

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew Bartek, Rector

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio



Sunday, September 13, 2020

Gospel: St. Matthew 22:1-14

14th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / Forefeast of the Elevation of the Cross / Commemoration of the Founding of the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulcher) at Jerusalem

Tone 5

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4

SEPTEMBER Bulletin Sponsor:

Father Andrew in memory of His Grace, Bishop John & His Eminence, Archbishop Michael's mother Anna

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, September 13

9:15 am Hours followed by Divine Liturgy /
Panachida for 911 and all aborted babies /
Great Vespers for the Cross / Social Outdoor

Monday, September 14- Strict Fast Day

9:15 am: Hours & Divine Liturgy

Saturday, September 19

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, September 20

9:15 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy/
Memorial Sunday / Outdoor Social

(NOTE): You must let Fr. Andrew know if you want to attend any service or the social. Right now we are allowed 22 people max. Also, please arrive 15 min prior to any service

TENTATIVE READERS

Sunday, Sept 13: Tim
Monday, Sept. 14: Natalie
Sunday, Sept. 20: Tim
Sunday, Sept. 27: Joe

TENTATIVE SINGING

Sunday, Sept 13: Natalie & Tim
Monday, Sept 14: Natalie & ??
Sunday, Sept. 20: Natalie & Susan
Sunday, Sept. 27: Natalie & Tim

NOTE: Anyone who wants to be added to, or removed from any of these lists please let Fr. Andrew know.



PRAYERS

Due to the stressful, unsettled and unforgiving times we currently live in, I believe the following prayers are very much needed in our lives.



Prayer of St. Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. *(Full Prostration)*

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. *(Full Prostration)*

Yea, O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Full Prostration)*

O God, cleanse me, a sinner *(12 times)*.
And recite prayer one more time.

The Jesus Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God
have mercy on me, a sinner.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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SCHEDULES

WEEDING & WATERING AROUND CHURCH

Week of Sept. 13: Open
Week of Sept. 20: Open
Week of Sept. 27: Open

MONTHLY TITHING ONLY SEPTEMBER

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600

Sunday, August 2: \$1,503

OTHER INCOME FROM SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 6: \$12 Tomb Candles; \$45 Vigils; \$100 Special collection; \$225 Interest from Anderson Bond; \$100 No Festival; \$10 festival assessment envelopes

NOTE: If you have not submitted your Festival Assessment envelope, please consider doing so. Also, please consider donating what you would have spent at the Halupki Festival (food, raffle, etc).
Thank you, Natalie Twarek

SEPTEMBER CANDLE AND BULLETIN SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) Fr. Fr. Andrew in memory of His Grace Bishop John & His Eminence Archbishop Michael's mother, Anna

Chandelier: (\$50) From Joe and Valerie in memory of Rose Haburt

Altar Candles: (\$50) Fr. Fr. Andrew in memory of my my Grandfather Steve Bartek

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) From Athanasia in memory of her family

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (25) From Joe & Valerie in memory of Violet Bargdill & LaVerne Schutt

ON-LINE GIVING UPDATE

(These numbers are not reflected in the "Other Income From August.")

Week of August 30-Sept 5 : \$0



Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule: August 24th to September 21st

Christ the Savior, Chicago, IL,
September 12th to 14th,

- *Feast of Exaltation of the Cross*

St. Panteleimon, Summit, IL, September 19th to 20th

St. Matthew, Green Bay, WI, September 25th to 27th

St. Paul Church, Dayton, OH, October 2nd to 4th

Bishop's Council/Diocesan Council, via on line,
Monday, October 5th

OTHER NEWS

Bishop's Council, Monday, October 5th, at 1 PM,
central time

Diocesan Council, Monday, October 5th, at 6 PM
central time

Diocesan Assembly, Thursday, October 8th, 5 PM
via Zoom or Go-to-My-Meeting

Diocesan and Bishop's Councils, November 30th to
December 2nd, Burbank, IL

PRAYER LIST Updated 9-10

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
Joseph Von Klarr
Vladimir Lecko
Myron Manzuk
Christopher Phillips
Peter Tutko
John Zabinko
Dc. Paul Gansle
Dc. Gregory Krutcek
Dc. Paul Mitchell
Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

Matushkii:

Pani Patricia Duranko
Virginia Lecko
Maura McCartney
Trudi Richter
Snezanna Ruzic
Sonya Tutko
Margaret Zabinko

Parishioners / & their Family:

John Beadle (Elcishko)
Mandy Braccini (Mazurik)
MaryAnn Cook (Cousin to Twarek's)
John Richard Elchisco
Ruthe Flewelling
Debbie Garnek (Roddie's sister)
Michael Glovinsky (Basil's nephew)
Heidi Golob
Shirley Gresh (Wife of Ernest)
Justin Griffith (Soski Son)
Julia Guzy
Joseph Habegger (Laura brother-in-law)
Nancy Hanon (Cassell)
Barb Heffernan
Charisse Hileman
Alice Jackson (Mazurik)
William Jappsen (Diane T.)
Kris Kollar (Fr.'s cousin)
Betty Kovach
Kristen (Cassell's daughter)
Terri Lariccia (Fr's cousin)
David LaValle (Fr.'s cousin)
Helen Lis
Greg Mazur

Judy Mazurik (Paul Mazurik's)
Child Stella Miller
Katelyn Pipenur (Niece of Jean)
Earl Rindfleisch
Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco)
Joe Rose
Sonya Rose
Ron Royhab
Maryann Royhab
Steven Schirtzinger (Soski)
Christy Schutt (Joe's sister)
Dacia Snider (Hileman)
Christi Soski
Peter Truta (Jean H's cousin)
Diane Tryon
Greg Tryon
Tom Twarek
Bob Whitham (Fr's cousin)
Katie and her baby Bodhi
(Cassell's daughter-in-law)
Sarah and her unborn Child
(Laura's daughter)
Brittany And her unborn baby
(Fr's cousin)

Other Requests:

Alexia
Baby Emma (Cassell)
Barb (Cassell)
Barbara (Mazurik)
Brandon (Cassell)
Brendan (From Norwalk)
Delores Danchisen
Layne Demkosky
Paul Demkosky (Fr's friend)
Betty Dubbert (Kovach)
Marge Dziama
Mary Dziak (Twarek)
Matt Essex
Ben Franklin (Laura friend)
James Geisman (Twarek)
Theodore Geletka
(St. Michael Broadview
Heights' choir director)
Brad George (Christi's friend)
Donald Gresh (Basil)
Elliot Joy (Police chief's son)
Andrea Joy (Kovach)
Ann Marie Krynock (timko)
Tommy Leonchik (Fr's friend)
Jake Lipstraw (Twarek)
Mark Ludvik (Guzy)
Mark Masica (Kovach)
Pauline Meath (Fr's friend)

Cole Miller (Cassell)
Doug Millinger (Kovach)
Karen Muzyka (Fr's friend)
Charlie Nowak (Avery's)
Beth Reinhard (Diane friend)
Chris Reinheimer (Bruno's)
Sandy Scafaria (Hileman)
Arby Shenesky (Pastor Bob's sister)
Matthew Sterling (Tyron)
Andrea Szabo (Sonya friend)
Janice Timko
Philip (Andy) Timko
George Timko
Steve Turinsky (Twarek)
Chuck Wiedenhof (Twarek)
Loren Welch
Rachel (Darlene M.)
Mollie & her newborn William
(Fr.'s friend)

Military:

Craig Cassell, Nathan Brown, Alena
Grabavoy, Alex, Jake Ellithorpe

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Arch-
diocese of Aleppo)
Archbishop John (Syriac Archdio-
cese of Aleppo)

The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid
workers in & around Syria; Those
suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria,
Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and through-
out the world

For Your Prayers

Julia Guzy (97)
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Diane Tryon
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Arcadia, OH 44804

Please remember our shut-ins,
especially now during this
National crisis.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Addresses Seminarians

On Friday, September 4, 2020, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon [spoke at the annual retreat](#) at [Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary](#). This retreat precedes the beginning of each school year, and usually involves both seminarians as well as alumni. This year, due to the health restrictions, it was for seminarians only. His Beatitude gave three talks, the first on seminary life, the Coronavirus, and obedience and the spiritual life, the second on *diakonia* or service in the Church, and the third on the Priesthood. A photo gallery can be viewed on the OCA [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

On Tuesday, September 8, 2020, His Beatitude [spoke to the seminarians](#) at [Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary](#) via Zoom. His Beatitude spoke again on seminary life and the spiritual life, with reference to the current pandemic situation. A photo gallery can be viewed on the OCA [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

As Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in America, His Beatitude is the ruling hierarch of both stavropegial seminaries, as well as the President of Saint Tikhon's and Chairman of Saint Vladimir's Boards of Trustees. Because of this, His Beatitude plans to celebrate the Divine Liturgy at both seminaries later this semester.

