

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector



Sunday, October 20, 2019
Gospel: St. Luke 16:19-31

Tone 1
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Great Martyr Artemius / Righteous Child Artemy

OCTOBER Bulletin Sponsor: Diane Tyron
For the recovery of Greg & strength of Kathryn

Liturgical & Events Schedule

- Sunday, October 20**
 9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
 Mem. Sunday / Social / Choir rehearsal
- Monday, October 21**
 6:30 pm: Orthodoxy 101 Class
- Wednesday, October 23**
 6:00 pm Public Village Meeting
- Thursday, October 24**
 6:00 pm: Lions Club Meeting
- Saturday, October 26**
 4:00 pm: Great Vespers
 5:00 pm: St Joe's Clam Bake
- Sunday, October 27**
 9:05 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
 Social / Choir Rehearsal

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTION

St. Vladimir's Seminary

BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND

Our 125th Anniversary is coming!
Fund Purpose: To collect funds to pay for the restoration, repair and beautification of the building and parish room. This will avoid using general funds which are earmarked for budgetary items.
 Please consider contributing generously to the *Building/Restoration Fund.*

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CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR OCTOBER

- Bulletin:** (\$50) Diane: For the recovery of Greg & the strength for Kathryn
- Chandelier:** (\$50) Susan: In memory of her father, Frank; her brother William Peter & her God-father, Peter; For the health of her mom Julia.
- Altar Candles:** (\$50) Roberta: In memory of her brothers David, Randall and William and brother-in-law Charles.
- Candles on the tomb:** (\$25) Elchisco Family in loving memory of their dad George Elchisco.
- Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) Jean H: In Memory of her mother, Helen Pipenur.

CANDLE / BULLETIN SPONSORS FOR NOVEMBER

- Bulletin:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew: In memory of his mother Dorothy on 15th Anniversary of repose
- Chandelier:** (\$50) Elchisco Family: In loving memory of our brother, George Michael
- Altar Candles:** (\$50) Basil: In loving memory of sister, Marian
- Candles on the tomb:** (\$25)
- Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) Tammy in memory of her dad, William Rentz

October

	<u>Cleaners</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Social</u>
6	Laura Kovach	JoeS	Open
13	David & Roddie	Ron	Open
20	Joe & Sonya	Tim	Open
27	Ron & Bobbie	Wayne	Open



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ATTENDANCE - SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

Sunday September 29: 33 Total (22 members; 2 non-members reg; 3 children; 6 guests; 21 communicants; 7 people for Vespers)

Monday, September 30: 10 people for Vespers

Tuesday, October 1: 9 attended Liturgy

Sunday, October 6: 30 total (22 members; 2 non-member reg.; 2 children; 4 guests; 20 Communicants; 11 attended vespers)

Wednesday, October 9: 10 attended Lit. for Feast of St. Tikhon

Sunday, October 13: 30 total (21 members; 1 non reg member; 5 children; 3 guest; 23 Communicants Vespers)

MONTHLY TITHING ONLY FOR OCTOBER

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,100

Sunday, October 6: \$1,021

Sunday, October 13: \$983



DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - NOVEMBER

Suggested donation of Spaghetti Sauce (and other non-perishable goods) will be collected through **November 3.**

November donations will be delivered to the food pantry Thursday, November 14.
Thank You & God Bless.

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Tim Heffernan Rachael Adamcio
Luke Welch Lydia Welch
Tristen Welch

Possible Catechumans:

Loreen Welch Cheyenne Welch

May God & the Holy Spirit guide them in their journey in the Orthodox Church and the Orthodox way of Life.

