



*Marguerite Bird*

**October 2, 1946 - February 22, 2022**

**MEMORY ETERNAL**



# Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew Bartek, Rector Parish Council President: Ron Royhab



## MARCH Bulletin Sponsor:

Fr. Andrew in memory of my ordaining Bishop, His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

### Liturgical & Events Schedule

#### Sunday, February 27- Meatfare Sunday

9:10 am: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Potluck Social /  
**Last Day to eat Meat**

#### Saturday, March 5

4:00 pm Great Vespers / Confessions

#### Sunday, March 6

9:10 am: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Potluck Social  
(No Meat) / Forgiveness Vespers

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2022

**Tone: 3**

**Gospel:**

Matthew 25: 31-46 / St John 10:9-16

**Epistle:**

1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 / Hebrews 13:17-21

#### Meatfare Sunday

**Sunday of the Last Judgment.** Ven. Procopius the Confessor of Decapolis. Ven. Thalelaeus, Hermit of Syria. Titus the soldier, of the Kiev Caves. Repose of St. Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn, NY.

### FEBRUARY / MARCH CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of Feb. 27:	Stephanie
Week of March 6:	Sandy
Week of March 13:	Bobbie
Week of March 20:	Natalie
Week of March 27:	Basil & Tim



**Note:** If there are services during the week, please vacuum after each service.

Thank you for your service!

### 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!

### MARCH BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS

**Bulletin: (\$50)** From Fr. Andrew in memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas

**Chandelier: (\$50)** From Fr. Andrew in memory of my Father George on occasion of his birthday

**Altar Candles: (\$50)** From Fr. Andrew in memory of my family and friends

**Candles on the Tomb: (\$25)** Open

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (25)** Open

**Candles @ the Cross: (\$15)** From Laura for Birthday blessings to Greg and in memory of Russ

**Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon: (\$15)** For the Hlth of Tim & Cami & safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice

**NOTE:** Even though there are no physical candles this month I will still remembered those whom you want to remember during the Divine Liturgy.

### CHURCH PAINTING

The painting of the interior of the church has begun and hopefully to be completed by the first week in April. Please excuse the mess.

Due to this we must take a lot of things out of the church which includes Vigils. So no candles until work is completed. Thank You

## **FEBRUARY: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY**

**Goal Pledged per month: \$5,667**  
**(average of \$1,307 per week)**

**Feb. 6:** \$1,060

**Feb. 13:** \$1,295

**Feb. 20:** Ice Storm Church cancelled

**Total for the Month:** \$2,355

## **FEBRUARY: OTHER INCOME**

**Goal for the month in this category:**  
**\$4,000 (Average \$923 a week)**

**Feb. 6:** \$10 Candles; \$125 Vigils; \$200 Holy Day Donations; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Chandelier; \$25 Candles on the Tomb; \$100 Altar Candles; \$25 Eternal Light; \$15 Candles at the Cross

**Feb. 13:** \$75 Candles; \$125 Vigils; \$250 Holy Day Donations; \$15 Candles at the Cross

**Feb. 20:** Ice Storm Church Cancelled

**Total for Month:** \$1,065

## **FEBRUARY: RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS**

**Jan. 6:** \$100 Food Pantry; \$100 Catastrophic Fund; \$100 St. Herman's House

**Feb. 13:** \$25 Support Priest (Jan); \$300 St Vladimir Seminary

**Feb. 20:** Ice Storm Church Cancelled

## **40 DAY REMEMBRANCE**

**Feb. 27:** 2 Police officer killed in NYC / Paula Skeen

**March 6:** Tom Welch

**March 13:** 2 police officers killed in GA / 3 Firemen from MD / School shooting victims in MN

**March 20:** Chris from Bruno's / Captain John Esposito

**March 27:** Matushka Carol Ann Janeček

**April 2:** Marguerite Bird

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Diane Tryon  
109 Joslyn Street  
Arcadia, OH 44804

## **FEBRUARY LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE**

**Tuesday, Feb. 1:** 9 attended Vesperal Liturgy

**Sunday, Feb. 6:** 15 attended Liturgy (1 being a guest) / 11 Communicants / No Vespers

**Saturday, Feb. 12:** 7 attended Vespers

**Sunday, Feb. 13:** 13 attended (1 being a guest) / 11 Communicants

**Sunday, Feb. 20:** Ice Storm Church cancelled

## **Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule:**

**St. Matthew Orthodox Church, Green Bay, WI,**  
February 25th to February 27th  
Ordination of Pedro Samosata to the Subdiaconate.  
Tonsure of a reader as well.

**Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago IL,**  
March 4th to 6th  
Beginning of Great Lent

**St Innocent Church, Olmstead Falls, OH,**  
March 11th to March 13th

**Meeting of Holy Synod, March 14th to 18th,**  
**Washington DC**

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary, Madison, IL,**  
March 19th to 20th  
Presentation of Synodal Grammotta to Fr John Zabinko

**Annunciation Church, St James, MO,**  
March 24 to 25th

**Joy of All Who Sorrow Mission, Joplin, MO,**  
March 26 to 28th

## **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.*

## Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy to Celebrate Orthodoxy Sunday

The Sunday of Orthodoxy will be commemorated in Cleveland, OH by gathering the local parishes in commemoration of the restoration of icons in the 800's after the iconoclast heresy.

Clergy and faithful of greater Cleveland will come together to serve Great Vespers on March 13, at 5:00 P.M. and will process with holy icons. The main celebrant and homilist for this festive gathering will be His Eminence, the Most Reverend Michael, Archbishop of New York and the Diocese of New York & New Jersey (OCA).

The service will be held at Saint Matthew the Evangelist Antiochian Orthodox Church, located at 10383 Albion Road, North Royalton, OH 44133. Fellowship and refreshments will be held in the Church Hall following the service. The gathering is sponsored by the Greater Cleveland Council of Orthodox Clergy.



## Archbishop Paul Concelebrates Feast of Three Hierarchs

DES PLAINES, IL [DOM] – At the invitation of His Eminence Archbishop Peter of Mid-America (ROCOR), His Eminence Archbishop Paul joined his brother hierarch to celebrate the feast of the Three Hierarchs – St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom – for the Julian Calendar commemoration, Saturday, February 12.

The service was attended by clergy from various parts of the country, including Bishop Nicholas of Manhattan (ROCOR), and Archpriest Gregory Joyce, Secretary of the Diocese of Mid-America. Priest Alexander Koranda, Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, and Mr. Joseph Jenkins, Keleinik, accompanied Archbishop Paul for this joyous occasion.

Following the Great Entrance at the Divine Liturgy Archbishop Peter ordained Deacon Nikolai Lochmatow, cleric of the Protection of the Mother of God Cathedral and graduate of Holy Trinity Seminary, a priest.

## In Memoriam: Matushka Carol Ann Janeček

Matushka Carol Ann Janeček, the wife of Archpriest Frederick J. Janeček, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, February 14, 2022, the Feast of St. Cyril of Thessalonica, the Apostle to the Moravians and All Slavs. She reposed surrounded by her husband, and son, John Frederick, shortly after receiving Holy Communion with awareness and devotion.

Janeček, Carol Ann (nee Groshek) of Alpine, Texas, Madison, Milwaukee, and Stevens Point, fell asleep in the Lord at the age of 80 after a heroic battle with thyroid cancer. She was born on May 26, 1941, in Stevens Point to Harry H. and Ann Marie (nee Barwick) Groshek. Carol married Very Reverend Father Frederick J. Janeček on July 21, 1973, in Milwaukee. She earned a Bachelor Degree in Education from Alverno College in Milwaukee and two Master Degrees in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee as well as Pastoral Studies from Loyola University in New Orleans. She has worked in the area of social work and religious education. She was a religious education coordinator at St. Maria Goretti in Madison, St. John the Baptist in Waunakee and St. Francis Xavier in Cross Plains. She was a member of the Sister of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis in Stevens Point as Sister Dismas and was a teacher at St. John the Baptist in Menasha, WI and at Blessed Sacrament and St. Adalbert in Milwaukee. She assisted Father Fredrick in his ministry especially in visiting the sick and pastoral counseling. She was an Orthodox representative to the Wisconsin Council of Churches. Carol was a breast cancer survivor and worked with women who had cancer.

She was the mother of John F. Janeček of Watertown. She was the aunt of Kevin and Kori of Milwaukee and Kara of Las Vegas. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Mary Jane and Clare Therese Groshek.

May her memory be eternal.

This feast was also an opportunity for the alumni of Holy Trinity Seminary in the Mid-American diocese to come together to celebrate the feast of their school's patrons. Following the Divine Liturgy a festive luncheon was held at a local restaurant.

## Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment Commemorated on February 27

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

## FELLOWSHIP OF ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA

### FOCA February Update & Virtual Events

It's hard to believe we are already a month into 2022! Great Lent will be here before we know it, and we have a number of virtual events and other important things to cover!

### YouTube Channel

We are now on YouTube! We will be using this channel for some of our upcoming Virtual services and other videos. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to navigate to our channel and "SUBSCRIBE". Once we reach 100 subscribers, we will have more flexibility with our channel.

### Virtual Service in Preparation for Great Lent - Mar. 4, 2022

Join us on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 8PM (EST) for The Akathist Hymn of Repentance in Christ, Hosted by St. Nicholas Church, Mogadore, Ohio. Served by Past & Present National, District & Local Spiritual Advisors from across the USA, with an Address by His Eminence the Most Reverend Michael Archbishop of New York & New Jersey.

See National OCA Website for more info.

### Virtual Lenten Retreat - Mar. 19, 2022

Join us on Saturday, March 19 for a Virtual Lenten Retreat! Our retreat leader is Archpriest Paul Jannakos. Fr. Paul is the Rector of St. Luke Parish in Palos Hills IL, and is the Chancellor of the Diocese of the Midwest.

See National OCA Website for more info.

### 95th National Convention in Baltimore-July 15-18, 2022

Chart your course for Baltimore, Maryland in 2022 and plan to attend the 95th National FOCA Convention, held in conjunction with the Orthodox Church in America's 20th All-American Council.

Event Details, Hotel Information and Commemorative Book Ad Forms are now available!

See National OCA Website for more info.

## PRAYER LIST- UPDATED FEBRUARY 23

**HIERARCH'S / CLERGY:** His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; Archbishop Benjamin from San Fransico; John Duranko (Father's home pastor); James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father); Moses Berry; Gregory Grivna; Emilian Hutnyan; Joseph Von Klarr; Michael Kuzara; John Zabinko / Deacon Paul Gansle, Deacon Peter Rentsch, Deacon Michael Wison / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

**MATUSHKII:** Pani Patricia Duranko; Susan Dank; Virginia Lecko; Maura McCarty; Roberta Spengler; Margaret Zabinko

**PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES:** James Bargdill (Schutt); John Beadle (Elchisco); Maryann Cook (Twarek); Michael Glovinsky; Heidi Golob; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Charisse (Hileman); Betty Kovach; David LaValle (Fr); Helen Lis; David Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); Nancy Naiser (Royhab); Earl Rindfleisch; Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Stephanie Royhab; Joe Schutt; Dacia Snider (Hileman); Diane Tryon; Greg Tyron; Tom Twarek; Child Bodhi (Cassell); Kathryn Tryon & her unborn child

**OTHER REQUESTS:** Mary Dank (ABL); Layne Demkosy (Fr); Paul Demkosky (Fr.); Marge Dziama; Child Ezra; Baby Finn (Cassell); Zoe Finley (ABL); Ruthe Flewelling; Ben Franklin (Kovach); Dorothy Goldman (Twarek); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky); Andrea Joy (Kovach); Ann Marie Krynock (Timko); Maria (ABL); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath (Fr); Karen Muzyka (fr); Noah (ABL); William Romanchak (Fr); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); Nancy Sitzler (Twarek) Loren Welch (Fr); Tanya Wolfe (Fr.); Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap (Fr); Zoland Zile (Fr.); Molly and her unborn child

**MILITARY:** Alex, Nathan Brown, Craig Cassell, Cory Deaton , Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Nicholas & Tikhon, Cory Deaton, Alex Zarnow

**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



**NOTE:** ABL (Archbishop's request) / Please let Fr. Andrew know who can come off the list or be put on.



### 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (Epistle)

But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble. Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in

## MARCH Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	
24- Chris & Lindsay Lariccia	1- Marilyn Calzone 2- Lori Batura 3- Tony Monastra 7- Tamera Blackford 8- Rachel Adamcio 8- Ruth Sheller 11- Jason Monschein 16- Paul Bojan 16- Claudia Zile	20- Luke Welch 20- Lydia Welch 21- Brooklyn Lariccia 22- Ariana Holmes 23- Mason Monschein 26- Rachel Sumner 30- Bobbie Royhab 30- Fred Cassell 31- Greg Mazur

### Matthew 25:31-46 (Gospel)

When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’

