

*Christ Is Baptized!
In the Jordan!*





Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector



Sunday, January 6, 2019
Gospel: St. Matthew 3:13-17

Tone 7
Epistle: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

32nd Sunday after Pentecost Theophany of Christ

January Bulletin Sponsor: Father Andrew
In Memory of George Bartek, his father

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, January 6

9:05 am: 3rd & 6th Hours followed by Divine Liturgy of St Basil & the Great Blessing of Water / Social

Monday, January 7

9:30 am: Feast Day Liturgy

Wednesday, January 9

10:30 am: Bistro 163
6:00 pm: Public Village Meeting

Friday, January 11

10:00 am: Respect Life Meeting

Saturday, January 12

Noon: First Annual Blessing of Lake Erie
No Vespers

Sunday, January 13

9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy
Social

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 & Millie & Timko families (\$50 for month)

Candles on Tomb: Julia Guzy: in memory of John, Julia, Rosalie, William Peter (\$25 for month)

Eternal Light: Joe & Valerie Schutt In memory of mother Violet on her 81st Birthday (\$25 for month)

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

Jan. 6: Janet Elchisko

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

Jan. 20: Terror attack victims from France / Police officer killed in Atlanta

Feb. 3: Indonesian Tsunami Victims / Police officer killed in CA

Feb. 10: His Grace, Bp. Athanasius (Akunda) / Matushka Marilyn Federoff / Hermenegildo Guerrero

VIGILS- DECEMBER 30

Marguerite Bird (1) Special intentions

Laura Kovach (3) Birthday blessing to Jim, For health of Joe, Margi, Becky, Mark, Jim, Dana, Jessica, David; Safe travel for family and friends

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Darlene Mazurik (1) Special intention

Twarek Family(5) Health & recovery of Betty Warren (Amber's grandma); Health of Todd, Alisha and Evelyn, Steve, Stella, Diane, Mike, Greg, Julia, Ron, Gage, Jake, Judy, Margi, Joe, Nancy, Sue, Morgan, Helen, Ruthe, Janice; Special intention; Special intention; Special intention

DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - JANUARY

Suggested donation of Tuna (and other non-perishable goods) will be collected through January 13.

January donations will be delivered to the food pantry Thursday January 17.



JANUARY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION

The Marblehead Police Department

Please be generous!

Prayer List (Updated January 3)

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*); 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 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; 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 and throughout the world; those held captive throughout the world.

Matthew 3:13-17 (Gospel) - Theophany

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 (Epistle)

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of

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))

Sunday December 30:

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 22 (19 Adults; 2 children; 1 guest; 18 Communicants; 11 attended Vespers)

TOTAL INCOME: \$479 (\$372 Sunday offering; \$7 loose; \$20 special Collection (Hospice); \$50 Vigils; \$30 in candles)

Tuesday, December 31:

8 Attended the Molebian & Akathist

January

	Cleaners	Readers	Social
6	Marguerite Bird	Tim	<i>Open</i>
13	Tammy Blackford	Ron	<i>Open</i>
20	Fred & Teri	Wayne	<i>Open</i>
27	Basil & Tim	David	<i>Open</i>

Matushka Marilyn Federoff

Visitation and funeral services for Matushka Marilyn Federoff, 73, wife of the late [Priest Theodore Federoff](#), were held yesterday in Lorain.

Matushka Marilyn fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, December 31, 2018 at University Hospital Elyria Medical Center following chronic illnesses.

Born in Cleveland, OH to John and Mary [Clements] Petrinka on May 17, 1945, she graduated from Lincoln High School and Ohio Wesleyan University. She also earned a master's degree from Indiana University in Pennsylvania.

Matushka Marilyn and her late husband, Father Theodore, served parishes in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio before settling in Elyria, where she was employed as a program manager within the State of Ohio Department Rehabilitation and Correction system for 35 years. She retired from the Grafton Correctional Institute. She was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Lorain. In her youth, she enjoyed dancing, music and the arts. She was active in Church life, served as a choir director and was always the most helpful person inside and outside of work.

Matushka Marilyn was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Father Theodore, and her parents. Survivors include two sons, Dr. Theodore [Carol] Federoff, Williamsport, PA, and Jason [Pam] Federoff, Boerne, TX, and six grandchildren, Theodora "Thea", Keegan [Alexis], Alexander, Jason Jr., Logan and Isabella.

May Matushka Marilyn's memory be eternal!

JANUARY

Birthday / Anniversary		Namesday
7- Susan Guzy 7- Lueleta Dardovski 8- Barbara Mazurik 13- Mary Elizabeth Blackford 23- Susan Beskid 25- Frank Batura 30- Stephanie Warnke 31- Julie Dardovski	01-24-2015: Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa 01-26-1969 Fr. James Gleason, Anniversary to the Holy Priesthood	1-2: Retired Bishop Seraphim of Sendai

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.



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!