VIGILS- OCTOBER 13

Basil Glovinsky (4) Loving memory of father Anthony, and sister Pauline; Birthday blessing for my son Timothy (Oct 17th) and to a dear friend Karen (Oct 11th)

Susan Guzy (2) Special intentions

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Jim Mazur(2) Health of family and friends

Darlene, Nick & Gabe Mazurik (2) In memory of Mike; Special intentions

Ron & Bobbie Royhab (1) Special intentions

Twarek (8), In memory of cousin Mike; Health of Judy; Health and recovery of Steve Turinsky and John McDonald; Health of Jada, Liz, Christine, MaryAnn and Bob; Health of Joe, Sonya, Julia, Diane, Stella, Ron, Becky, Jake, Helen; For our parish family; Special intentions; Special intentions

OTHER WEEKLY INCOME

Sunday, October 6: \$43 Candles; \$110 in Vigils; \$50 Bulletin; \$32 Special Collection St Vladimir Seminary

Sunday, October 13: \$23 Candles; \$125 Extra Candle Intentions; \$50 Chandelier; \$85 Vigils; \$325 Special Collection St Vladimir Seminary; \$100 food pantry; \$100 Restoration

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

October 20: Erin Haninger

November 3: Police Officer Killed in Houston ;
Police officer Brian killed in NY

PRAYER LIST Updated 10-3

Clergy:

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius
His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman
John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*)
James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*)
Moses Barry
Joseph Gibson
Gregory Grivna
Emilian Hutnyan
Josef Von Klarr
Vladimir Lecko
Christopher Phillips
Peter Tutko
Deacon Paul Mitchell
Deacon Mark Sauskojus
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Melania Adamcio
Virginia Lecko
Sonya Tutko
Victoria Kopistiansky

Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (*Elcishko*)
MaryAnn Cook (*Cousin to Twarek's*)
John Richard Elchisco
Ruthe Flewelling
Debbie Garnek (*Roddie's sister*)
Michael Glovinsky (*Basil's nephew*)
Ernest Gresh (*Basil's nephew*)
Shirley Gresh (*Wife of Ernest*)
Aldin Griffith (*Soski*)
Julia Guzy
Joseph Habegger (*Laura brother-in-law*)
Alice Jackson (*Mazurik*)
William Jappsen (*Diane T.*)
Michael Kouznetsov (*Mary Hiser's son*)
Kristen (*Cassell's daughter*)
David LaValle (*Fr.'s cousin*)
Helen Lis
Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s cousin*)
Maria (*Terrie's mom*)
Greg Mazur
Jim Mazur
Judy Mazurik (*Paul Mazurik's*)
Baby Stella Miller

Katelyn Pipenur (*Niece of Jean*)
Earl Rindfleisch
Helen Jean Rofkar (*Elchisco*)
Joe Rose
Margaret Rose
Steven Schirtzinger (*Soski*)
Christy Schutt (*Joe's sister*)
Peter Truta (*Jean H's cousin*)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Christine Twarek
Valentin (*Cassell*)
Bob Whitham (*Fr's cousin*)
Katie and her newborn Bodhi
(*Cassell's daughter-in-law*)

Other Requests:

Alexia
George Bicheler
Dick Biro (*Natalie's friend*)
Anna Burch (*Wayne's friend*)
Mary Ann Cook (*Twarek*)
Bob Cook (*Twarek*)
Danielle (*Cassell's friend*)
Ben Franklin (*Laura friend*)
Theodore Geletka
(*St. Michael Broadview Heights'*
choir director)
Brad George (*Christi's friend*)
Donald Gresh (*Basil*)
Elliot Joy (*Police chief's son*)
Tommy Leonchik (*Fr's friend*)
Jake Lipstraw (*Twarek*)
Anna Maiani (*Friend of Wayne*)
Pauline Meath (*Fr's*)
Charlie Nowak (*Avery's*)
Debbie Pribanic (*Golob*)
Jada Reeves (*Twarek*)
Beth Reinhard (*Diane friend*)
Elvis Reyes (*Fr's friend*)
Sandy Scafaria (*friend of Jean*)
Scott Smith (*Sammy friend*)
Allison Spoerl (*Cassell*)
Matthew Sterling (*Tyron*)
Janice Timko
Becky Yatsko (*Twarek*)
Rachel (*Darlene M.*)
Bonnie (*Cassell*)
Kim (*Cassell*)

