

# Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Parish Council President: Matthew Adamcio

V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew Bartek, Rector



**Sunday, December 6, 2020**

**Gospel:** St. Luke 17:12-19

**Tone 1**

**Epistle:** Ephesians 5:9-19

**26th Sunday after Pentecost**

**St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia**

**St Maximus**

## DECEMBER Bulletin Sponsor:

*By Father Andrew, In memory of my family members deceased in the month of December*

## Liturgical & Events Schedule

### Sunday, December 6

9:05 am: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

### Thursday, December 10

6:30 pm: Lions Club Meeting

### Friday, December 11

10:00 am Respect Life Meeting

### Saturday, December 12

NO VESPERS

### Sunday, December 13

9:05 am: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social / Open House @ new location for Heartbeat

**(NOTE):** You must let Fr. Andrew know if you want to attend any service or the social. Also, please arrive 15 min prior to any service

## LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER

Saturday, Oct 31	7 attended Vespers
Sunday, Nov 1:	17 members 11 Communicants
Saturday, Nov 7:	8 attended Vespers
Sunday, Nov 8:	17 members 7 Communicants
Wednesday, Nov 11:	10 attended Liturgy
Saturday, Nov 14:	8 attended Vespers
Sunday, Nov 15:	12 members 9 Communicants
Friday, Nov 20	6 attended Vespers
Saturday, Nov 21:	7 attended Liturgy 6 attended Vespers
Sunday, Nov 22:	12 attended Liturgy 7 Communicants
Friday, Nov 27:	3 attended Liturgy
Saturday, Nov 28:	7 attended Vespers
Sunday, Nov 29:	12 attended Liturgy 9 Communicants

## TENTATIVE SINGING

Sunday, Dec. 6:	Natalie & Tim
Sunday, Dec. 13:	Natalie & Laura
Sunday, Dec. 20:	Natalie & Fred
Thursday, Dec 24 (AM)	Natalie & Tim
Thursday, Dec. 24 (PM)	Natalie & Laura
Friday, Dec. 25:	Natalie & Susan
Saturday, Dec. 26:	Natalie & Tim
Sunday, Dec. 27:	Natalie & Laura
Thursday, Dec. 31:	Natalie & Fred

## TENTATIVE READERS

Sunday, Dec. 6:	Tim
Sunday, Dec. 13:	Tim
Sunday, Dec. 20:	Terri
Thursday, Dec. 24 (AM):	Tim
Friday, Dec. 25:	Terri
Saturday, Dec. 26:	Tim
Sunday, Dec. 27:	Terri



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**MONTHLY TITHING ONLY  
NOVEMBER**

**Goal Pledged per month: \$4,600**

Sunday, November 1: \$ 655  
Sunday, November 8: \$1,875  
Sunday, November 15: \$ 710  
Sunday, November 22: \$ 940  
Sunday, November 29: \$1,310

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**OTHER INCOME FROM NOVEMBER**

**Sunday, November 1:** \$20 Candles; \$50 Chandelier; \$85 Vigils; \$25 Eternal Light & Icon Screen; \$100 Special Collection; \$50 Bulletin; \$100 No Festival; \$50 Tithely donation

**Sunday, November 8:** \$45 Candles; \$50 Altar candles; \$95 Vigils; \$100 Special Collection; \$25 special Collection October; \$150 Holiday B.; \$25 Restoration; \$25 Cemetery; \$100 Food Pantry; \$35 Bookstore

**Sunday, November 15:** \$20 Candles; \$75 Vigils; \$100 Special Collection; \$60 Christmas flowers; \$15 Bookstore

**Sunday, November 22:** \$20 Candles; \$25 Icon Screen; \$50 Chandelier; \$80 Vigils; \$100 Special Collection October; \$145 Holiday Bureau; \$10 Special Collection December; \$25 Christmas donation; \$5,000 Anonymous Donation; \$200 Restoration; \$100 Cemetery

