

Martyr Hermylus of Belgrade

The Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus, Slavs by origin, lived at the beginning of the fourth century during a persecution against Christians by the emperor Licinius (311-324). Saint Hermylus served as deacon in the city of Singidunum (Belgrade). Condemned by Licinius to imprisonment, he was long and cruelly tortured for Christ, but he remained unyielding.

Hermylus mocked the pagan gods, calling them deaf, dumb, and blind idols. In anger Licinius ordered more severe torments for him, saying that he could avoid them if he would offer sacrifice. The holy martyr predicted that Licinius would suffer terrible wounds himself because he worshiped idols instead of the Creator. His words came true, for Licinius was killed in 324.

After three days Hermylus was brought before the tribunal again and asked whether he would avoid more torture by offering sacrifice. The saint replied that he would offer worship and sacrifice only to the true God.

Christ Is Baptized! In the Jordan!



Martyr Hermylus of Belgrade Commemorated Sunday, January 13

Troparion — Tone 4

Your holy martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus,
O Lord, / Through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. / For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, / And shattered the powerless boldness of demons. / Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Saint Hermylus prayed that the Lord would give him strength to endure his torments and triumph over the pagans. A voice was heard saying, “Hermylus, you will be delivered from your suffering in three days, and will receive a great reward.” The torturers fell to the ground in fear, and took the saint back to prison.

Saint Stratonicus was one of the prison guards and a secret Christian. Seeing the agonizing torments of his friend, he was unable to keep from weeping, and he revealed that he was a Christian. They also subjected him to punishment.

After the torture, they put both martyrs into a net and threw them into the Danube. On the third day, the bodies of the saints were found by Christians on the bank of the river and buried near Singidunum. Their venerable heads were in the Church of Hagia Sophia, where the Russian pilgrim Anthony saw them in the year 1200.



Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector



Sunday, January 13, 2019
Gospel: St. Matthew 4:12-17

Tone 8
Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13

33rd Sunday After Pentecost / Sunday after Theophany
Martyrs Holy Martyrs Hermylus and Stratonicus

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

Liturgical & Events Schedule

- Sunday, January 13**
9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy
Social
- Monday, January 14**
6:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class
- Thursday, January 17**
5:30 pm: Monthly Council Meeting
- Friday, January 18**
NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN D.C.
6:30 pm: Panachida service for all babies & elderly victims
- Saturday, January 19**
4:00 pm: Great Vespers
- Sunday, January 20**
9:05 am: Hours followed by D.L. / Mem. Sunday/ Social
1:00 pm: March For Life Port Clinton

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, Larry Naiser, Ricky Crawford, Russell Daff; Donald Simoncic

VIGILS- JANUARY 6

Susan Guzy (1) In memory of Uncle and God-Father Peter, Vechnaya Pamyat

Twarek family(2) Health of Betty, Todd, Steve, Stella, Julia, Ron, Jake, Judy, Helen; 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

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



JANUARY'S SPECIAL COLLECTION
The Marblehead Police Department

Please be generous!

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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*); Joe Rose; Margaret Rose (*daughter*); Steven Schirtzinger (*Christi's brother*); (Nancy Sitzler (*mother of Amber Twarek*); Baby Stella Miller (*Chico's granddaughter*); Mason (*granson of the Cassell's*); Peter Truta (*cousin of Jean H.*) Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; Larry Twarek (*Greg's T. uncle*); Kristen (*Daughter of the Cassell's*); Eleanor W; 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*); Danielle (*friend of the Cassell's*); 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*); Jim Mahler (*neighbour of Laura*); 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; Becky Vermillion (*friend of Laura*); 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

Ephesians 4:7-13 (*Epistle, Sunday After*)

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" – what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Matthew 4:12-17 (*Gospel, Sunday After*)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

FINANCIAL TITHING ONLY

JANUARY 2018

Sunday, Jan 7 :	\$4,526
Sunday, Jan. 14:	\$1,162
Sunday, Jan. 21:	\$1,588.55
Sunday, Jan. 28	\$1,125
TOTAL:	\$8,401.55

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Sunday, Jan. 6:	\$1,351
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OTHER INCOME

JANUARY 2018

- Jan. 7: \$18 Special Collection
- Jan 14: \$291 Special Collection Zoe for Life; \$25 from bookstore; \$50 from 2017
- Jan. 21: \$25 in Food Pantry; \$91 in Special Collection Zoe for Life
- Jan. 28: \$50 in Special Collection Zoe for Life; \$92 Special Collection for Cleveland Clergy Association.

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- Jan. 6: \$15 in Vigils; \$5 in candles; \$6 loose change; \$160 in Special Collection: Marblehead Police Department.