Sharon (*Cassell*)
Susan (*Cassell*)
Dominic (*Cassell*)
Mat. Carley & her newborn-
born Anna Alexandra
(*Cathedral in Chicago*)
Elizabeth McDonald & her
unborn Baby (*Fr's friend*)
Kristina and her unborn baby
(*Fr. Friend*)

Military:

Craig Cassell
Nathan Brown

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul
(*Orthodox Archdiocese of*
Aleppo)
Archbishop John
(*Syriac Archdiocese of*
Aleppo)

The UN & IOCC humanitar-
ian aid workers in & around
Syria; Those suffering perse-
cution in Iraq, Syria, Israel,
Egypt, Ukraine and through-
out the world

NOTE: Please let Fr. Andrew
know when someone needs to
go on or come off the list.

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (96 yrs old)
1601 Church Rd
Marblehead, OH 43440

Please remember her & Susan
(her daughter) in your prayers.
Send a card of greeting.

Comfort in Affliction

By Fr. Lawrence Farley

Earth is very dangerous planet to live on—at least under the present circumstances. One day, in the age to come, the wolf will lie down with the lamb, the nursing child will play over the hole of the asp, and they shall not hurt or destroy in all God’s holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:6-9). But for now, the wolf does not lie down in peace with the lamb, and children must be taught to keep well away from asps, especially asps of the human kind. The earth is not yet full of the knowledge of the Lord, and has been well-described by poets as “a vale of tears”. As we grow old and walk through this deep vale, we are guaranteed to encounter much affliction.

The affliction perhaps is never so great as that which overwhelms us at the untimely death of loved ones, especially the death of our children, and all pastors know how hard it is to find any words to say on such occasions, though it is their job to find such words. What can anyone say at such a time? Where can we find comfort in such an affliction? I suggest two sources of comfort: we may take comfort in our littleness and in God’s greatness.

We are all of us little people. Politicians and celebrities and people who are very rich may perhaps forget this for a while, as their power, fame, and wealth tempt them to imagine that they are great and unlike the rest of us. But power, fame, and wealth are fleeting, and all fade with the onset of death. It is important for us all to acknowledge our littleness. We are little in that we are fragile creatures, terrifyingly vulnerable, subject to dissolution in a moment. The Scriptures constantly remind us of these very unwelcome truths. “All flesh is grass; and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass” (Isaiah 40:6-7). “You are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes” (James 4:14). Our strength and security and happiness may seem solid and everlasting. Then a doctor’s diagnosis or a policeman’s knock on our door bring the whole thing suddenly crashing down. Surely, the people are grass.

We are little not only in our strength but also in our knowledge. We sometimes admit, “We don’t know everything”. It is much truer to say, “We practically don’t know anything”—and that includes why God allows certain things to befall us, and what happens to us after this life ends. We walk through a world of mysteries and riddles, in which there are endless questions and almost no answers. But that can be comforting, because the littleness of our knowledge drives us to acknowledge the greatness of God.

We find our ultimate source of comfort in our time of affliction in God’s greatness, for it is the greatness of love. Our secular society has almost forgotten what real love is, and we identify love with indulgence—a false and fatal identification, as all wise parents know. To love is not to indulge. To love is to lead to ultimate joy, even if the path to joy is a frightening and painful one. Love leads us to a place of which it can be truly said, “All will be well, and all will be well, and all manner of thing will be well”.

For now, we cannot possibly see how all will be well and all manner of thing will be well. That is when we must remember our littleness, and remind ourselves that our inability to see how all be well is just one of the many things we do not know. We cannot now understand how the ways of God are the ways of love. But that is okay. We have something better than knowledge—we have trust. We trust in God’s greatness and in the overwhelming immensity of His love. And in this trust we can find peace. In this life we may well weep as we walk through the vale of tears. But a mighty mountain lies before and we will ascend that mountain. They will not hurt or destroy in all that holy mountain and God will dry all our tears. In that day, if we continue to trust God, all will be well, and all will be well, and all manner of thing will be well. This is our comfort in affliction.

