Shawntee Day (*Friend of Christi*); Ben Franklin (*friends of Laura Kovach*); Sally Franklin (*friend of Wayne*); Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director*); Baby Lucas Goodman (*friend of Christi Soski*); Donald Gresh (*neighbor to Basil*); Alicia Kelly (*friend of Tammy B.*); Tommy Leonchick (*Friend of Fr's*); Jake Lipstraw (*friend of Natalie Twarek*); Dana Mahler (*Friend of Christi*); Violet Mattingly (*neighbor of Greg Mazur*); David Mazur (*Friend of Sandy*); Pauline Meath (*Friend of Fr. Andrew's*); Todd Pollick (*Friend of the Twarek's*); Beth Reinhard (*friend of Diane Tryon*); Cheryl Schell (*Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan*); Nick Shortridge (*Friend of Christi*); Matthew Sterling (*neighbor of Diane T.*); Janice Timko; Steve Turinsky (*his wife helps at our festival*); Donald Williams (*Friend of Joe S.*)

Military: Craig Cassell; Nathan Brown

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

50TH ANNIVERSARY ST ANDREW'S ORTHODOX CHURCH, MAPLE HEIGHTS

Our deanery church, St. Andrew's will be celebrating 50 years on Saturday, September 29 and Sunday, September 30.

Great Vespers will be celebrated on Saturday night @ 5:00pm, a light wine and cheese reception will follow. On Sunday, September 30 at 10:00am, His Grace Bishop Paul will celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

At 2 pm, the festivities will begin with wine, hors d'oeuvres and musical entertainment. The dinner will be served at 3pm.

Tickets are \$35 and Students and children under 12 are free.

Please RSVP by September 10 to hoover1143@sbcglobal.net or call 1-440-785-3877. Checks made out to St Andrew Orthodox Church and mailed: St Andrews Church 16069 Maple Park Drive Maple Heights 44137

26TH ANNUAL RETREAT OF HOLY DORMITION MONASTERY

October 5-7

Vessels of Love: The Body's Involvement
in Healing of the World

Friday pm: "Praying with the Body"
Sat. AM Liturgy: "Praying in the Temple"
Sat. PM First Talk: "Praying with the Heart"
Sat. PM Second Talk: "Prayer & the Acquisition of Virtue"

SPEAKER: Rev. John Konkle, M.Div., PH.D
He has been the resident priest of the Monastery since 2009. Fr. John was formally Asst. Professor of Philosophy at Dartmouth College, where he received his M.A. He attended St. Vladimir Seminary & holds an MDiv from International School of Theology. PH.D. is from Princeton.

See Bulletin Board for Registration info.

Protodeacon Theodore P. Rose

Protodeacon Theodore P. Rose, who for many years was attached to Saint Mary Cathedral, Minneapolis, MN, fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 after a long battle with atypical Parkinson's Disease.

Born in Michigan in 1942, he received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in 1967 and his Master's degree from Purdue University in 1970. He married his wife Cynthia in 1969, lived in Minnesota from 1977 through 2016, and was a State Farm insurance agent during most of that time. He was ordained to the diaconate in 1997.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by their sons, Priest Zachary [Matushka Rachel] Rose, Rector of [Saints Peter and Fevronia Church, Merriam, KS](#), and Kyle [Jessica]; their daughter Julia; six grandchildren; two brothers; and many loyal and caring friends.

Memorial donations may be made in Protodeacon Theodore's memory to Saints Peter and Fevronia Church, 10024 West 49 Street, Merriam, KS 66203. Cards and condolences may be sent to Protodeacon Theodore's family at 13830 West 207 Street, Bucyrus, KS 66013.

May Protodeacon Theodore's memory be eternal!

North Carolina community hit hard by Hurricane Florence

The day after Hurricane Florence delivered a major blow to the Carolinas on Friday, September 14, 2018—the Great Feast of the Elevation of the Cross—Priest Peter Robichau was finally able to make his way to [Saint Basil Church](#) here to make an initial damage assessment of the parish's temple and property.

“Thankfully, there was no structural damage or flooding to the church, and all of the holy objects remained safe inside, despite some localized flooding on our property,” Father Peter reported. “Downed trees missed the church, and a major task ahead of us will be to repair our fences and remove damaged trees. Our newly renovated rectory, which I could not access due to flood waters, seems to have been spared significant, if any, damage, although we have no power and the roads are unsafe for travel.”

Out of necessity, weekend services had to be canceled, leaving Father Peter and his flock to anticipate and navigate ongoing storm force winds, multiple high tide cycles of 10 foot storm surge, wind damage and flooding.