And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

## MARCH Reposed

1- George Danchisen (2018) 3- Anna Stoyka (2018) 4- Andrew Mazur (2001) 6- Frank Guzy (2002) 8- Mat. Sonya Tutko (2021) 11- Ella Mazur (1918) 13- Metropolitan Nicholas (2011) 13- Richard Michael Benya (1983) 13- George Malchisky Sr (1980) 17- Frank Holodnak (1961) 21- Tai Whitham	23- Eva Pondillo (2001) 23- Ella Mazurik (1985) 23- Francis Mitchell (2008) 23- Barbara Ann Wasylenko (2017) 25- Pani Janette Moriak (1997) 25- David Chikerotis (2019) 29- Todd Pollack (2019) 29- Carolyn Woodward (2000) 30- John Rofkar (2019) Michael Elchisko (1909) Helen Millie (1910) George Danchisen (1912)
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**THANK RECEIVED BY OCMC FOR LAST YEAR'S DONATION OF \$785 FOR SUPPORT A PRIEST**

Dear Fr. Andrew, Greetings in Christ!

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2). Isaiah’s prophecy, uttered 700 years before Christ’s coming to the earth, remains applicable today because of your generosity. Your prayers and support allowed us to keep Christ’s light shining in 2021 for the thousands of people touched by the ministry of OCMC. As you review your enclosed year-end statement, please see all that you helped us accomplish for God’s glory. Thank You!

Over the course of 2021, we offered 21 virtual teams in 6 different countries, leading youth ministry, women’s retreats, chant and iconography workshops, catechism, and parish retreats. Having refined this new mode of virtual ministry, we look forward to continuing to use virtual teams to expand our reach, even as we plan to reintroduce traditional mission teams in the coming year.

Moreover, your financial support allowed us to support theological training initiatives, church construction and iconography projects, children, orphans, young mothers, students, pre-K and primary schools, and also helped to kick start 2 income generation projects in the mission field. All of this at a time when communities in the mission field needed help the most.

Overall, you helped us send \$198,000 in Covid-19 relief, \$430,100 to support churches around the world, \$167,750 to support youth and mothers, \$110,750 to support children’s schooling, and \$214,350 in global outreach. That is an incredible aid to those who most need it around the world. Thank you again for your prayers and support in making all this possible! You’ve helped us endure these difficult times and continue to shine the light and love of Christ in a darkened world. We look forward to all that 2022 will bring and to the countless opportunities to share Christ, and His unending Light, with the world.

May God Bless you, your loved ones, and your communities, and may you have a blessed 2022.

Yours in Christ, Fr, Martin Ritsi

*We will be sending a check for \$860 next week.*

**Movie featuring St. Nektarios to have One-Night Showing in U.S.**

The “Man of God”, the highly anticipated award-winning box office hit based on the inspiring life of the beloved Orthodox saint, Saint Nektarios of Aegina, is coming to theaters across the United States for one-night only.

The film that won the hearts of the public in Greece, Russia and Serbia starring Hellenic Academy Award winner Aris Servetalis, Russian superstar Alexander Petrov, and Golden Globe winner Mickey Rourke, will be in 800 theatres nationwide on March 21, 2022 as one-night only Fathom Events release.

Exiled unjustly, convicted without a trial and slandered without cause, St. Nektarios of Aegina’s life was one of persecution and prosecution. A priest of the common people, St. Nektarios’s popularity provoked the jealousy of the clergy in Alexandria and, as a result, he was defrocked and expelled from Egypt. In contrast to his religious “superiors”, Nektarios cared for the poor, taught peasant girls to read and write, and performed miracles. Even his last moment on earth was used to help another: upon his death, Nektarios’ undergarment was removed, and as it fell upon a paralyzed man in the hospital bed next to him, the lame man miraculously arose to walk. So, too, do we hope MAN OF GOD will awaken the paralyzed faith in audiences around the world.

Nektarios was recognized as a saint in the Eastern Orthodox Church in 1961, and his feast day is celebrated November 9. The music for the film was composed by two-time French Cesar winner Zbigniew Preisner with special performance by Golden Globe winner Lisa Gerrard.

The film was produced by Simeon Entertainment and View Master Films in association with the Holy Great Monastery of Vatopedi, St. Maxim The Greek Institute, The Holy Metropolis of Mesogaia and Lavreotiki and Eurogroup, and with the support of Ingenuity-FO, Deep Dream, NP Insurance, Minetta Insurance and EKOME (The National Center of Audiovisual Media and Communication). In the US, promotional partners include Antenna 1 Satellite, Orthodox Christian Network and Ancient Faith Ministries.