



Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Gospel: St. Luke 12:16-21

Tone 8

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

25th Sunday After Pentecost

Martyrs Platon and Roman

November Bulletin Sponsor: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Tyron

In Memory of Aunt Marian on her Birthday and Anniversary

For Ann on her Anniversary & For Norman on his Birthday

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, Nov 18

9:05 am: Third & Sixth Hours followed by D.L. / Memorial Sunday & 40 Day for Mike & Tom / Social / Choir Rehearsal

Monday, Nov. 19

Unity Prayer Service @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Tuesday, Nov. 20

6:30 pm: Great Vespers w/ Litya for Feast of Entry of Theotokos in the Temple

Wednesday, Nov. 21

9:30 am: D. L. for Feast

Friday, Nov. 23

7:00 pm: Christmas Tree Lighting in Marblehead

Saturday, Nov. 24

1:00 pm: Service for Holy Myrrh Streaming Icon of St Ann at our Diocesan Church in Detroit- Holy Trinity followed by mini retreat and Vespers

Sunday, Nov. 25

9:05 am: Third & Sixth Hours followed by D.L. / Social / Choir Rehearsal

In Memoriam: Protodeacon Dennis and Helen Lucak



The schedule for visitation and funeral services for Protodeacon Dennis and Helen Lucak was announced on Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

Visitation at Archangel Michael Church, Broadview Heights, OH will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18. A Panikhida will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. Funeral services will be celebrated at the church at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 19, with interment at Saint Theodosius Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Woodside Event Center, located behind Archangel Michael Church. His Grace, Bishop Paul of Chicago and the Midwest, will preside at services.

Protodeacon Dennis and Helen, each 72-years-old, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at their home, the victims of a tragic shooting incident.

"Obviously this is shocking, and most distressing news, and we ask all of you to pray for their souls and for the peace of their family," Archpriest John Memorich, Rector of Archangel Michael Church, Broadview Heights, OH, wrote in an email sent to parishioners on Sunday evening. "They were both longtime members of our parish community and active in our clubs and organizations. They were a devoted couple, loved each other, supported one another, did everything together.

"They really carried their crosses, and I'd like to think that they who bore their crosses with honor and dignity throughout their life, that in the end those crosses carried them into our Lord's kingdom," Father John added.

In addition to his parish ministry, Protodeacon Dennis was a retired RTA bus driver and supervisor, while his wife was a retired teacher with the Maple Heights, OH School District.

Additional information and service times will be posted as they become available.

May the memory of Protodeacon Dennis and Helen be eternal!

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

Nov. 18: Tom Grgich & Mike Mazurik

Dec. 9: Shooting victims in Pittsburgh

Dec. 16: William Rentz, Archpriest Joseph Martin

Dec. 23: Protodeacon Dennis & Mat. Helen Lucak

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Prayer List (Updated November 16)

Priests: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; William Bass; Ted Bobosh, John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*); Jonathan Cholcher; 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; Barbara Kopka; 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*); Heidi Golob; Ernest Gresh (*Basil's nephew*); 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; Maria (*Terrie's mom*); Michael Kouznetsov (*Son of Mary Hiser*); Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s Cousin*); David Martin; Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Margaret Rose (*daughter*); Nancy Sitzler (*mother of Amber Twarek*); Baby Stella Miller (*Chico's granddaughter*); Larry Twarek (*Greg's T. uncle*); Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; Kristen (*Daughter of the Cassell's*); linor W; Sarah & her unborn baby (*Laura's daughter*);