“Soon after Florence made landfall, we began to receive reports from parishioners of major uninsured losses, lost wages and tremendous hardship—and the ‘worst’ hasn't even started, according to disaster response officials,” Father Peter explained. “And right now, due to major highway closures with no way in or out of Wilmington, evacuees will be forced to wait a considerable time before returning, relief workers' arrivals will be delayed, and deliveries of essentials such as food, water and fuel will be limited for some time. This will be a months-long recovery.”

Archpriest Marcus Burch, Chancellor of the Orthodox Church in America's Diocese of the South, reported that he had not been apprised of any other OCA parishes or missions in the Carolinas that had been similarly impacted, adding that the slow-moving storm had been somewhat isolated to southeast North Carolina. He had no reports of damage or related problems from communities in South Carolina as of Sunday, September 15, although at the time of this writing consideration was being given to evacuating Fayetteville, home of the OCA's [Saint Nicholas Mission](#).

“Father Andrew Cannon, our Assistant Priest, has done a great job keeping in touch with residents who stayed, and reports indicate that everyone is safe,” Father Peter continued. “At present, I am directing offers of assistance toward [International Orthodox Christian Charities](#) [IOCC], and we will inform IOCC of any parishioner needs or will address those needs directly with volunteers from within our own community.”

As [reported earlier](#), IOCC has already set in motion emergency response protocols. Volunteers interested in helping IOCC with clean-up efforts [may register online](#).

“We have [established a GoFundMe page](#) with funds earmarked to go directly to parishioners in need of assistance,” Father Peter added. “Our parish is not in a position to offer such assistance in any meaningful way right now, and most of our parishioners have evacuated at considerable expense, lost wages and uncertainty about what lies ahead. We will assist not only our own parishioners, but neighbors and ‘the least of these’ who come to us for help.” Donations also may be sent directly to Saint Basil Church Hurricane Relief Fund, 4601 Blue Clay Road, Castle Hayne, NC 28429.

WISH LIST

September month's bill's are as follows:

- Stamps: \$50
- Wine: \$100
- Candles: \$400

If anyone would like to contribute to part, or all, of a bill please write it in on your check.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY	NAME DAY
2- Julia Guzy 3- Mike Mazurik 18- Fr. David Lis 19- Cooper Kowal 20- Fr. Matthew Moriak 23- Rita Mazur 25- Nikki Twarek 25- Noah Adamcio 30- Jaxson Monschein	11- David & Roddie Mazurik 11- Wayne & Heidi Golob 13- Sam & Angie Dardovski 13- Fr. Peter Zarynow (Priestly Anniversary) 21- Vitaly & Karen Muzyka 24- Mike & Diane Tryon 9-28-1990: Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa	9-9: Retired Metropolitan Theodosius 9-30: Archbishop Michael of NY & NJ

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.

VIGILS 9/16/18

Marguerite Bird (1) Special intention

Tim Glovinsky (1) In birthday memory of mom

Laura Kovach (5) In memory of Pam Franklin; Safe travel for family; Health of Margi, Joe, Greg, Ben, Stella, Dana, Jessica; Wedding blessings to Nikki & Sean, Many Years!; 40th Anniversary blessings to Joe and Margi

Sandy Martin (3) Blessings to Nikki & Sean on their wedding; Health of Judy; Special intentions

Twarek Family (7) God's Blessings to Nikki & Sean; In loving memory of Dad (anniversary 9/16); In loving memory of Georgia (birthday 9/16); For health and recovery of Mike, Sue, Pete, Steve and John, Uncle Larry Twarek, Stella, Sonya, Todd, Diane, Mike, Greg, Julia, Ron, Gage, Annette, Debbie, Judy, Margi, Joe, Nancy, Sue, Morgan, Jake, Helen, Pete, Ruthe, Janice; Special intention; Special intention; Special intention.

UPDATED NEW PRICES FOR CHANDELIER CANDLES & MORE

Beginning with the new Liturgical Year in September, the following will take place:

Chandelier- \$50 for a month. If no one sponsors for the month you may purchase it for \$30 for a Sunday.

All the Altar Candles- \$50 per month. If no one sponsors for the month you may purchase them for \$20 for a Sunday.

Eternal light and the 4 lampada- \$25 for the month. If no one sponsors them you may purchase them for \$10 for a Sunday.

Candles on the tomb- \$25 for a month. If no one sponsors for the month you may purchase them for \$10 for a Sunday.

Bulletin Sponsor - \$50 per month

Please contact Father to schedule your month.