Bishop Paul's Travel Schedule

Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL, October 20th

St. John the Baptist Church, Campbell, OH,

October 25th to 27th

- *Ordination of Sub Deacon James Hyrb to the Diaconate*

November 1st to the 3rd, Holy Trinity, Overland Park, KS

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARY	BIRTHDAY	BIRTHDAY
10-1-2009: Archbishop Irenee of Canada 2- Fr. Matthew & Pani Eleni Stagon 3- Fr. Matt Stagon Priestly ordination 7- Fr. Eli & Mat. Larissa Bremer 9- Sub-deacon Wylie & Pauline Meath 23- Fr. Matthew & Mat. Jodi Moriak	1-Trudy Ellmore 2- Marguerite Bird 3- Ethan Chendorain 4- Fr. Michael Macura 5- Lydia Guerrero 6- Brian Lariccia 6- Ron Royhab 10- Walter Litzie 10- Craig Cassell 11- Karen Muzyka 12- Fred Soski	13- Mary Hiser 14- Fr. Andrew Groom 16- Fr George Lardas 17- Tim Glovinsky 20- Matushka Jodi Moriak 20- Helen Lis 20- Hayden Issler 25- Sam Dardovsky 25- Elliot Joy 31- Fr. Peter Zarynow <p style="text-align: center;">NAMESDAY</p> 10-9: The Most Blessed Tikhon

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.

OCTOBER REPOSED LIST

2- His Grace Bishop Antoun (2017) 3- Anna Tomko (1990) 4- William Peter Guzy (1974) 5- John Elchisco Sr. (1982) 5- Mark Conroy (2018) 6- Andrew Tomko (1970) 6- Helen Elchisco (1956) 7- Michael Gresko (1963) 8- Archpriest Michael Kostyk (1964) Former Pastor	11- Helen Pipenur (2009) 12- Pauline Mary Gresh (1981) 13- James E Jump (2011) 13- Tom Grgich (2018) 13- Michael Mazurik (2018) 14- George Kaitsa (1991) 15- Michael Mazurik (1972) 15- John Kovach (1983) 16- Mary Kobb (2017) 18- Nadexda Kaitsa (1992) 19- Archpriest Sergei Garklavs (2015)	19- Gori Pietropolo (Trudy's dad) (2017) 21- Alex Mazur (1920) 21-Terry (Bobbie's cousin) (2017) 28- George Elchisco (1996) 28- Anthony Glovinsky (1946) 31- George Rusincovitch (1994) William Martin (1982) Joseph L. Mazurik (1944) Anna Mazur (1945) Anna Danchisen (1945)
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2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (Epistle)

But this I say: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

SIGN-UP SHEETS IN VESTIBULE

There are two sign-up sheets to go to our sister parishes patronal feastday.

Friday, November 8 (St. Michael's in Broadview Heights)

Saturday, November 30 (St. Andrew's in Maple Heights)

Both days we will be leaving here @ 7:00 am

Greatmartyr Artemius at Antioch Commemorated on [October 20](#)

Holy Great Martyr Artemius of Antioch was a prominent military leader during the reigns of the emperor Constantine the Great (May 21), and his son and successor Constantius (337-361). Artemius received many awards for distinguished service and courage. He was appointed viceroy of Egypt. In this official position he did much for the spreading and strengthening Christianity in Egypt.

Saint Artemius was sent by the emperor Constantius to bring the relics of the holy Apostle Andrew from Patras, and the relics of the holy Apostle Luke from Thebes of Boeotia, to Constantinople. The holy relics were placed in the Church of the Holy Apostles beneath the table of oblation. The emperor rewarded him by making him ruler of Egypt.

The emperor Constantius was succeeded on the throne by Julian the Apostate (361-363). Julian in his desire to restore paganism was extremely antagonistic towards Christians, sending hundreds to their death. At Antioch he ordered the torture of two bishops unwilling to forsake the Christian Faith.