Other Requests: Victor Abrahamowicz (*Friend of Mary Hiser*); Brad Biecheler; George Biecheler; David Bobb (*friend of Nikki Twarek*); Steven Brancho (*friend of Fr*); Anna Burch (*friend of Wayne*); Frank Cannon; Diane Cannon (*Friends of Halupki festival*); Linda Crockett (*Vendor*); Shawntee Day (*Friend of Christi*); Chris Fallon (*Bishop Matthias's sister-in-law*); Ben Franklin (*friends of Laura Kovach*); Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director*); Tom Hutnyan (*Brother of Fr. Emil*); 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*); Michael Lucak (*son of the Protodeacon*); Dana Mahler (*Friend of Christi*); Dan Mallory (*neighbor of Basil*); Violet Mattingly (*neighbor of Greg Mazur*); Pauline Meath (*Friend of Fr.'s*); Todd Pollick (*Friend of the Twarek's*); Beth Reinhard (*friend of Diane Tryon*); Emily Sarisky (*Fr's friend*); Cheryl Schell (*Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan*); Nick Shortridge (*Friend of Christi*); Matthew Sterling (*neighbor of Diane T*); Janice Timko; Donald Williams (*Friend of Joe S.*); Alisha Zura & new born Evelyn (*friend of Natalie*); Cheyenne Welch & her two unborn babies (*wife of Former Sgt. Of Marblehead Police Dept*)

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



STUDY GROUPS
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
MONDAY'S @ 6:30 P.M.
Bible Study Participants
(10 people so far this year)

Basil, Susan, Julia, Tina, Laura, Ron, Bobbie, Tim
Matt (Village Police non Orthodox)
Dan (Village resident non-Orthodox)

Orthodoxy 101 Participants
(11 people so far this year)

Basil, Julia, Susan, Tina, Ron, Bobbie, Laura, Natalie,
Tim
Dan (Village resident- non-Orthodox)
Matt (Village police non Orthodox)

November Monday's = Orthodoxy 101
December Monday's = Orthodoxy 101

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE: NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 4:

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 23 (17 members; 3 non-member regulars; 2 children; 1 guest; 15 Communicants; 5 Attended Vespers

TOTAL INCOME: \$957.25 (\$786.25 Sunday offering; \$65 in Vigils; \$10 in candles; \$21 loose in basket; \$50 Altar candles; \$25 for Tomb candles)

Wednesday, Nov. 7 (Vespers for Feast of St Michael)

10 attended Liturgy

Sunday, November 11

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 26 (20 members; 3 non-members regulars; 3 children; 14 Communicants; 8 attended Vespers)

TOTAL INCOME: \$1,570 (\$1,360 Sunday offering; \$100 Sept. Special collection; \$50 Oct. Special Collections; \$60 Nov. Special Collections)

Statement on the Recent Attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA

The Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America expresses its deep sympathies as we mourn the loss of innocent lives and pray for the speedy recovery of those wounded in the recent attack on the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Remembering the Message from our Assembly meeting just last month, we reiterate our “denunciation of all violence, whether caused by senseless acts related to weapons and shootings or instigated by abhorrent acts of discrimination and prejudice.”

Indeed the heinous and murderous act of terror on October 27, 2018, sprang from a place of deep prejudice against people and religion. We unequivocally condemn this rampage as a sin against the local community, religion, and humanity.

We call upon all Christians and all people of good will to stand in solidarity with the families of the victims and the survivors. We pray fervently to the Almighty God for the spiritual healing of the entire congregation and community, especially those in Pittsburgh. In this era of frequent and unprecedented attacks on basic freedoms, especially freedom of religion, it is through love and harmony that hearts might be softened and transformed. For only through love will evil be neutralized, violence cease, and peace prevail.

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.

Luke 12:16-21 (*Gospel*)

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ‘And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.’” But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

Assembly of Bishops reacts to Thousand Oaks, CA shooting

The [Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America](#) released a statement condemning the “heinous and murderous shooting” that claimed the lives of 12 innocent victims in Thousand Oaks, CA on Wednesday evening, November 7, 2018.

“Deeply saddened and profoundly concerned, the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America condemns the heinous and murderous shooting at the Borderline Bar and Grill in Thousand Oaks, California,” the statement reads. “Regrettably, it has become all too common for peace to be broken by bloodshed.”

The statement continues by recalling how “nearly one year ago, after the horrific shooting in Las Vegas, we stated, ‘we witness one more egregious act of hatred and terror. Unfortunately, such sights have become all too familiar in our society; they are the antithesis of love and the worst example for our children of what mankind can be. We are called to rise up in witness of a love that conquers fear and hatred, and to bear witness before society and all civil authorities of the need to eliminate violence.’ We are distraught that today the opposite is manifest, and, in this case, even some of the same people were re-victimized.

