

*Christ Is Born!
Glorify Him!*



*Christos Razdajetsjet!
Slavite Jeho!*



Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector



Sunday, December 30, 2018

Gospel: St. Matthew 2:13-23

Tone 6

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ

Sunday after Nativity / Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord.

December Bulletin Sponsor: Joe & Valerie Schutt

Christmas Greetings to Fr. Andrew & all the parishioners

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, December 30

9:05 am: Third & Sixth Hours followed by Divine Liturgy & Social

Monday, December 31

1:00 pm: Molebian of Thanksgiving followed by Akathist to the "Glory to God for all things"

Tuesday, January 1

10:00 am: Divine Liturgy Of St Basil

Friday, January 4

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy for George Bartek followed by Royal Hours for Theophany

Saturday, January 5

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy of St John followed by Vespers

4:00 pm: Holy Night Supper followed by Vigil

Sunday, January 6

9:05 am: 3rd & 6th Hours followed by D.L. Of St Basil & the Great Blessing of water / Social

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: Basil: In loving memory of all his brother and sisters (*\$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

CANDLES / BULLETIN SPONSORS OFFERED FOR JANUARY

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

Chandelier: Susan Guzy-In memory of departed Guzy & Felenchak Family members(*\$50 for month*)

Altar Candles: Ruth Flewelling: In memory of her husband Harry and all deceased members of the Monak & milly families (*\$50 for month*)

Candles on Tomb: (*\$25 for month*)

Eternal Light: (*\$25 for month*)

VIGILS- DECEMBER 23

Marguerite Bird (2) Special intentions

Susan Guzy (3) For health of mom; In loving memory of Aunt Mary, Veshnaya Pamyat; Special intention

Laura Kovach (3) For health of Joe, Margi, Greg, Stella, Jim, Dana, Jessica, Becky, Jim; Safe travel for family and friends; In memory of departed members of Kovach, Mazur and Polansky families

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

David and Roddie Mazurik (4) Special intention

Janice Timko (3) In blessed and loving memory of my precious parents Sophia and Peter Monak, grandparents Baba Julia, Zedo Andrew Millie and family, "brother"-in-law Harry Flewelling and husband Phil Timko Vechnaya Pamyat"; Christmas blessing to my family Ruthe, Dorothy, Lew and family, Philip (Andy), Rebecca and grandchildren. "Mnohaya Leta!"; Christmas blessings and good health to the Bill Glovinsky Family and the Greg Twarek Family "Mnohaya Leta!"

Twarek family(6) Birthday Blessings to Sean(12/23); Birthday blessing to

Darlene(12/25) Safe travel for family and friends; Health of Todd, Alisha and Evelyn, Heidi, 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

Prayer List (Updated December 21)

Priests: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; His Grace Bishop Athanasiua Akunda (Diocese of Western Kenya); 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*); Kristi Clabaugh (*Andy'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 abegger (*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; Greg Mazur; Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Larry Naiser (*Ron's Uncle*); Joe Rose; 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*); Nikki and her unborn baby; Brianna and her unborn baby (*Trudy'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*); Elliott Joy (*Police chief's son*); 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

Church basement cleaning helpers needed

Volunteers are needed to help clean the church basement in preparation for events planned for early January--the Holy Supper on Jan. 5 and the lunch following the Blessing of Lake Erie on Jan. 12.

I KNOW IT IS A VERY BUSY TIME OF THE YEAR, but please consider spending some time in the hall cleaning and rearranging things.

There is a long list of tasks that need to be done. It is posted on the hall bulletin board and I have highlighted items that I think have priority. Please cross them out as they are completed.

Thanks everyone!
--Bobbie Royhab for the Holy Assumption Sisterhood

CHRISTMAS DAY VIGILS

Twarek- 2: Christmas blessings to our family and friends. In Loving memory of our parents, grandparents, godparents and all departed family and friends

Chandelier: Ruth Flewelling: In loving memory of dearly beloved husband, Harry. Sadly missed. Memory Eternal!