**Sunday, November 29:** \$20 Candles; \$95 Vigils; \$50 donation; \$60 Special Collection; \$500 donation Christmas dinner; \$5 bookstore; \$45 Christmas flowers; \$28.87 Tithely; \$100 donation festival fund

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**BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND**

Our 125<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**VIGILS 11-22**

**Laura Kovach (5)** Birthday blessings to my mother-in-law Betty on her 91st birthday and grandson Andrew on his 13th birthday; Anniversary blessings to Matthew & Amy; God's blessing and healing to Tony following his surgery; For health and healing of Margi, Joe, Betty, Betty, Julia, Andrea, Mark, Dana, Bodhi, Cheryl, Jim, Wayne, David, JC, and Janis; God's healing to everyone suffering from the coronavirus especially Kathi & Don, Gary, George, Paul & Yvonne, Fred & Sandy, Denny & Marguerite.

**Sandy Martin (2)** In loving memory of Butch 11/23; Special intentions

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

**Twarek (11)** Health and recovery of Gary and Heidi Steyer; Health and recovery of Denny and Marguerite Bird; Health and recovery of JC Geisman; In memory of Father's cousin; Birthday blessings to Betty Kovach; Health and recovery of Tony; God's blessing to Cole on his military journey; Health of Jewel, Natalie and Morgan and their unborn babies; Health and recovery of Jim, Cheryl and Laura; Health of Matt; Health of Janis, Wayne, Tom, Ron, Mary, Loren, Joe, Sonya, David, Julia, Tom, Jason, Margi & Joe, Betty, MaryAnn & Bob, Judy, Chuck, Bohdi, Liz, Diane, Stella, Jake, Helen, Stella, Jake, Helen; Birthday blessings to Roddie.

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**40 DAY REMEMBRANCE**

**Dec. 6:** Church Terror attack victims in France / Matushka Elizabeth Kachur; terror attack victims in Canada

**Dec. 13:** His Eminence, Metropolitan Maximos / Terror attack victims from Vienna / Garfield Jones

**Dec. 27:** 5 military killed in Egypt / Orestes Mihaly / His Holiness Patriarch of Serbia

**Jan 3:** Luba Johnson / His Eminence, Archbishop David from Alaska

# PRAYER LIST Updated 12-2

**HIERARCHS:** His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman

**CLERGY:** 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

**MATUSHKII:** Pani Patricia Duranko, Virginia Lecko, Maura McCarnthey, Trudi Richter, Snezana Ruzic, Sonya Tutko, Margaret Zabinko

**PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES:** John Beadle (Elchisko), Trisha (Cassell Daughter), Maryann Cook (cousin to Twarek), John Richard Elchisco, Michael Glovinsky (Basil's nephew), Shirley Gresh (Glovimski), Julia Guzy, Joseph Habegger (brother-in-law Kovach), Charisee (Hileman), Kris Kollar (Fr.'s cousin), Betty Kovach (Jim's mother), Kristen (Cassell daughter), Terri Lariccia (Fr's cousin), David LaValle (Fr's cousin), Helen Lis (fr David's mom), Child Stephanos (Loizos), Jim Mazur, Child Stella Miller (Elcisko), Laura Lucas (Fr.'S cousin), Tony Monastra (Tina's husband), Katelyn Pipenur (Hileman niece), Earl Rindfleisch (Tina's dad), Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisko), Joe Rose, Ron Royhab, Maryann Royhab (Ron's sister-in-law), Patricia Schirtzinger (Christi's mom), Steven Schirtzinger (Christi's brother), Christy Schutt (Joe's sister), Dacia Snider (Hileman), Christi Soski, Peter Truta (Jean's cousin), Diane Tryon, Greg Tyron, Tom Twarek, the child Bodhi (Grandson Cassell), Brittany & her newborn Lorelei (Fr's Cousin)