“We fervently pray for the victims and their families during this time of sudden and unfathomable pain and loss,” the statement concludes. “We sympathize and stand in solidarity with the survivors for the healing of both soul and body. As we mourn the loss of innocent lives, we must all work together to transform our broken society. It is time we allow love to overcome hate and light to outshine darkness. Only then will these countless and continuously occurring acts of violence cease and peace prevail.”

SUNDAY TITHING 2017 vs 2018

(NOTE: These numbers only include Sunday offering not candles or anything else)

	2017	2018	
September:	\$5,378	\$5,368	-\$10
October:	\$5,390	\$5,324	-\$66

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We would like to bring back the tradition of Christmas Caroling. If anyone would like the choir to visit your home during the Christmas season between Dec. 26 & Jan 13, please sign up in the vestibule.

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY	NAME DAY
16- Valerie Schutt 17- Cole Heffernan 17- Roddie Mazurik 19- Fr. Andrew Groom 19- Kristen Cassell	11-13-2012: The Most Blessed Tikhon (Elected as Primate) 11-14-2004: Fr. Matthew Moriak (Priestly Ordination) 11-15-1980: Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit	11-6: Bishop Paul of Chicago 11-6: Retired Bishop Varlaam 11-16 Matthew Adamcio 11-25: Retired Bishop Lazar 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.

Archbishop Benjamin requests prayers for fire, shooting victims

In a statement dated November 9, 2018, His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin of San Francisco and the West appealed for prayers in the wake of the fire currently threatening California's Butte County and the tragic shooting in Thousand Oaks, CA two days earlier.

"It seems like it was only yesterday that fire threatened the clergy and faithful in the Napa and Sonoma valleys," Archbishop Benjamin wrote. "Once again, a fast moving fire has devastated the community of Paradise, CA, where some of the faithful from the Chico parish live. As I write, it has been reported 1,000 homes have been destroyed by fire. And the fire is moving rapidly towards the city of Chico. I would ask you all to pray for the victims. I will most likely ask we take up a collection to benefit the victims. I am afraid such fires may become a regular feature of life here in California.

"I would also ask you to remember the victims in the terrible shooting in Thousand Oaks," Archbishop Benjamin continued. "Not only is this a considerable evil, it also appears to reflect the unseen mental wounds that exist in so many of our veterans who have seen and experienced the tragedy of war. May God give the departed rest and protect us all.

"This Sunday's Gospel is the Parable of the Good Samaritan where Christ calls us to care for our neighbors," he concluded. "Indeed, to paraphrase Saint Anthony the Great, salvation rests in our neighbor."

OTTAWA COUNTY HOLIDAY BUREAU- NOVEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTION

The month of November the food collection's & Special collection will be offered to the Holiday Bureau. Needed: Soap / hygiene products, toiletry items / paper products / cleaning items / non-perishable foods / money. Our Distribution Center will be St. Mary's Byzantine Church. We will collect all month at our church & will bring it to St Mary's the Monday after Thanksgiving.

If anyone is interested in helping out please contact:
Judy Smolk (Chair) 419-732-2333
Linda Twarek: 419-798-4811
Mimi Turinsky 419-798-5057
Elaine Roth: 419-376-1031

If you plan to help out please let me know as well.
Fr. Andrew

November

	Cleaners	Readers	Social
4	Ron & Bobbie	Wayne	Open
11	David & Roddie	Ron	Laura
18	Stephanie K	Tim	Open
25	Fred & Terri	Natalie	Open

NOVEMBER Reposed List

Michael Guzy (1927) <i>No date given</i>	6- William Rentz (2018)	19- Evelyn Biecheler (2002)
Mary Lou Hobson (2015) <i>No date given</i>	6- Joseph Guzy (1974)	19- Fr. John Dolhy (2006)
1-Peter Felenchak (1974)	8- Ann G Stretchberry (2003)	21- Ann S. Ratica (1991)
2- Donald Sennich (1994)	8- Anne Catherine Glovinsky (2004)	22- Joann Carender <i>No year provided</i>
3- Marian Glovinsky (2001)	9- Ann Golob <i>No year recorded</i>	23- George Michael Elchisco (2016)
5- Margaret Pietropolo (2009)	11- Dorothy Bartek (2005)	28- Anna Grabonsky (1972)
	18- Archpriest George Timko (2000)	29-Alexander Mazur (2003)
	Former Pastor	

