



Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector

Sunday, December 2, 2018
Gospel: St. Luke 18:18-27

Tone 2
Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

27th Sunday After Pentecost
Prophet Habbakuk / Martyr Myrope

December Bulletin Sponsor: Joe & Valerie Schutt
Christmas Greetings to Fr. Andrew & all the parishioners

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, December 2

9:05 am: Third & Sixth Hours followed by D.L. / Panachida for George, George Michael & helen / *THERE IS NO SOCIAL PLANNED @ THE CHURCH FOR THIS DAY / THE COLLECTION & BILLS TO BE DONE @ RECTORY BASEMENT*

11:45 am: There will be Woman's Club Luncheon followed by discussion of book given for Advent @ Bobbie's home. Please let her know so she can prepare properly.

Monday, December 3

6:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class

Wednesday, December 5

6:30 pm: Vespers for Feast of St Nicholas

Thursday, December 6

9:00 am: Hierarchical D.L. in Mogadore

Saturday, December 8

4:00 pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, December 9

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

4:00 pm: Annual Inter-Orthodox Nativity Concert
St Paul Greek- North Royalton

4:00 pm: Stories of the Savior by the youth of St Joe's Catholic Church in Marblehead

Holy Assumption Sisterhood

The Sisterhood will meet for a discussion/lunch Sunday Dec. 2 after Divine Liturgy. Since the basement stairwell will be refurbished at that time, it will be at the home of Bobbie Royhab, 148 Cottage Cove Dr. (located 1½ miles east of the church, at right off Rt. 163).

We will talk about *The Faith We Hold* by Archbishop Paul of Finland which Father Andrew recommended that we read during Advent. If you haven't received the book there are extra copies at the bookstore, available at no cost.

For the discussion, please mark sentences and/or paragraphs in the book that are of interest to you.

Did you find an answer to a question that you have had? Is there something new that you never heard of before and would like to discuss? Is there something that you feel should be emphasized more than it has?

The book is divided into three parts—Faith, the Eucharist, and Prayer. Subtitles under each part make it easy to locate and read about specific subjects.

Officers elected at the October meeting are: President, Bobbie Royhab; Vice-President, Rachel Adamcio; Secretary, Teri Cassell; Treasurer, Sonja Rose. Sandy Martin is Sunshine Chair. There is a short meeting agenda.

Christmas 2018 Catalog in Bookstore

Ancient Faith Store's Christmas 2018 catalogue is available to look at in the bookstore. If you want to place an order, contact us or leave a note at bookstore, with following information: item; order number; number of that item wanted; page it appears on in catalog; your name. Cost is almost always less than that listed in catalog, as Holy Assumption has an account with Ancient Faith Store and receives discounted prices (plus shipping). If you wish to look at catalog online, website is store.ancientfaith.com. We will place the Christmas order on Dec. 3.—Ron & Bobbie Royhab (419-240-4560; robertaroyhab@outlook.com)

DECEMBER

| | Cleaners | Readers | Social |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 2 | Laura | Wayne | <i>NO SOCIAL</i> |
| 9 | Joe & Sonya | Wayne | Stephanie K |
| 16 | Sandy | Tim | Rachel A |
| 23 | Wayne | Natalie | Jean H |
| 30 | Matthew A. | Ron | OPEN |

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Prayer List (Updated December 1)

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*); John Richard Elcishko; Debbie Garnek (*sister of Roddie*); Michael Glovinsky (*Nephew to Basil*); 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; Tom Hileman (*Jean's husband*) 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*); Peter Truta (*cousin of Jean H.*) Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; Larry Twarek (*Greg's T. uncle*); Kristen (*Daughter of the Cassell's*); Eleanor W; Sarah & her newborn baby Madelyn (*Laura's daughter*); Lauren Jerome & her unborn baby (*Daughter of Jean H.*);

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*); Katie & her unborn baby (*manager at Bruno's*)

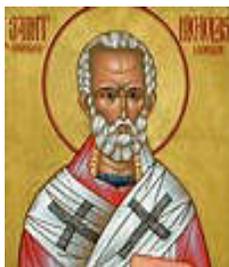
Military: Craig Cassell; Nathan Brown

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

PRAYER

St. Nicholas is a classic example of the Christian faith. He was an ordinary person who became a vehicle of God's grace, an instrument of God's love in the world. His concern was not to make himself happy but to make others happy.