**OTHER REQUESTS:** Baby Finn (Cassell), Bredan (Child from Norwalk), Betty Dubbert (Kovach), Marge Dziama ( Fr's Dziama's daughter; former pastor), Mary Dziak (Twarek); Matt Essex (Police officer); Ruthe Flewelling, (Former parishioner), Ben Franklin (Kovach), James Geisman (Twarek), Theodore Geletka (Choir director St. Michael's Broadview Heights), Donald Gresh (Glovisky), Elliot Joy (Former Police chief's son), Andrea Joy (Kovach), Ann Marie Krynock (Timko), Meinda Kuzara (Archbishop's list), Jake Lipstraw (Twarek), Mark Ludvik (Guzy), Mark Masica (Kovach), Pauline Meath (Fr's friend), Karen Muzyka (Fr's friend), Charlie Nowak (Twarek), Sandy Scafaria (Hileman), Janice Timko, Philip Andy Timko, George Timko, Cheryl Wieber (Twarek), Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek), Loren Welch (Fr's friend)

**MILITARY:** Alex, Nathan Brown, Craig Cassell, Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Cole Heffernan

**CAPTIVES:** Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo), Archbishop John Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo, The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world

Heartbeat of Ottawa County offers compassionate support and active guidance to those experiencing family challenges and/or unplanned pregnancy. You don't have to make uninformed decisions about your pregnancy.

Open House - Sunday, December 13

140 Buckeye Boulevard, Suite E;  
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## 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.

**How to make a country great again: 10 thoughts  
of Metropolitan Onuphry  
by Orthodox Witness | November 20, 2020**

A selection of thoughts of His Beatitude Metropolitan Onuphry of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, extracted from sermons, interviews and addresses this year.

**Fortitude in Faith**

The future of Orthodoxy in Ukraine depends on our steadfastness in the faith, on our loyalty to the Church, loyalty to her teaching and canonical tradition. Despite all the hardships, we must testify both with our word and with our lives about Christ, about love and forgiveness, about holiness and moral purity, we must carry the word of God to our people. We must offer a sincere prayer to God for our Church and for our country.

**Spiritual duty**

We cannot always know the Providence of God in our life, for which this or that test was sent. But our blessed duty is to change our sinful life for the better and grow spiritually in Christian virtues.

**Love**

God is Love, and love has a beautiful property – it does not withdraw into itself, but wants other creatures to be partakers of it.

If a person does not fulfill the first commandment – does not love God, then he cannot love his neighbor. Love for your neighbor is like love for God. If I do not have love for God, then what will my love for my neighbor be like? If a person does not have love for God, his love for his neighbor is commerce. It is always something like, “I give you in the hope that you will return the same to me, and maybe more.” Spiritual love is sacrificial.

**Fulfilling the commandments of God**

God’s commandments are not God’s whims. You need to encourage yourself to live according to the commandments of God, despite all the difficulties. Even if they are not fashionable today, if they may be laughed at or mocked at today, this should not bother us. Fasting, prayer, and everything else that the commandments of God tell us to do – forgiveness, humility, patience – all this is for the good of the person

himself. With these laws, God shows us how we should live in order to be like Him and from this enjoy the bliss, happiness and peace that the one who is like God has, which God has in himself and which He gives to the one who is like Him.

**The Mother of God**

The Mother of God is the Protectress of all people and prays for everyone. Blessed is the person who knows about this and respects the most holy Virgin Mary as the Mother of God, as the Mother of all, as his own mother. And it is bad for the person who does not know this. He simply does not know what he is depriving himself of.

When we ask the Mother of God: “Help us, pray for us, save us!”, then she prays to the Savior for us. The Lord gives us great, omnipotent grace, strengthens us in our trials, which we endure during our earthly life.

**Prayer**

It happens that a person has heard a song, and it stays in his head – it goes over and over... But the prayer that a person reads every day and tries to read with all his heart, with all his soul, does not enter the mind so easily. Because a person is more inclined to evil, and evil clings to us more easily than good. But we must force ourselves to love God first of all, to love our neighbor, to forgive our neighbor, to pray, to fast, to do good deeds, to help orphans, widows, and the elderly.

Prayer feeds our soul. If there is no prayer, then the soul dies.

At first our prayer may be small, but it should be done.