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

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

Jan. 6: Janet Elchisko

Jan. 13: The Marines killed in plane collision off the coast of Japan

Feb. 3: Indonesian Tsunami Victims

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE: DECEMBER

Sunday, December 2:

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 30 (24 members; 1 non-member regular; 3 children; 2 guests; 11 Communicants; 7 Attended Vespers)

TOTAL INCOME: \$1,150 (\$1,000 Sunday offering; \$150 Special Collection: Holiday Bureau; \$63 in Vigils & \$15 in Candles)

Wednesday, December 5

15 people attended Vespers for Feast of St Nicholas

Sunday, December 9

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 23 (19 members; 2 children; 2 guest; 11 Communicants; 8 Attended Vespers)

TOTAL INCOME: \$7,639 (\$2,129 Sunday offering; \$5,000 Anonymous donation; Flowers \$105; Bookstore \$140; Vigils \$120; Candles \$35; Chandelier \$50; Altar candles \$50; Lampada \$10)

Sunday, December 16

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 25 (19 members; 1 non member regular; 5 children; 16 Communicants; 9 Attended Vespers)

TOTAL INCOME: \$1,287.39 (\$868 Sunday offering ; \$50 Special Collection Hospice; \$74.39 Bookstore; \$195 Christmas Flowers; \$60 vigils; \$20 candles)

Friday, December 21- Royal Hours

8 people

Sunday, December 23

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 37 (21 members; 1 non-member regular; 5 children; 10 guests; 26 Communicants; 12 Attended Vespers)

TOTAL INCOME: \$2,483.52 (\$1,027 Sunday Offering; \$128 Special Collection (Hospice); Festival: \$1,066.52; Christmas Flowers \$30; Vigils: \$105; Candles \$27; Altar Candles for January \$40; Chandelier \$60)

Tuesday, December 25

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 45(28 members; 1 non-member regular; 7 children; 9 guests; 24 Communicants; 28 attended Vigil on Christmas Eve)

TOTAL INCOME: \$972 (\$922 in collections; \$50 in Special Collections (Hospice))

“Why Can’t Church Be More Fun” topic of December 30 live stream meeting with Bishop Paul

“Why Can’t Church Be More Fun” will be the topic of an interactive live stream video meeting with His Grace, Bishop Paul of Chicago and the Midwest at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 30, 2018.

Originally scheduled to air on November 18 but postponed due to a scheduling conflict, the live stream will be hosted by the [Midwest Diocese Centre for Family Life](#). It offers an exciting opportunity for parents, grandparents, godparents, teachers and others to pose their questions “live” to Bishop Paul. [Videos of previous live streamed meetings](#), in which Bishop Paul address such topics as “Teen Realities: Relationships,” “Who Teaches Our Children” and “Orthodox Living For Busy Families,” are available for viewing online.

To register for the event, [subscribe to the Midwest Family website online](#). An email with connection information will be sent prior to the event.

Holy Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, along with David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord

Commemorated on [December 30](#)

Saint Joseph the Betrothed was of the lineage of King David. In his first marriage, he had four sons and two daughters. After he became a widower, Saint Joseph led a life of strict temperance. He was chosen to be the husband and guardian of the Most Holy Theotokos, who had taken a vow of virginity.

An angel told him of the Incarnation of the Son of God through her. Saint Joseph was present when the shepherds and the Magi worshiped the new-born divine Infant. On the orders of the angel, he fled into Egypt with the Mother of God and the Infant Jesus, saving them from the wrath of King Herod. He lived in Egypt with the Virgin Mary and the divine Child, working as a carpenter. Saint Joseph reputedly died at the age of one hundred.

Saint Joseph is commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity. If there is no Sunday between December 25 and January 1, his Feast is moved to December 26. The Righteous Joseph is also commemorated on the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers.

D E C E M B E R

BIRTHDAY		ANNIVERSARY
1-Ileana Bruner	11- Tina Rindfleisch, Emmelyn Monschein	12-5-2004: Archbishop Mark of Philadelphia
4- Steven Calzone		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.



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.

Faith & Family Night at the Toledo Walleye:

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!



D E C E M B E R Reposed List

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 Oblivant-seff (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

Metropolitan Tikhon presides at festal Liturgy at NYC's St. Nicholas Cathedral

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon presided at the Divine Liturgy marking the patronal feast of New York City's historic [Saint Nicholas Patriarchal Cathedral](#) on Wednesday, December 19, 2018.