IMPORTANT NOTE *(You may offer all of the above "In Memory of" or "For the Health of" a loved ones or friends. Please give me their names by the last Sunday of the month. They will remembered during the Proskame-dia & during Liturgy for the whole month.)*

REPOSED LIST - SEPTEMBER

2- David Douglas (2015)	14- Archpriest George Breyan (2009)	27- Michael Itescu (1968)
4- John Mataleska (1986)	Former Pastor	27- Alison Pickney (2017)
4- Archpriest John Grandziuk (1947)	14- Mary Kamiotis (2017)	27- Karen Milano (2017)
Former Pastor	16- John George Mazurik (1997)	28- William Felenchak (1977)
5- Archpriest Michael Dziama (1944)	20- Nora Bird (2017)	30- Bishop John Martin (1984)
Former Pastor	21- Joseph Mazur (2002)	William Rose (1980)

IOCC ready to respond as Hurricane Florence makes landfall

[International Orthodox Christian Charities](#) [IOCC] has set in motion emergency response protocols as the US East Coast braces for a direct hit by Hurricane Florence on Friday, September 14, 2018, if predictions prove to be correct.

Hurricane Florence has set a direct course for the Carolinas in recent days and is expected to stall off the coast, dumping inches — perhaps feet — of torrential rain across the region. This is predicted to combine with high winds and storm surge, causing coastal erosion and widespread dangerous flooding. The National Weather Service reported that over 10 million people are under hurricane watches and warnings in the Carolinas and Virginia.

Anticipating widespread emergency response, IOCC has staff, volunteers, and equipment staging for immediate action once it is safe to begin work. Team leaders and volunteers are preparing to conduct rapid needs assessments and muck outs, clearing water-damaged homes of sludge and debris. In addition, IOCC's Frontliners—professionals trained to offer emotional and spiritual care amid disaster and trauma—are standing by for deployment. IOCC is coordinating with partners and counterparts in affected states, including the North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, and Maryland Volunteer Organizations "Active in Disasters,"

"At this point, we know IOCC will respond," said US Country Representative Daniel Christopoulos. "It's just a matter of where. We're already on the ground with local Frontliners in the areas most likely to be impacted, and once it's clear where the storm is creating the greatest need, we'll jump into action."

Established in 1992, IOCC has responded after numerous disasters in the United States since 2001, including last year's Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. In addition to providing emotional and spiritual care, IOCC provided emergency food and nonfood items, muck-out assistance, clean-up kits, and generators in affected areas and continues long-term recovery work.

[Volunteers interested in helping](#) with clean-up efforts in their area once it is safe to do so may register online. [Financial gifts to support IOCC's response](#) to Hurricane Florence also are being accepted with gratitude.

We offer our prayers for the safety of the faithful of the many parishes across the region, and we invite communities in the affected areas to submit accounts and photos highlighting damage and needs to info@oca.org for consideration in a future article.

Metropolitan Tikhon opens Fall Session of the Metropolitan Council

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon opened the Fall Session of the [Metropolitan Council](#) of the Orthodox Church in America with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy in the Chancery's Saint Sergius of Radonezh Chapel on Wednesday morning, September 19, 2018. The session will conclude on Friday, September 21.

At the opening plenary session, Metropolitan Tikhon will address the Council members, focusing specifically on his *Of What Life Do We Speak? Four Pillars For The Fulfillment Of The Apostolic Work Of The Church*, which made its debut at the [19th All-American Council](#) [AAC] in July 2018, and on impending changes in the Chancery administration and departmental ministries. He will also present an initial plan for the position of Youth Director, as presented at the 19th AAC.

According to Archbishop Eric G. Tosi, OCA Secretary, other agenda items include

- reports by the OCA Chancellor, Secretary and Treasurer.
- a detailed review of the 19th AAC and the planning process for the 20th All-American Council, slated to convene in 2021.
- approval of the 2019 budget and a review of the external and internal auditors' reports.
- selection of new internal auditors for the next triennium.
- a review and update on the forthcoming update to the OCA web site and the OCA Archives Project.
- reports on initial plans for celebrating the 50th Anniversaries of the [Granting of Autocephaly](#) and the [Glorification of Saint Herman of Alaska](#) in 2020.
- a general review of the work of the [Office of Review of Sexual Misconduct Allegations](#), the [Office of External Affairs and Inter-Church Relations](#), the [Stewards of the Orthodox Church in America](#), and the Metropolitan Council's committees.
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Metropolitan Council members will be among those present for the [celebration of the patronal feast day of Saint Sergius of Radonezh Chapel](#) on Saturday, September 22.