PRAYER

O Christ, the true Light Who illumines and sanctifies every person who comes into the world, let the light of Your face shine upon us so that we may see your unapproachable light; and direct our steps according to Your commandments, by the intercessions of Your most pure Mother and of all the saints. Amen

First Great Hour
Forefeast of Theophany

ATTENDANCE 2018 VS 2019

2018

- Jan. 1 (Feast Day): 11 people
- Jan: 5 (Liturgy): 10 people
- Jan. 5 (Holy Night Supper): 19 people
- Jan. 5 (Vigil): 17 People
- Jan. 6 (Theophany): 8 people
- Jan. 7 (Liturgy): 23 (18 members; 2 children; 3 guests; 17 Communicants)
- Jan. 14 (Liturgy): 28 (25 members; 3 children; 16 Communicants; 4 people attended Vespers)
- Jan. 21 (Liturgy): 23 (21 members; 2 children 17 Communicants; 11 attended Vespers)
- Jan. 28 (Liturgy): : 23 (21 members; 1 child; 1 guest; 14 Communicants; 10 attended Vespers)

2019

- Jan. 1 (Feast Day): 12 people
- Royal Hours: 9 people
- Jan. 5 (Liturgy): 9 people
- Jan. 5 (Holy Night Supper): 17 people
- Jan. 5 (Vigil): 15 people
- Jan. 6 (Theophany): 22 (17 members; 3 children; 2 guests; 17 Communicants)

MEDITATION

The Lord said: Wash yourselves clean. Stop all this evil that I see you doing. Yes, stop doing evil and learn to do right. See that justice is done—help those who are oppressed, give orphans their rights, and defend widows.... You are stained red with sin, but I will wash you as clean as snow.

Isaiah 1:16-18

An Old Testament Reading for Theophany Great
Vespers



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.



March for Life, Port Clinton:

Sunday, January 20th. Watch for further details.

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!



THANK YOU LETTER RECEIVED

Fr. Bartek & Parish,

Thank you very much for the kind donation. We are grateful for organizations like yours!

Pathway Inclusion Center
Stephanie Bondra, Ex. Dir.

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

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

Boston, Chicago to host 2019 CrossRoad program for HS juniors, seniors

High school juniors and seniors ages 16 through 18 are invited to participate in the [pan-Orthodox Cross-Road program](#) sponsored by [Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology/Hellenic College](#), Brookline, MA during the summer of 2019.

An [introductory video](#) on this exciting opportunity is now available.

[Applications](#) are now being accepted for one of three programs slated to be held in Boston and Chicago during June, July and early August. Application deadline is February 1, 2010. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the program by mid-March. Scholarships and financial aid will be available to all accepted applicants.

Session One will be held in Boston from June 15-25, while Session Two, also to be held in Boston, will take place July 2-12. Both programs will be based at Holy Cross/Hellenic College. North Park University will be the base for Session Three, which will be held in Chicago July 23-August 2.

The pan-Orthodox program is designed to best meet the needs of Orthodox Christian teens who desire to deepen their faith in an Orthodox Christian setting. Students will be afforded unique opportunities to explore their vocations, encounter service in a new way, take theology and Scripture courses with top professors and make lifelong friendships while exploring Boston or Chicago.

An [informational packet](#) with comprehensive details on the CrossRoad program is available online.

PRAYER

This is the season of Theophany. Christ has appeared to us in the Jordan River. Come, O faithful, and let us draw from Him Who is living water forgiveness of our sins. For Christ has come in our midst in the flesh, seeking the lost sheep and, as a merciful God, having found it, He brings it immediately to paradise. Christ has appeared in the Jordan and has illumined the world! O Lord, glory to You!

Adapted Theophany Hymn (Matins for Jan. 11)

Home Blessings at Theophany, a great family event

“The Church teaches us to sanctify everything: dwellings, places of work, all our pursuits, and the fruits of our labor. The home blessing at Theophany represents a renewal of our lives in Christ. Washed in the baptismal waters, our homes become temples of the Holy Spirit for the fulfillment of the will of our Heavenly Father. This is why the Church blesses everything that can be found in a Christian home; and if something is not worthy of being blessed, then there should not be a place for it in the home of a Christian.”

Taken from: <http://stjohndfw.info/2016/01/12/the-house-blessings-at-theophany/>

The Great Feast of Theophany celebrates the renewal of all Creation, through which the waters have been sanctified in Christ. He chases away and destroys the dragons and any demonic activity in them. In His descent into the Jordan, He shows the waters to be waters of cleansing and of salvation — the very same waters of the Red Sea that freed the Hebrew people from their enslavers, the very same waters of the Jordan crossed over by other Old Testament figures. (See the 13 Old Testament Readings of Great Vespers celebrated on January 5, which can be found on the OCA website).

The quote offered above provides a wonderful reminder about how important it is to have one’s home blessed during the Theophany season. It is an opportunity for parents to teach their children how the home is to be a place where everything in it is to be used in accordance with God’s will. It calls our attention to family homes as temples in which the Lord resides, both in the home itself and in its family members. Thus, “the Church blesses everything that can be found in a Christian home; and if something is not worthy of being blessed, then there should not be a place for it in the home of a Christian.”

May we once again, during this Theophany season, be mindful of our homes and how they are to be vehicles through which the life of the Triune God is manifested. The blessing of the Lord be upon you.

The unworthy +Paul