You wake up in the morning – cross yourself, stand in front of the icons – cross yourself, read the prayer to the Mother of God three times and recite the Creed. Then with your Prayer Book with the morning and evening prayers, and then read the Gospel and the Psalter. In time, a person trains himself pray constantly. No matter where he goes, he says the Jesus Prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner!”

**Monks**

We must not judge anyone in our life, especially a monk. Since everyone sees his fall, they even make it bigger than what it actually is. And only God sees his repentance and his correction. *Con’t PG 6*



## ***DECEMBER Celebrations***

<b>Anniversary</b>	<b>Birthday</b>	
12-5-2004: Archbishop Mark of Philadelphia	1-Ileana Bruner	11- Tina Rindfleisch
12-19-1971: Retired Bishop Seraphim of Sendai	1-Thomas McDonald	11- Emmelyn Monschein
21- Ed & Irene Vangeloff	1-Holly Mesavage	12- Rowan Issler
12-27-2014: Bishop Paul of Chicago	3-Police officer Chris Suppelsa	13- Gabe Mazurik
27- James & Lauren Jerome	4- Mat. Ksenia Bruner	15- Terri Lariccia
31- Justin & Jessica Issler	4-Chris Lariccia	17- Tim Heffernan
31- Fred & Christi Soski	4-Steven Calzone	23- Teri Cassell
	5- Mat. Laryissa Bremer	23- Sean Williams
	6- Mat. Susan Northrup	25- Darlene Mazurik
	8- Joe Rose	28- Carol Mazurik
	9- Pauline Meath	30- Jeff Stokely
	9-Angie Dardovsky	30- Christina Adzima

*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.*



## ***DECEMBER Reposed***

1-Helen Elchisco (1990)	22-Susan La Valle (2019)
3- Mary Hubicki (2013)	23- Steven Danchisen (1982)
8- Bill Soltis (2014)	23- Fr. David Sedor (2008)
8-Mary (Marika) Lefas (2019)	24- Alexandra Turkul (1980)
10- Michael Basala (1991)	24- John Bird <b>No year Provided</b>
12- Anna Bretz (2002)	26- Fr. Robert Sally (2002)
13- Joseph Mazurik (1986)	26- Julia Malchisky (1971)
13- Archimandrite Seraphim Oblivantseff (1954) Former Pastor	28- Fr. John Kuchta (2019)
15- Michael W. Belenky (1971)	29- Alexandra Dotsenko (1980)
18- Archbishop Job (2009)	30- Bishop Boris (2000)
19- Edward Malchisky (2001)	30- Rita Felenchak (1996)
20- Julia Brosojah Millie (1953)	30-Ed Pehanich, Sr (2019)
20- John Mazurik (2017)	31- Jevgeny Cernonok (1980)
20- William Pipenur (2003)	31- Robert LaVallee (2007)
21- Mary Sennich (1985)	31- Hermenegildo Guerrero (2018)
22- Antonima Vecsey (1972)	Peter Onyock (1952)
	Anna Mazurik (1968)

## 10 ways Con't

Those who struggle spiritually know that they don't always win, but by necessity stumble somewhere, fall, then get up. All monks struggle with themselves, otherwise a person cannot live in a monastery. And something else: all the monks pray for the whole world and for us sinners, that God will send His blessings to all of us.

### The world and the devil fight a man of faith

The world and the devil always oppose a person who follows the path of salvation to God. The world demands that a person give his best strengths and his time, so that he will not pray and serve God. When a person turns away from God, he turns to the devil and harms himself. If the Lord says that He does not want a person to turn away from Him, it is not because He needs our presence, but because we need His. Being turned towards God means praying, fasting, reading the Holy Scriptures, and forcing ourselves to do good deeds, even if we don't want to. Then God's power, the grace of God will protect us from all the temptations that come our way.

### Enduring sorrows

We owe gratitude to God for everything that He allows and is of benefit to us. Sorrows are big, small, long-term, short-term, but they all carry with them bitterness. If a person accepts grief as a medicine from God, then it turns into something beneficial for a person. Therefore, we must thank God for everything that He allows: what's sweet, bitter, difficulties, trials. Because they are all medicines for our salvation.