During this time, Saint Artemius arrived in Antioch and publicly denounced Julian for his impiety. The enraged Julian subjected the saint to terrible tortures and threw the Great Martyr Artemius into prison. While Artemius was praying, Christ, surrounded by angels, appeared to him and said, "Take courage, Artemius! I am with you and will preserve you from every hurt which is inflicted upon you, and I already have prepared your crown of glory. Since you have confessed Me before the people on earth, so shall I confess you before My Heavenly Father. Therefore, take courage and rejoice, you shall be with Me in My Kingdom." Hearing this, Artemius rejoiced and offered up glory and thanksgiving to Him.

On the following day, Julian demanded that Saint Artemius honor the pagan gods. Meeting with steadfast refusal, the emperor resorted to further tortures. The saint endured all without a single moan. The Saint told Julian that he would be

justly recompensed for his persecution of Christians. Julian became furious and resorted to even more savage tortures, but they did not break the will of the saint. Finally the Great Martyr Artemius was beheaded.

His relics were buried by Christians. After the death of Saint Artemius, his prophecy about Julian the Apostate's impending death came true.

Julian left Antioch for a war with the Persians. Near the Persian city of Ctesiphon, Julian came upon an elderly Persian, who agreed to betray his countrymen and guide Julian's army. The old man deceived Julian and led his army into the Karmanite wilderness, where there was neither food nor water. Tired from hunger and thirst, Julian's army battled against fresh Persian forces.

Divine retribution caught up with Julian the Apostate. During the battle he was mortally wounded by an unseen hand and an unseen weapon. Julian groaned deeply said, "You have conquered, Galilean!" After the death of the apostate emperor, the relics of the Great Martyr Artemius were transferred with honor from Antioch to Constantinople.

Saint Artemius is invoked by those suffering from hernias.

ST JOSEPH OF MARBLEHEAD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BENEFIT

When: Saturday, October 26th

Time: 5-7:00pm

Where: St Joseph's church hall

Reservations only & must be made by October 21st. The benefit will be to the Danbury Food Pantry.

Menu:

Clambake: (1 Dozen Clams, ½ Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Sweet Potato, Dessert & Beverage **COST: \$24.95**

Chicken Dinner: ½ Chicken, corn on the Cob, Sweet Potato, Dessert & Beverage. **COST: \$11.95**

Extra Dozen Clams (With clambake only) **COST: \$12**

Call Bryan: 419-341-7145 or **John:** 419-265-1600

Luke 16:19-31 (*Gospel*)

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

Bishop Paul to host third annual "Virtual Youth Retreat" Saturday, November 16

On the afternoon of Saturday, November 16, 2019, His Grace, Bishop Paul will lead a discussion with pre-teens and teens during the third annual diocesan online "Virtual Youth Retreat." Youth in grades six through 12 are invited to participate in this event, which will be hosted at six diocesan parishes — Saint Elizabeth the New Martyr Mission, Saint Paul, MN; Holy Trinity Church, Overland Park, KS; Saint Joseph Church, Wheaton, IL; Saint Nicholas Church, Mogadore, OH; Saint Paul the Apostle Church, Dayton, OH; and Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia, MI.

"During the retreat, youth will have a chance to dialogue with Bishop Paul via teleconferencing, explore ways they can connect to their local church communities by becoming more alive in Christ and involved in their local parish communities, connect with other Orthodox Christian youth from around the Midwest Diocese, and explore what it means to be an Orthodox Christian in our daily lives," explained Erin Moulton, Diocesan Youth Communications Liaison.

The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. CST/2:00 p.m. EST with the opening prayer led by Bishop Paul, who then will address the topic of "Connecting to Christ and Our Local Church." It will conclude at 4:30 p.m. CST/5:30 p.m. EST. Some local parishes plan to extend the retreat into the evening with prayer, food, and fun activities for their local youth.

[Online registration](#) is now available, along with a [retreat flyer](#). Questions and requests for additional information should be addressed to Father Benjamin at 612-599-1125 or frbentucci@gmail.com.