Holy, All-Praised Apostle Philip

Commemorated on [November 14](#)

The Holy and All-praised Apostle Philip was a native of the city of Bethsaida in Galilee. He had a profound depth of knowledge of the Holy Scripture, and rightly discerning the meaning of the Old Testament prophecies, he awaited the coming of the Messiah. Through the call of the Savior (John 1:43), Philip followed Him. The Apostle Philip is spoken about several times in the Holy Gospel: he brought to Christ the Apostle Nathaniel (i.e. Bartholomew, April 22, June 30, and August 25. See John. 1:46). The Lord asks him where to buy bread for five thousand men (John. 6: 5-7). He brought certain of the Hellenized Jews wanting to see Jesus (John. 12:21-22); and finally, at the Last Supper he asked Christ to show them the Father (John. 14:8).

After the Ascension of the Lord, the Apostle Philip preached the Word of God in Galilee, accompanying his preaching with miracles. Thus, he restored to life a dead infant in the arms of its mother. From Galilee he went to Greece, and preached among the Jews that had settled there. Some of them reported the preaching of the Apostle to Jerusalem. In response, some scribes arrived in Greece from Jerusalem, with one of the Jewish chief priests at their head, to interrogate the Apostle Philip.

The Apostle Philip exposed the lie of the chief priest, who said that the disciples of Christ had stolen away and hidden the body of Christ. Philip told instead how the Pharisees had bribed the soldiers on watch, to deliberately spread this rumor. When the Jewish chief priest and his companions began to insult the Lord and lunged at the Apostle Philip, they suddenly were struck blind. By his prayer the Apostle restored everyone's sight. Seeing this miracle, many believed in Christ. The Apostle Philip provided a bishop for them, by the name of Narcissus (one of the Seventy Apostles, January 4).

From Greece the Apostle Philip went to Parthia, and then to the city of Azotus, where he healed an eye affliction of the daughter of a local resident named Nikoklides, who had received him into his home, and then baptized his whole family.

From Azotus the Apostle Philip set out to Syrian Hieropolis (there were several cities of this name) where, stirred up by the Pharisees, the Jews burned the house of Heros, who had taken in the Apostle Philip, and they wanted to kill the apostle. The apostle performed several miracles: the healing of the hand of the city official Aristarchus, withered when he attempted to strike the apostle; and restoring a dead child to life. When they saw these marvels, they repented and many accepted holy Baptism. After making Heros the bishop at Hieropolis, the Apostle Philip went on to Syria, Asia Minor, Lydia, Emessa, and

everywhere preaching the Gospel and undergoing sufferings. Both he and his sister Mariamne (February 17) were pelted with stones, locked up in prison, and thrown out of villages.

Then the Apostle Philip arrived in the city of Phrygian Hieropolis, where there were many pagan temples. There was also a pagan temple where people worshiped an enormous serpent as a god. The Apostle Philip by the power of prayer killed the serpent and healed many bitten by snakes.

Among those healed was the wife of the city prefect, Amphipatos. Having learned that his wife had accepted Christianity, the prefect Amphipatos gave orders to arrest Saint Philip, his sister, and the Apostle Bartholomew traveling with them. At the urging of the pagan priests of the temple of the serpent, Amphipatos ordered the holy Apostles Philip and Bartholomew to be crucified.

Suddenly, an earthquake struck, and it knocked down all those present at the place of judgment. Hanging upon the cross by the pagan temple of the serpent, the Apostle Philip prayed for those who had crucified him, asking God to save them from the ravages of the earthquake. Seeing this happen, the people believed in Christ and began to demand that the apostles be taken down from the crosses. The Apostle Bartholomew was still alive when he was taken down, and he baptized all those believing and established a bishop for them.

But the Apostle Philip, through whose prayers everyone remained alive, except for Amphipatos and the pagan priests, died on the cross.