### Real patriotism

The Lord said that all passions come from the heart, and their cause is in ourselves, and not outside. And life's circumstances are just a background that can help or hinder the development of the passion. Today we talk a lot about "a new, better Ukraine", but we only criticize each other. If we want to be patriots of our country, we must fight our shortcomings. I have to fight myself! If each of us does this, then we will really get better, and our country will get better.

## Breaking the logic barrier by Protopresbyter George Christodoulou October 16, 2020

Regarding recent public statements about Holy Communion by a professor of Genetics but also by politicians, I would like to express some thoughts simply and freely.

The purpose of this article is not to underestimate science or individuals, but to strengthen the faith of Orthodox Christians who have been affected lately.

First of all, let us accept that priests are also people who get sick and die like everyone else. In fact, many saints of our Church were particularly sickly.

Our Church has responded to the health directives from the outset and continues to respond. Priests wear masks like everyone else, in shops, public services, hospitals, buses, etc., only not during religious services, as the law stipulates. We must take precautions for this virus that currently exists, covid-19, and do what we can to achieve the best possible outcome. That's logical.

But who has the absolute authority and certitude to force another human being *not to accept* something different, something outside the realm of reason, such as the mysterious spiritual life?

The scientist is a respected person who studies, researches and strives to improve the life of humanity. Yet he sees only as far as knowledge of his discipline allows. Also, from the little I learned about genetics at Harvard and as our remarkable teachers told us, there are many gaps in genetic knowledge as well as in the ethics of Genetics. Dr. Craig Venter tells *The Guardian*: "When you concede that we only understand two thirds of the most fundamental cell that we can compile right now, we are probably at about the one per cent level of our understanding of the human genome."

My simple thought is how a scientist whose subject has so many unanswered and unexplored gaps can come to an object completely unknown to him, such as the Holy Mysteries of our Orthodox Faith and especially the Mystery of the Mysteries, the Eucharist. The scientists themselves acknowledge that transmission of diseases through Communion cannot be proven. Precisely, because in our lives there exists not only what is "logical"; there are also things "beyond logic." *Con't PG 8*

## Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule:

St. Nicholas, Mogadore, St. Innocent, Olmsted Falls, December 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>

- 50<sup>th</sup> Autocephaly Celebration, Cleveland Deanery on YouTube, December 4<sup>th</sup>
- Fr. Alexander Garklavs to offer reflection after Akathist to North American Saints

Christ the Savior/Holy Spirit Church, Cincinnati, OH, December 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>

St. Luke Church, Palos Hills, IL, December 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>

## CATASTROPHIC RELIEF FUND

Purpose of fund: To provide some small financial assistance to a parishioner, family member or community member who has suffered a catastrophic event.

Funds will be offered at the discretion & blessing of the Rector and the discretion of the Board.

This money can also be used for outreach programs in the parish

Thank you and God bless!

## December SPECIAL COLLECTION

Danbury / Marblehead Fire Department



## Metropolitan Council Meets in Special Session

On Thursday, November 19, 2020, the [Metropolitan Council](#) of the Orthodox Church in America met via teleconference in Special Session under the presidency of [His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon](#). During the course of the meeting, the Metropolitan Council heard a report from the Reverend Deacon Peter Ilchuk on the scheduling difficulties regarding the upcoming [20th All-American Council](#) due to the present public health situation. Having considered his report, the Metropolitan Council decided to postpone the 20th All-American Council from July 2021 until July 2022. This decision will now be considered by the [Holy Synod](#) for final determination.

The members of the Metropolitan Council also heard a report from its Property Committee on the status of the [sale of the Chancery property](#). Having heard this report, the Metropolitan Council decided to retain a licensed New York attorney to assist the Church in any negotiations or sale of the Chancery property.