CARD & THANK YOU RECEIVED

Dear Fr. Andrew and all the wonderful parishioners of Holy Assumption Orthodox Church,

I am speechless! This rarely happens to me. My heart is so warmed by your thoughtful and generous donation to the Respect Life Ministry of St. Joe's & Immaculate Conception in support of our recent fundraiser and efforts to respect all life. Your parish is small in number yet enormously large when it comes to supporting friends within the community. I am confident that with prayer and fasting God will utilize us to help others see how precious life is and that he made us to share in a blissful eternity with Him! I am overwhelmed by your loving kindness and ask God to bless you abundantly. We love having you in this ministry with us Father! Warm regards on behalf of the ICSJ Respect Life Ministry. (*Bishop Paul appointed me an Orthodox representative to this organization. Also, this organization sponsors & directs March for Life Port Clinton rally in January.*)

Synergy the Key to One's Relationship to the Church

Over the last month and a half, I have been speaking on the theme of our Youth being connected to their parishes. I began with what the parish needs to do, and then I turned to what parents can do to assist their children to form healthy connections to their parish. I spoke on freedom, obedience, and love as important ingredients that need to be sown in the soil of a child's life to foster this healthy connection. If there is one word that ties all of this together and links a child connecting with the parish and parish connecting with the child, I think it would be the word "synergy." Synergy is a Greek word that literally means, "to work together."

When we apply this word to church life, we don't mean that we cooperate with God as if we are equals. Synergy happens when the Lord, out of love, freely reveals Himself to us, and we agree to embrace that revelation and follow it. As many of us know, God the Father reveals Himself to us through His Word Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Trinitarian life is fully revealed in Christ's Body the Church "the fullness of Him who fills all in all"(1 Ephesians 1:23). Our Lord's healing power is given to us in the sacramental life of the Church. The experience of our Lord in our lives is realized in our prayer and in the ascetical life we live out in the Church. The experience of our Lord in our lives is realized when we strive by Grace to love Him with our entire mind, heart, soul, and body, with everything that we have. The experience of our Lord in our lives is realized when we love our fellow human beings as Christ has loved us. This can only happen when we understand and live out this idea of synergy. Let us strive then to participate more in our parish life and experience a closer connection. Let us learn to do so by embracing this synergy.

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



OTTAWA COUNTY HOLIDAY BUREAU

The Holiday Bureau has always had a strong base of support from our local churches, and we hope that legacy will continue this year. During the Christmas season, the Holiday Bureau busily makes preparations to help individuals in Ottawa County. Assistance from the churches is especially import. Churches help us collect food and money and provide essential volunteer support, while being one of our best promoters. If you know of any individual who may be able to donate some time to assist us, we would appreciate any helping hands you could send our way.

In 2018 the Holiday Bureau provided 1761 people, a total of 712 families (1064 adults, 697 children), with food and other necessities during December. This could not happen without a tremendous show of giving and caring from a loving community. It takes over a hundred volunteers to sort, pack and distribute the donated items.

I hope you will continue to work closely with the representative in your area to help us meet our goals, one of which is also a goal of the churches-helping people in need. Once again the Center for us is St. Mary's Byzantine Church hall. Judy Smolk is the chairman.

The giving Sunday's will be November 10,17 & 24. Please place all items in Church Vestibule. Also, Our special Collection for November will be to the Holiday Bureau. Please make sure all money and or items are donated by Sunday November 24.

The following is a list of items that we try to package for each family:

Basic: baking supplies, beverages (coffee, tea, juices), cake mixes, cereal, condiments, cookies, crackers, canned fruit, gelatin, pudding, macaroni & cheese, noodles, pasta, rice, peanut butter, jelly, raisins, soups, spaghetti sauce, stuffing, sugar free items, snacks, vegetables.

Options: hats mittens, toys, socks, toothpaste, shampoo, kitchen supplies, laundry supplies, soap, paper towels & toilet paper.

If you know of an individual or family in need please ask them to contact Judy McKenna, President of Holiday Bureau @ 419-797-2941