Mariamne his sister buried his body, and went with the Apostle Bartholomew to preach in Armenia, where the Apostle Bartholomew was crucified (June 11); Mariamne herself then preached until her own death at Lykaonia.

The holy Apostle Philip is not to be confused with Saint Philip the Deacon (October 11), one of the Seventy.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If anyone is interested in helping to offset the cost of the Christmas Flowers and have your loved ones remembered during the Christmas Liturgy, please see Fr. Andrew. You may remember your loved ones in health or memory. The price will be \$15 a flower.

PAN-ORTHODOX NATIVITY CONCERT

When: Sunday, December 9

Where: St. Paul Greek Orthodox Church-Cleveland

More Info to come!

**THE CHRISTMAS FAST BEGINS
A PRAYER**

Let us rejoice! Let us celebrate with songs! The revelation of Christ is made manifest: the preaching's of the prophets have received their fulfilment. For Christ of whom they spoke, foretelling His appearance in the flesh, is to be born in a holy cave and to be placed as a babe in a manger. With uprightness of mind let us lift up a joyful prayer, celebrating the coming of the Lord. O Christ, our God, glory to You! Adapted Vesper Hymn (Forefeast of the Birth of Christ)

THE COMING OF THE LORD

For forty days the Church seeks to prepare us for the true meaning of Christmas. Most of us need time to prepare for special events. It takes time to plan for a trip, a vacation, for entering college, for a baptism or a wedding. We need time to anticipate, to prepare for the practical aspects, to think about their significance for us. With adequate preparation we enjoy these events much more.

During the liturgical year the church has several periods of preparation prior to great Feastdays. The first such period began on November 15, the Christmas Fast also known as the Nativity Fast, Philips Fast & in some churches Advent. How will you prepare for Christmas this year?

SOME PRACTICAL ADVICE

As part of your preparation for Christmas resolve to give closer attention to the Word of God by reading, for example, one chapter a day from the Gospels for the next forty days. You might read the Gospels of Mark & Luke which together have forty chapters. Getting to know more about the life of Christ will make you appreciate more deeply the significance of His coming which we celebrate on Christmas. In your daily prayers include thanksgiving for the Lord's coming, invite Him to be at the center of your life and let your heart leap for joy as you meditate on God's gift of His Son to the world. (Taken from the Year of the Lord Liturgical Bible Studies Vol. 2)

**PATRONAL FEAST DAY AT SISTER
PARISHES**

Wednesday, December 5
St Nicholas Orthodox Church
Mogodare
Divine Liturgy: 9am / Meal following Liturgy
Please contact Fr. Andrew if you are interested in attending.

**GIFTS AND GRATITUDE
A PRAYER**

Our heavenly Father, You have gladdened our hearts with all the things You have created for us. We thank You for all Your rich blessings, and especially for sending forth to us the heavenly Bread, food for the whole world, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Who became poor so that we might become rich. We also thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit. You are the source of all sustenance and Your name is glorified, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

THE RICH FOOL

The parable of the rich fool is the designated Gospel lesson for the ninth Sunday of Luke which usually occurs around the time of Thanksgiving. The double theme here is wealth and Thanksgiving.

A wealthy person is often regarded as successful. In the parable of the rich fool Jesus paints with bold strokes a picture of an apparently successful man whose only problem seemed to be the abundance of his wealth. What person in any age would not be considered successful if his or her only worry was what to do with the profits?

But Jesus did not call the rich man successful. He called him a fool instead. A fool is someone who blinds himself or herself to a fundamental truth, a person who by self-deception commits an enormous blunder. Greed led this man to make a big mistake about life.

A PRAYER

Lord our God, we praise you, we bless you, and we give thanks to You. Look upon us with love and forgiveness as we bow our heads in prayer. Bless all of us and all Your people according to the special need of each—those who labor, those who travel, those who are sick and those who are in prison. Make us worthy to come before you with thankful hearts to worship, praise and glorify Your name, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

**MARBLEHEAD POLICE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING**

Friday, November 23 at James Park at 7:00pm

Free bike raffle / Gifts / Cookies / Hot Chocolate
Tree Lighting and a special visit from Santa (Fr. Andrew)