SEPTEMBER

	Cleaners	Readers	Social
2	Sandy	Tim	Julia Party
9	Jen. & Cole	David	Open
16	Laura	Ron	Open
23	Greg M.	Natalie	Basil & Tim
30	Jean	Ron	Teri Cassell

Metropolitan Tikhon presides at 80th Anniversary of the “Vatra”

For 80 years, the Vatra Românească—“vatra” means “hearth” in the Romanian language—has been a gathering point for the faithful of the Orthodox Church in America’s [Romanian Episcopate](#). The Vatra houses the Episcopate’s administrative headquarters, episcopal residence and museum and is the site of numerous programs, retreats, conferences and summer camps. The center of life at the Vatra, however, is the Chapel of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon, at the invitation of His Eminence, Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit and the Romanian Episcopate, presided at the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the Vatra September 6-8, 2018 in conjunction with the Episcopate’s 86th annual Church Congress.

The history of the Vatra is closely tied to the arrival in 1935 of the first Romanian Orthodox bishop in North America—His Grace, Polycarp [Morusca]. Upon his arrival, he found no designated episcopal residence. Soon, however, a group of energetic faithful from Detroit facilitated the purchase of Grey Tower Farm in Grass Lake Township, Jackson County, MI.

On July 3-4, 1938, the property—renamed “Vatra Românească” /“The Romanian Hearth”—was dedicated and a cornerstone was laid for the chapel. Once the ancestral home of the Ottawa and Chippewa Tribes, the site was part of a 1,000 acre holding of the Boland Family, originally from Scotland, who came to the US in 1710 and settled the land on a grant by President Jackson. From Native Americans to Scotch settlers to Romanian Americans, the land has a rich history, and the “Vatra” remains a well-known local landmark.

[Metropolitan Tikhon was warmly welcomed](#) upon his arrival at the Vatra on Thursday, September 6. The following day, he addressed the Congress’ plenary session.

“We recently concluded the [19th All-American Council](#) with the theme, ‘For the Life of the World,’” Metropolitan Tikhon observed. “I personally was reinvigorated every day of the Council and encouraged by the lively discussions that took place in the forums and in my one-on-one interactions with the delegates. It was all inspiring and, in a very concrete way, life-giving.

“I was also encouraged by the positive response to the document I had prepared, *Of What Life Do We Speak?*,” Metropolitan Tikhon continued. “The subtitle to that work is ‘Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church,’ and it was clear to me, especially from the inspiring testimonies offered by each of our

dioceses in their video presentations, that this apostolic work is, in fact, already firmly established in our parishes and dioceses.... It is clear to me that we are a Church not only prepared to take up our apostolic work with a renewed zeal, but that in every corner of the Orthodox Church in America that zeal has been encouraged, nurtured and already in bloom.”

Later the same day, [the Hawaiian Myrrh Streaming Icon of the Iveron Mother of God arrived](#) at the Vatra, where it remained throughout the anniversary celebration and the services marking the chapel’s patronal feast, the Nativity of the Mother of God, on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

On Saturday, September 8, Metropolitan Tikhon concelebrated the festal Divine Liturgy with Archbishop Nathaniel and His Eminence, Archbishop Michael of New York and New Jersey and His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco and the West. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Tikhon awarded the Order of Saint Innocent, Gold Class, to Archbishop Nathaniel “in celebration of over 50 years of ordained service to Jesus Christ, 38 years of episcopal ministry and 34 years as ruling bishop of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America; and in grateful recognition of his tireless ministry as chief shepherd for his flock, zealous proponent of Orthodox unity in North America, and faithful preacher of the resurrection to the world.” Metropolitan Tikhon also delivered a stirring homily, the text of which may be found below.

Homily of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon on the Great Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos and the 80th Anniversary of Vatra Românească 86th Annual Romanian Episcopate Church Congress September 8, 2018

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

My dear brothers and sisters and Christ,

Today, we embark together on the journey of the Church’s liturgical year with the celebration of this first great feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. It is a journey that will bring us around to the last great feast of the liturgical year, her Holy Dormition. Chronologically, then, we move from birth to death, following the example of the Theotokos. But theologically, and spiritually, we move from death to life, from barrenness to the outpouring of life.

In contrast to the Dormition, which presents us with the reality of human death as a means of bearing witness to the glory of the resurrection, today’s feast presents us with the reality of our mortality and our barrenness through the birth of the Mother of God.

By Your Nativity, O Most Pure Virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve, from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the **Con’t Pg 8**