## DECEMBER CANDLE & BULLETIN SPONSORS

**Bulletin:** (\$50) From Father Andrew in memory of my family members deceased in the month of December

**Chandelier:** (\$50) From the Elcisko Family in memory of their mother Helen, father George, & brother George Michael; From Jean for the health & blessings received for my family & all the parishioners of H. A.

**Altar Candles:** (\$50) From Basil in memory of his god-parents John & Helen Beadle

**Candles on the Tomb:** (\$25) From Peter & Judy in memory of Peter's great grandparents Michael & Mary Hritsko

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (25) From Jean in memory of her father, William Pipenur



## *Logic Barrier Con't*

There are things we see, there are also things we do not see.

Our Orthodox Faith, however, has proofs. The Orthodox Priest can contract any disease, but not through Holy Communion, which is God himself.

In practice:

1) The Priests during their lifetime will commune a very large number of people, some with a contagious disease, and they will then consume the sacred “remainder” from the Holy Chalice. Consider that most clergy have spouses and children with whom they later interact with.

2) Father Chrysanthos Koutsoulogiannakis, a priest of Spinalonga, communed the lepers using the same spoon with which he also finished it at the end. He always gave his hand when greeting and during the distribution of *antidoron*, and was the last off the island when leprosy was cured and it was abandoned. He died of old age – and not from leprosy.

3) [Saint Joseph the Hesychast](#) was literally embracing those who had tuberculosis. He hugged them tightly in his arms out of love. When asked if he was afraid of the disease, he said: “I pray to God every day to allow me to catch tuberculosis so that my soul may be saved, but the disease flees from me.” He passed away at a very old age – and not from tuberculosis.

4) In the life of [St. John of Kronstandt](#), an incident is reported where the father of a Priest he was acquainted with became seriously ill with tuberculosis, and his doctor had given him a maximum of ten days to live. Saint John asked him to leave the hospital, since there was no hope for him to live anyhow, and to go with him to Kronstandt, where there was a church, in order to give him holy Communion. When the doctor learned of this, he said that he would die on the way there. The patient eventually received Communion and remained in Kronstadt for two days, when the hemoptysis [coughing of blood] ceased and his voice returned. When he went back, the doctor said that this was unprecedented. The patient lived another 25 years

The miraculous treatment of Princess Zinaida Yusupova is also characteristic. She suffered a blood infection after giving birth prematurely. The Saint visited her, as she narrates, sat on her bed and said to her: “Whether you will live or not, it is God’s business. Nevertheless, you must prepare for a new life by receiving the Immaculate Mysteries.” At his insistence she accepted, and after communing with consciousness and joy, she slept for six hours. When she woke up, she was completely healthy! Professor Botkin, who was observing her, seeing such a change, remained silent for a long time. Two tears rolled down his face. Then he whispered pensively: “Such a cure was not achieved by human means.”

5) How many other miracles related to the Priesthood and Holy Communion are recorded in books other biographies, and also in the memory and experience of the clergy. Supernatural facts held for more than 2000 years. If you have ever seen the reaction of a demon-possessed man when he is taken to Holy Communion, you will understand much. No, he is not mentally ill neither does he have any brain damage, he is the man next door.

So, my dear ones, in this life there is not only logic, the scientific point of view, and what we see. There is also the supernatural and those things we do not see, which well from a single truth, Christ!

Holy Communion is alive!

However, let us clarify at this point that whoever wishes to receive the Ineffable Mysteries should know that there are conditions. The Christian, in order to commune, must prepare oneself, in order to become a vessel suitable for receiving God: to be humble-minded, to confess sincerely in order to cleanse his soul with this great sacrament of our Church, not to hate anyone, and to struggle spiritually, cultivating the virtues and his faith.

Therefore we respect the scientific data, but when they fail to explain to us how a wooden icon streams myrrh, and how a mural in Andros (that so many people saw these days) weeps, let us not treat the faithful as irrational beings who do not speak the language of logic. Do not forget that there are also clergy who are scientists, physicians, geneticists, etc., with brilliant studies in Greece and abroad. *Con't Next Page*