By virtue of faith, baptism and the gift of the Spirit, each Christian is a saint. Each of us is called, like St Nicholas, to rise above the routine of life and to be God's ambassadors—loving, giving, helping and serving others.

Ephesians 6:10-17 (Epistle)

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

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)

Sunday, November 18

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 20 (17 members; 1 child; 2 non-member regular; 15 Communicants; 11 attended Vespers)

TOTAL INCOME: \$2,197 (\$1,977 Sunday Offering; \$220 Special Collection- Holiday Bureau)

Thursday, November n 21- Feast of Mary in Temple

9 attended Vespers; 8 attended Liturgy

Sunday, November 25

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 25 (19 members; 1 non-member reg. 5 children; 17 received communion; ? Attended Vespers)

TOTAL INCOME: \$1,018 (\$680 Sunday offering; \$158 in candles; \$150 in Holiday Bureau; \$30 in Christmas Flowers)

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

Dec. 9: Shooting victims in Pittsburgh

Dec. 16: William Rentz, Archpriest Joseph Martin Mat. Susan Blomquist, Dc. Paul Hilko, Shooting victims in Nightclub in Ca including the deputy

Dec. 23: Protodeacon Dennis & Mat. Helen Lucak

Dec. 30: Firefighter Dan / Chicago Hospital Shooting, infant killed by drive by in Toledo

Jan. 6: Janet Elchisko

CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard a half hour before & after Vespers.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FUN NIGHT IN 2019

Faith & Family night at the Toledo Walleye on Sunday, February 10

- *Sit together as a group
 - *Exclusive ticket discount
 - *Church name on the video board
 - *Sing the National Anthem
 - *Have one member ride the Zamboni
 - *Group picture with Spike & Cat Trick
- There are pre-game party spaces available!



**MARK
YOUR CALENDAR!**

Hanging of the Greens:

Christmas decorating is set for Saturday, December 1st at 2:00 p.m. Followed by Vespers. Please plan to help & then to attend Vespers during this time of preparation for the Nativity of our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Night Supper:

Saturday evening, January 5, 2019. More info to come.

Blessing of Lake Erie:

Saturday, January 12th (weather date: January 26th) at Noon. (This is a Village of Marblehead event & their Board is very excited about it.) Fliers will be posted. A "soup & sandwich" lunch will be served at the Church following the blessing.

March for Life, Port Clinton:

Sunday, January 20th. Watch for further details.

Annual Meeting:

Sunday, January 27th following Divine Liturgy. There will be a pot luck social.

Interested in being part of the leadership of the parish? Please speak to Fr. Andrew ASAP. Currently, no Board member is at the end of their term, but others can run for office if they are interested with the blessing from Fr. Andrew. If anyone is interested in helping out in any way please see Father, as well.

D E C E M B E R

| BIRTHDAY | | ANNIVERSARY |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 1-Ileana Bruner | 11- Tina Rindfleisch, | 12-5-2004: Archbishop Mark of Philadelphia |
| 4- Steven Calzone | Emmelyn Monschein | 12-19-1971: Retired Bishop Seraphim of Sendai |
| 5- Mat. Laryissa Bremer | 13- Gabe Mazurik | 21- Ed & Irene Vangeloff |
| 8- Joe Rose | 23- Teri Cassell | 12-27-2014: Bishop Paul of Chicago |
| 9- Pauline Meath | 25- Darlene Mazurik | 31- Fred & Christi Soski |
| 9- Angie Dardovsky | 28- Carol Mazurik | |

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.

CANDLES / BULLETIN SPONSORS OFFERED FOR DECEMBER

Bulletin Sponsor: Joe & Valerie Schutt: Christmas Greetings to Fr. Andrew & all the parishioners (\$50 for month)

Chandelier: Ron & Bobbie: in memory of the Royhab & Libb Family members (\$50 for month)

Altar Candles: OPEN (\$50 for month)

Candles on the Tomb: Mike & Diane Tyron In loving memory of Parents (\$25 for month)

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25 for month) **Jean Hileman** In memory of Father, William on the 15th anniversary of repose

VIGILS 11/25/18

Marguerite Bird (2) Special Intentions

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

David and Roddie Mazurik (4) special intention

Twarek family (6) Safe travel for family and friends, Health and recovery of Heidi, Health of Todd, Alisha and newborn Evelyn, Steve, John, Stella, Diane, Mike, Greg, Julia, Ron, Gage, Judy, Margi, Joe, Nancy, Sue, Morgan, Jake, Helen, Ruthe, Janice, Special intention, Special intention, Special intention, Special intention