Concelebrating with Metropolitan Tikhon was Interim Administrator of the Patriarchal Parishes in the United States of America, [His Grace, Bishop Matthew of Sourozh](#).

At the conclusion of the Molieben in honor of Saint Nicholas of Myra that followed the Divine Liturgy, Bishop Matthew warmly greeted Metropolitan Tikhon, thanking him for his presence and presenting him with a jade prayer rope in commemoration of his visit.

"I greet you on this the feast of Saint Nicholas, the altar feast of this great cathedral," Metropolitan Tikhon said in response. "It is a great blessing for me to be able to be with you here today, especially since it was my predecessor and patron, [Saint Tikhon of Moscow](#), who consecrated this cathedral.

"I am also grateful to receive the blessing of His Holiness, Patriarch Kirill, a great friend of the Church here in North America, and the one who represents that ancient church which recognized the need for salvation and pastoral care here in North America and eventually [granted the Orthodox Church in America its autocephaly](#)," Metropolitan Tikhon added. "By his prayers and gift of love for us, we have been able to gather here together with Your Grace, and participate in this beautiful gift of prayer and worship to God which unites all of us in Christ no matter if we are in Russia, Great Britain or America."

A lenten luncheon followed in the cathedral refectory, during which Metropolitan Tikhon and Bishop Matthew discussed cooperation between the Orthodox Church in America and the Patriarchal Parishes in the USA and related matters of mutual interest.

[As reported earlier](#), Metropolitan Tikhon hosted Bishop Matthew at the OCA Chancery on November 19, 2018.

Other OCA clergy who concelebrated at the Liturgy included Archpriests Eric G. Tosi and John Behr and Archdeacon Joseph Matusiak. Clergy of the Patriarchal Parishes included Archpriests Nikolai Babitjchouk, Alexey Bocharnikov, Alexander Golubov, George Konyev, and Yaroslav Lutohkin; Abbot Nicodemus [Balyasnikov]; and Priest Rodion Shamazov. Archpriest Andrei Sommer, Senior Priest of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia's Synodal Cathedral of the Sign, New York, NY; Priest Dmitry Nedostupenko, Secretary of the

Diocese of Sourozh; and several deacons also concelebrated.

A photo gallery is also available on the OCA [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).



OCA represented at consecration of monastery in Czech Republic

With the blessing of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon and at the invitation of His Eminence, Archbishop Michael of Prague, Archpriest Daniel Andrejuk, the Orthodox Church in America's Representative to the Moscow Patriarchate and Dean of [Saint Catherine Church](#), Moscow, represented the OCA at the consecration of the Monastery of Saints Vaclav [Wenceslaus] and Ludmila.

Located some 30 kilometers from Prague, the women's monastery was consecrated during the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, December 22, 2018. Presiding at the Liturgy and the Vigil celebrated the evening before was His Eminence, Metropolitan Agapit of Mohilev-Podolsk, Ukraine, together with local and visiting clergy. After the Divine Liturgy, Father Daniel greeted the hierarchs, clergy and faithful, including Abbess Valentina, on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon and presented an icon of Saint John of San Francisco and Saint Catherine to the monastery.

On Sunday, December 23, Father Daniel concelebrated the Divine Liturgy with Metropolitan Agapit in Prague's Church of the Great Martyr Catherine, which ministers to the spiritual needs of Ukrainians who in recent years have settled in Prague and the surrounding region.

"It's interesting to note that Archbishop Michael has opened eight new parishes in Prague in the last four years, which minister to the spiritual needs of different ethnic groups that have moved to Prague," explained Father Daniel. "There are many Ukrainians, Romanians, and Greeks that have their own parishes with their traditions and usually a priest from their home countries, all of which are under the omophorion of Archbishop Michael of Prague."

Before his return to Moscow, Father Daniel concelebrated the Nativity Liturgy on Tuesday, December 25 at Prague's Cathedral of Saints Cyril and Methodius, after which he presented a panagia on behalf of Metropolitan Tikhon to Archbishop Michael as a token of gratitude for the good relationship enjoyed by the Church of the Czech Lands and the Orthodox Church in America.