JANUARY Reposed List

4- Margaret Reavley (1965)	20- Joshua Zdinak (2016)	29- Anna Kravetz (1973)
4- George Bartek (1983)	21- Daniel Kowal (2006)	29- Marjorie Kowal (2003)
5- Maria Semionow (1981)	21- Philip Kobb (2018)	31- Edward Bartek (1983)
6- Helen Pender (2016)	22- Fr. John Stefanik (2000)	Andrew Matway (1906)- No date
11- Anna Tomko (1960)	23- Helen Beadle (1988)	William Gratson (1908)- No date
15- Archpriest Pavel Soucek (2009)	23- Fr. Michael Sopoliga (2009)	Eva Hritsko (1908)- No date
Former Pastor		Sara Rose (2005) No date

Emotions and the Litany of “Fervent” Supplication

During Vespers, Matins, and the Divine Liturgy, we pray the Litany of Fervent Supplication, also called the Augmented Litany. The main feature of this Litany calls upon us to pray for the particular needs of the local church community. We respond to these petitions by singing “Lord have mercy” three times. This Litany is done usually after the Gospel Reading and Sermon at the Liturgy, after the Evening Prokeimenon at Great Vespers, and at the end of Matins, after the Great Doxology. The fact that we call this Litany “fervent” does not imply that the priest or deacon breaks down in tears when they chant this litany, nor does it indicate the presence of any other kind of visible emotional reactions. So why do we call it “fervent?” What is fervency in prayer?

Webster’s Dictionary defines fervent as “*exhibiting or marked by great intensity of feeling, zealous.*” By this definition it would seem that fervent prayer could be emotional and full of feeling. So we shouldn’t feel bad if we do experience emotions as prayers are offered. But whether our prayers are effective or not have nothing to do with how emotional we are. Are they offered **in faith** with the expectation that God will act on our petitions in accordance with His will? To me, fervent prayer means we continue to offer our prayers whether we feel like it or not.

When I think of the many meals I have taken, I know I have enjoyed more meals than others. But I cannot say, “Oh, that Thanksgiving meal I had in 1992 made me feel so great” or “the dinner I had in Chicago’s Greek Town four months ago was a real winner.” Meals are important for our health and well-being. We eat those meals whether we enjoyed one more than the other. As with meals, so it is with the prayers we offer. We don’t need to deny our emotions, but they are not indicators of our spiritual health.

I raised a question a few weeks ago on how Sesame Street culture has impacted our learning. Is the goal to learn, or do we focus on how we learn as being more important? In other words, if learning isn’t fun, why bother learning? If the answer to this question is yes, then we need to wean ourselves from this habit. This is why church can’t be — nor should be — fun.
Christ is born!

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

THE GREAT BLESSING OF WATERS

As a great feast, Theophany includes a whole cycle of liturgical services. On the Forefeast of Theophany (January 5), we read according to tradition the Great Hours, a prayer service consisting of many hymns, psalms and other readings from the Old and New Testaments. After the Great Hours, the Great Vespers of Theophany combined with the Liturgy of St. Basil is celebrated. All these services are then crowned with a special rite of Blessing of the Waters, a rite which is repeated on the Feast of Theophany following Matins and the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

The Blessing of the Waters on the Forefeast of Theophany is sometimes called the Small Blessing of the waters and on the Feast of Theophany it is called the Great Blessing of the Waters. Both are exactly the same., However, and have the same value. It is done twice probably because of the great throngs of people who traditionally came to receive holy water. A sign of sanctification by God’s grace, the blessed water is sprinkled throughout the Church, on the congregation and on each Orthodox Christian individually. It may also be drunk. On the Feast of Theophany and on subsequent days all the faithful, their homes and often their fields, gardens and other possessions are traditionally sprinkled with holy water by the priest or head of the household while the Theophany Dismissal Hymn is sung: “When you, O Lord, Were Baptized in the Jordan”. Holy water in small bottles may also be kept in homes near the icons for drinking before breakfast or for blessing of persons or the home on the first day of each month or other special occasions.

The rite of the Blessing of Waters occurs on other occasions. Each Baptism includes the blessing of the water in the baptismal font. Also, a separate service of the Blessing of the Water may be celebrated at any time of the year on occasions such as groundbreaking for a new building, moving into a home or apartment, starting a project or a business, or to bless a farm, flock, boat and the like.

What does it mean to be sanctified by God’s grace through the visible sign of water? Part of the prayer of every Blessing of Water, including that of the sacrament of Baptism, expresses the meaning of sanctification through water as follows:

O King, who loves humanity, be present now as You were then (at the Jordan) through the coming of Your Holy Spirit and sanctify this water. (This is repeated three times as the priest makes the sign of the cross over the water.) And confer upon it the grace of redemption, the blessing of the Jordan. Make it a source of incorruption, a gift of sanctification, a forgiveness of sins, **Con’t Page 7**