CANDLES / BULLETIN SPONSORS OFFERED FOR JANUARY

Bulletin Sponsor: Fr. Andrew: in memory of his father George (\$50 for month)

Chandelier: (\$50 for month)

Altar Candles: (\$50 for month)

Candles on Tomb: (\$25 for month)

Eternal Light: (\$25 for month)

PRAYER BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Illumine our hearts, O merciful Master, with the pure light of Your knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may understand Your Gospel teachings. Set in us a holy awe for Your commandments so that trampling down worldly desires we may live a spiritual way of life both willing and doing everything pleasing in Your sight. For You are the light of our souls and bodies, Christ our God, and to You we give glory, together with Your eternal Father and Your life giving Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

D E C E M B E R Reposed List

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| 1-Helen Elchisco (1990) | 20- Julia Brosojah Millie (1953) | 26- Fr. Robert Sally (2002) |
| 3- Mary Hubicki (2013) | 20- John Mazuril (2017) | 26- Julia Malchisky (1971) |
| 12- Anna Bretz (2002) | 21- Mary Sennich (1985) | 29- Alexandra Dotsenko (1980) |
| 13- Joseph Mazurik (1986) | 22- Antonima Vecsey (1972) | 30- Bishop Boris (2000) |
| 13- Archimandrite Seraphim Oblivantseff (1954) Former Pastor | 23- Steven Danchisen (1982) | 30- Rita Felenchak (1996) |
| 15- Michael W. Belenky (1971) | 23- Fr. David Sedor (2008) | 31- Jevgeny Cernonok (1980) |
| 18- Archbishop Job (2009) | 24- Alexandra Turkul (1980) | Eva Hritsko (1908)-Dec |
| 19- Edward Malchisky (2001) | 24- John Bird <i>No year provided</i> | Helen Hritsko (1908)-Dec |

St. Theodosius Cathedral site of 42nd Annual Cleveland Landmark Christmas Concert December 23

The public is invited to attend the 42nd Annual Cleveland Landmark Christmas Concert in the historic Saint Theodosius Cathedral in the city's Tremont community at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 23, 2018.

Tours of the landmark cathedral will be available before the program, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Joining the Choir of Saint Theodosius Cathedral this year will be the Greater Cleveland Russian Male Chorus. The program will reflect the large repertoire of liturgical music from the Orthodox Christian Church.

A sing-along of popular carols will follow the formal program, after which guests will enjoy a post-concert reception. There is no charge to attend the concert.

For additional information please call 216-741-1310.

Pilgrimages to Holy Land, Russia announced for 2019

Faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest are invited to participate in pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Russia in 2019.

His Grace, Bishop Paul and Archpriest Andrew Harrison, retired Pastor of Saint Luke Church, Palos Hills, IL, will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from May 27 through June 5, 2019. Organized through [AMI Travel](#), the pilgrimage price of \$2,595.00 plus \$418.00 tax includes round trip air fare from Chicago to Tel Aviv, four star hotels, breakfast and dinner daily, comprehensive sight-seeing private tour guide and transportation, all entrance fees, boat trip, Saint Peter fish dinner, and visits to numerous historic churches and shrines. Comprehensive pilgrimage information and registration are [available online](#). Enquires may be directed to Father Andrew at 630-638-9462 or oandrey@aol.com.

From July 12 through July 26, 2019, Archpriest Nicholas Wyslutzky and the faithful of Saint Nicholas Church, Mogadore, OH will host a pilgrimage, "[The Best of Russia](#)". The unusually comprehensive itinerary includes a wealth of Church and historic sites in Moscow, Sergiev Posad, St. Petersburg, Pskov, Novgorod and Valaam. The pilgrimage price of \$3,100.00 includes all land transportation, most meals, comprehensive sight-seeing, entrance fees, and more; airfare between the US and Russia is not included. The pilgrimage is being organized through [Orthodox Tours](#).

Detailed information and registration are [available online](#). Enquiries may be directed to Father Nicholas at 330-628-1333 or frnick65@gmail.com.

SS. Peter and Paul Church, Lorian, OH continues 20-plus year Thanksgiving tradition

As part of their Thanksgiving celebration, the faithful of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Lorain, OH continued their 20-plus year tradition of delivering turkeys, hams and other Thanksgiving goodies, along with knitted hats, gloves and socks, to Cleveland's Saint Herman's House of Hospitality, a ministry of FOCUS North America.

