

## PREPARATION FOR THE BLESSING OF HOMES

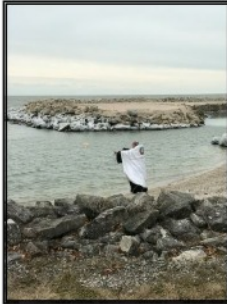
Before the Priest arrives at your home, here are a few reminders on how to prepare:

- In the main room of the home, usually the kitchen or dining room, have placed on the table a white cloth, a candle and /or an Icon or cross. You may place a small container of Holy Water on the table. (Note: Father will be bringing his own.)
- Make a list of those living in the house including pets and all deceased you want prayed for.
- Turn off all TV's, radios, computers, etc. So as to keep focused on the blessing service.
- Make sure that pets are heeled or restrained so as not to get underfoot while Father goes through the home.
- In some customs, someone (usually a child) takes a candle and leads Father through the house while the rest follow.
- If you have any items to be blessed (Icon, Cross, etc.). Put them on the table where the blessing will take place.
- When the priest arrives, have everyone in the home gather around the table and join in the blessing. **PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT.**
- Invite friends or neighbors to participate and witness the beauty of this tradition.

**NOTE: Remember, the invitation to the priest to come and bless your home is an invitation to ask for the mercy of God upon the household. The sprinkling of the Holy Water is a sign of God's presence in the home as an extension of His Holy House, the Church. It is a time to renew our commitment to God as we begin another year in His mercy and love for mankind. Please contact Fr. To make arrangements to have your home blessed by the end of January.**

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF LAKE ERIE**  
**Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Noon**  
**Weather Date: Saturday, January 15 at Noon**

Location: Clemons Park across the street from  
Holy Assumption Orthodox Church  
110 East Main Street, Marblehead, OH



Blessing of the Lake, the  
Village of Marblehead &  
surrounding areas,  
prayers for the civil  
authorities and residents.

Noon: Join us for the Procession from Holy Assumption Orthodox  
Church to Clemons Park across the street.  
Return to Church following the Service for food, adult beverages,  
coffee, tea, water, soda.

**QUESTIONS?** Please call Father Andrew  
Rectory: 419-798-4591 / Cell: 570-212-8747



**Christmas Day  
Free Dinner**  
*Open to Anyone & Everyone Welcome*

hosted by

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church  
110 East Main Street, Marblehead, OH



**Eat in or Take Out available**

**Reservations not necessary but  
strongly encouraged to ensure  
seating & meal.**

**Deadline:** 8 pm. - December 19

**Call:** Rectory (419) 798-4591 *(Please  
specify "eat in" or "take out")*

**When:** Christmas Day  
Saturday, December 25  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Cost:** Free

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Appetizers

Ham  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Vegetables / Roll & Butter /  
Salad

Desserts

Wine / Coffee / Tea / Water  
Soda / Some mixed drinks