Many years to the seminarians who are undertaking their sacred studies and formation this academic year, and to the faculty, staff, alumni, supporters, and

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL COLLECTION

“Support Our Seminarians” Campaign

Deacon Matthew McDonald- St Tikhon's- 3rd year
Deacon Peter Simko- St. Tikhon- 3rd year
Payton Saunders- St Tikhon's- 2nd year
Jacob Ponomarenko- St Tikhon's- 2nd year
Matthew- Pings- St Tikhon's- 2nd year
Andrew Prather- St Vladimir's- 1st year

Holy and Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna

Commemorated on [September 9](#)

Saint Joachim, the son of Barpathir, was of the tribe of Judah, and was a descendant of King David, to whom God had revealed that the Savior of the world would be born from his seed. Saint Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, who was of the tribe of Levi. Saint Anna's family came from Bethlehem. The couple lived at Nazareth in Galilee. They were childless into their old age and all their life they grieved over this. They had to endure derision and scorn, since at that time childlessness was considered a disgrace. They never grumbled, but fervently prayed to God, humbly trusting in Him.

Once, during a great feast, the gifts which Joachim took to Jerusalem as an offering to God were not accepted by the priest Reuben, who considered that a childless man was not worthy to offer sacrifice to God. This pained the old man very much, and he, regarding himself the most sinful of people, decided not to return home, but to settle in solitude in a desolate place.

When Saint Anna learned what humiliation her husband had endured, she sorrowfully entreated God with prayer and fasting to grant her a child. In his desolate solitude the righteous Joachim also asked God for this. The prayer of the saintly couple was heard. An angel told them that a daughter would be born to them, Who would be blessed above all other women. He also told them that She would remain a virgin, would be dedicated to the Lord and live in the Temple, and would give birth to the Savior. Obeying the instructions of the heavenly messenger, Saints Joachim and Anna met at the Golden Gate in Jerusalem. Then, as God promised, a daughter was born to them and they named her Mary.

Saint Joachim died a few years later at the age of 80, after his daughter went to live in the Temple. Saint Anna died at the age of 70, two years after her husband.

Saints Joachim and Anna are often invoked by couples trying to have children.

September Celebrations

Anniversary	Birthday	
3- Frank & Crystal Batura 11- David & Roddie Mazurik / Wayne & Heidi Golob 13- Sam & Angie Dardovski / Fr. Peter Zarynow (priestly anniversary) / Tom & Jean Hileman 15- Nikki & Sean Williams 19- Zach & Amber Twarek 24- Mike & Diane Tryon 9-28-1990: Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa	1-Denny Bird 2- Julia Guzy 3- Lynn Basala 5-Chico Elcisko 8- Zach Twarek 11- Fr. John Beskid / Brian Lucas 14- Debbie Perman / Chris Baxter 15- Walter Litzie Sr 16- Tommy Leonchik 17- Wyatt Schlotterer	18- Fr. David Lis 19- Cooper Kowal 20- Fr. Matthew Moriak 20- Charisse Hileman 22- Pani Bethany Mihaly 23- Rita Mazur 25- Nikki Twarek / Noah Adamcio / Michael Litzie 26- Jim Basala, Amber Twarek / Greg Twarek 30- Jaxson Monschein / Jack Kovach

NAMESDAY

9-9: Retired Metropolitan Theodosius
 9-30: Archbishop Michael of NY & NJ

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.

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Rachael Adamcio	Luke Welch
Lydia Welch	Tristen Welch

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

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.

September Reposed

1- His Eminence Bishop Nikon (2019) 2- David Douglas (2015) 4- John Mataleska (1986); 4- Archpriest John Grandziuk (1947) Former Pastor 5- Archpriest Michael Dziama (1944) Former Pastor 6- Anna Dahulich (2017) 14- Archpriest George Breyan (2009) Former Pastor; Mary Kamiotis (2017) 15- Steve Bartek (1962) (Grandfather); Peter Rindfleisch (2006)	16- John George Mazurik (1997) 18- Bernie Labouda (2018); 18- Stephen Sature (2004) 20- Nora Bird (2017) 21- Joseph Mazur (2002) 27- Michael Ittescu (1968); Alison Pickney (2017); Karen Milano (2017) 28- William Felenchak (1977) 30- Bishop John Martin (1984) George Mazur (1937) George Mazurik (1940)
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2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (Epistle)

Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I came no more to Corinth. Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; for by faith you stand. But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me? And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

Galatians 6:11-18 (Epistle, Sunday Before Cross)

See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Respect Life Ornament Sale Fundraiser

NOTE: Father Andrew is on this Board as the Orthodox Representative. I do have this ornament if anyone is interested.

The Immaculate Conception / St. Joseph (IC/SJ) Respect Life Ministry is holding an ornament sale for this year's fundraiser in lieu of a gathering, due to the current limitations on large events. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to offset the cost of the bus to send 50 pilgrims to the annual March for Life, in Washington, DC in January.

This beautiful customized ornament is perfect to be displayed for Christmas, or, year-round. You may purchase an ornament for \$10 from the following Church Parish Offices: St. Joseph, Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's Byzantine and Holy Assumption Orthodox, or from Madame Rosie's Boutique or Victory Coffee & Company. Additionally, you may contact Lori Kiser, 419-708-9826 or any Respect Life Ministry member to obtain yours. Don't forget, these treasures will make excellent gifts as well. Thank you for your support of the unborn and our ministry's efforts to protect all life.