"Founded in September 1977, Saint Herman's has ministered to the poor and homeless population in Ohio City for decades," said Priest Joseph McCartney, Saints Peter and Paul Rector. "In the past year, over 73,000 hot meals were served at Saint Herman's — one of the only shelters in Ohio, and in the nation, that serves three hot meals a day, seven days a week, every day of the year. Additionally, the last five working days of every month, grocery bags are provided for women with dependent children. As a matter of course, as many as 800 bags of groceries will be distributed to over 250 families. As part of their hospitality outreach, Saint Herman's makes available emergency food, bread, and pastries whenever needed."

Father Joseph added that this year, Saints Peter and Paul parish delivered a record 165 turkeys, ten hams, a few hundred pounds of canned goods and clothing items to Saint Herman's in thanksgiving to our Lord for His many blessings.

[Saint Herman's House of Hospitality](#) is located at: 4410 Franklin Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44113.

Luke 18:18-27 (Gospel)

Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'" And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Dealing with Death and Your Children

Last week, the Diocese of the Midwest had to deal with the sad and tragic repose of one of our Protodeacons and his Matushka. They were found murdered in their home last Sunday, November 11. What do we do when something like this happens? For that matter, what do we do when our children have to deal with a tragic death of a friend, whether it be an untimely death due to cancer, a drug overdose, or even suicide?

One thought that comes to mind is that we don't have to pretend that we have all the answers. Don't give your child canned answers that are meant to appease him or her. Be vulnerable with your child and let him or her know you struggle at times with the same things. I think what is important here is to listen to your child and let him or her speak about his or her concerns. Don't be quick to criticize if he or she complains about God and the Church and questions why these things happen. Affirm to your child that when someone dies due to such things as suicide and drug abuse, his or her soul is committed to the mercy of God and that we leave any judgment to Him and not our own sense of heaven or hell.

But such occurrences also offer an opportunity to speak about the one reality the Orthodox Faith does offer. We know that by His death on the Cross and His resurrection from the dead on the third day, Jesus Christ tramples down death by His death. By sin, death came into the world, as Saint Paul says in Romans. The death we are talking about here is not necessarily biological death. Sin as a reality brings death into the world in that it separates us from communion with our Creator; to be separated from God is death, even if we continue to live physically. To live in the world for the sake of the world itself — that is, to make the world the source of life — not only leads to physical death, but more importantly to spiritual death and separation from God.

We should be upset and grieve at death because God did not create us to die. He created us to enjoy an unending life of communion with Him. So tell your children that death, no matter how tragic it may be, offers an opportunity to find life in Christ. Take your children to the funeral services in the Orthodox Church when a fellow parishioner passes away. Don't shield them from death. Help your children see death in the light of Christ as a passage to the day that never ends.

"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain" [1 Corinthians 15:14].

The blessing of the Lord be upon you.
The unworthy +Paul

The Family Prayer Rule" — A Starting Point

I would like to offer the following as a possible "Family Prayer Rule" for daily use. It is a simple outline, as a prayer rule is similar to an accordion — one may keep it short and condensed, or one may add more by stretching it out. In any instance, it is better to be consistent than to shoot for what one cannot reach. Each family should discern what is or is not possible, given its schedule. And please discuss this with your parish priest before implementation.

Morning Prayers. (This may be harder to arrange given individual and family schedules, but I offer it nonetheless.)

Begin with "Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers...."

- *Trisagion Prayers, the Lord's Prayer*
- *Morning Prayer to the Holy Trinity*
- *Morning Prayer by St. Basil the Great*
- *If there is time, family members may offer intercessions for the living and faithful departed*
- *Conclude with "Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers..."*

If this can't be done as a family in the morning, perhaps it would work better individually.

Evening Prayers. (This should be easier to do as a family)

Begin with "Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers..."

- *Trisagion Prayers, the Lord's Prayer*
- *Penitential Troparia, "Have mercy on us...Glory...Lord have mercy on us...Now and ever...Open the gates..."*
- *Evening prayer for forgiveness of sins; "O Lord our God, in Your goodness and love..."*
- *Ask forgiveness of one another*
- *Conclude with, "Through the prayers of our Holy Fathers..."*

All of the above and more can be found in the Ancient Faith pamphlet titled "Building a Habit of Prayer," available online at <https://orthodoxchristianebooks.com/building-a-habit-of-prayer/>.

And don't forget — a prayer rule is like an accordion. The blessing of the Lord be upon you.

With love in Christ,
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