Matthew 22:1-14 (Gospel)

And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."'"

But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

John 3:13-17 (Gospel, Sunday Before the Cross)

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

VIGILS - 9-6

Susan Guzy (1) Special intentions

Laura Kovach (5) God's healing to everyone battling or suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic; God's blessings of peace and healing for our country; For healing or health of Sarah and her unborn baby, Betty, Betty, Julia, Andrea, Mark, Jim, Dana, Bodhi, Steve, Brian, and Justin; Birthday blessings for Joe; In memory of Pam

Sandy Martin (1) Special intentions

Jim Mazur(2) In memory family and friends; For health of family and friends

Twarek (8) God's blessing for Abby, Robert and newborn baby Iver; Birthday blessings and good health to Chris and Brandon (9/7); Birthday blessings and good health to Zach (9/8); Health of Jewel and unborn baby; Health of Natalie and unborn baby; Health and recovery of Ron, Mary, JC, Loren, Sonya, David; For the health of Julia, Tom, Sarah, Jason, Nancy, Margi & Joe, Betty, MaryAnn & Bob, Judy, Chuck, Steve, Bohdi, Liz, Joe, Diane, Stella, Jake, Helen; Special intentions

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

September 6: Detective Tanisha from AL

September 13: 9 Marines killed in boating accident

September 27: Tim Nash / Police officer Rasheen from Detroit

Oct. 4: Matushka Mary Maksimoff / Matushka Janet Mihalick

Oct. 11: Police officer from St. Louis / Police officer from AZ / Police officer from Detroit / 2 Police officer from Cleveland

Oct. 18: Police officer from NE / Cody from the Army division of the military / 3 National guardsmen from TN

Six Reasons Your Pastor Is About to Quit

By Thom S. Rainer

About one-third of you readers are laypersons. This article is for you. Of course, I know pastors and other vocational ministry leaders will be reading as well. Perhaps, more than my article, they will be reading your comments. They will be searching eagerly to see if anyone has a word of encouragement. They may be anticipating the responses will be a barrage of negativity they have become accustomed to receiving.

Please hear me clearly. The vast majority of pastors with whom our team communicates are saying they are considering quitting their churches. It's a trend I have not seen in my lifetime. Some are just weeks away from making an announcement. They are looking for work in the secular world. Some will move to bivocational ministry. Some will move to marketplace ministry.

But many will move.

Why has this period of great discouragement ensued? Of course, it is connected to COVID-19, but the pandemic really just exacerbated trends already in place. We would have likely gotten to this point in the next three to five years regardless.

I also want you to know that these pastors do not think they will be leaving ministry. They just believe the current state of negativity and apathy in many local churches is not the most effective way they can be doing ministry.

So, they are leaving or getting ready to leave. There are many reasons why, but allow me to share the top six reasons, understanding that they are not mutually exclusive.

1) Pastors are weary from the pandemic, just like everyone else. Pastors are not super humans. They miss their routines. They miss seeing people as they used to do so. They would like the world to return to normal, but they realize the old normal will not return.

2) Pastors are greatly discouraged about the

fighting taking place among church members about the post-quarantine church. Gather in person or wait? Masks or no masks? Social distancing or not? Too many church members have adopted the mindset of culture and made these issues political fights. Pastors deal daily with complaints about the decisions the church makes.

3) Pastors are discouraged about losing members and attendance. For sure, it's not all about the numbers. But imagine your own mindset if one-half or more of your friends stopped engaging with you. And pastors have already heard directly or indirectly from around one-fourth of the members that they do not plan to return at all.

4) Pastors don't know if their churches will be able to support ministries financially in the future. In the early stages of the pandemic, giving was largely healthy. Church members stepped up. Government infusion of funds for businesses and consumers helped as well. Now, the financial future is cloudy. Can the church continue to support the ministries they need to do? Will the church need to eliminate positions? These issues weigh heavily on pastors.

5) Criticisms against pastors have increased significantly. One pastor recently shared with me the number of criticisms he receives are five times greater than the pre-pandemic era. Church members are worried. Church members are weary. And the most convenient target for their angst is their pastor.

6) The workload for pastors has increased greatly. Almost every pastor with whom we communicate expresses surprise at their level of work since the pandemic began. It really makes sense. They are trying to serve the congregation the way they have in the past, but now they have the added responsibilities that have come with the digital world. And as expected, pastoral care needs among members have increased during the pandemic as well.

Pastors are burned out, beaten up, and downtrodden.

Many are about to quit.

You may be surprised to discover your pastor is among them.