

THE PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAIM



○ Lord and Master of my
life, take from me the
spirit of sloth, despondency,
lust for power and idle talk.
But grant unto me, Thy
servant, a spirit of
chastity, humility, patience
and love.
Yea, ○ Lord and King, grant
me to see mine own faults
and not to judge my broth-
ers and sisters. For
blessed art Thou unto ages
of ages.
Amen





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, March 27

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

Wednesday, March 30

6:00 pm Pre-Sanctified

Friday, April 1

6:30 pm Akathist

Saturday, April 2

9:20 am: Hours / 40th Day Liturgy for Marguerite

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Saturday, April 3

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

FEBRUARY / MARCH CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of March 27: Basil & Tim



40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

March 27: Matushka Carol Ann Janeček

April 2: Marguerite Bird

April 10: Aijire Dardovski

May 1: Gary Smolk

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Diane Tryon
109 Joslyn Street
Arcadia, OH 44804

SUNDAY MARCH 27, 2022

Tone: 7

Gospel:

Mark: 8:34-9:1

Epistle:

Hebrews: 4:14-5:6

Third Sunday of the Great Fast. Veneration of the Cross. Martyr Matrona of Thessalonica. Martyrs Manuel and Theodosius. Ven. John the Clairvoyant, Anchorite, of Egypt. The Glykophylousa and the Akathist Icons of the Most Holy Theotokos on Mt. Athos.

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.

PASCHAL FLOWERS

Paschal Flowers will be \$20 this year. Please help defray the cost and have your loved ones remembered during the Paschal Divine Liturgy.

MARCH: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY

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

March 6: \$1,120

March 13: \$ 960

March 20: \$ 800

TOTAL MONTH TO DATE: \$2,880

MARCH: OTHER INCOME

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

MARCH 6: \$15 Vigils; \$500 donations; \$100 Holy Day Donations; \$50 Bulletin; \$50 Chandelier; \$50 Altar Candles

March 13: \$60 Vigils; \$150 Holy Day Donation; \$425 Ukraine Relief (These monies were included in the checks sent. That is why it stays in Other Income and not Restricted Funds)

March 20: \$15 Vigils; \$17 donations; \$50 Holy Day donations; \$15 St Tikhon's Icon

Total Month-to-Date: \$1,497

MARCH: RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS

March 6: \$100 Bookstore; \$125 Food Pantry; \$1,167 Ukraine Relief ; \$25 Tithely

March 13: \$225 Food Pantry; \$1,555 Building Fund

March 20: \$645 Restoration

THANK YOU FROM HEIDI GOLOB

Dear Everyone,

I just wanted to thank you for all your love, prayers and the pretty planter. Knowing I have such nice people around me helps me know I will get thru this.

With Love, Heidi Golob

MARCH LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE

Sunday, Feb. 27: 14 attended Liturgy (3 were guests) / 10 Communicants

Saturday, March 5: 10 attended Vespers

Sunday, March 6: 14 attended Liturgy (1 was a guest) / 11 communicants

Sunday, March 6: 11 attended Forgiveness Vespers (1 being a guest)

Monday, March 7: 9 attended Canon of St Andrew
Tuesday, March 8: 9 attended the Canon of St Andrew

Wednesday, March 9: 10 Attended the Canon of St Andrew

Thursday, March 10: 7 attended Canon of St Andrew

Friday, March 11: 11 attended Pre-Sanctified

Saturday, March 12: 7 attended Vespers

Sunday, March 13: 15 attended Liturgy (2 of which were guests) / 8 Communicants

Wednesday, March 16: 9 attended Pre-sanctified (1 being a guest)

Friday, March 18: 6 attended Akathist & Prayer Service for The Archbishop

Saturday, March 19: 7 attended Vespers

Sunday, March 20: 14 attended Liturgy (3 being guests) / 8 Communicants

APRIL BULLETIN / CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) From Fr. Andrew for my mother, Dorothy, on the occasion of her birthday

Chandelier: (\$50) From Laura Kovach in Memory of her mother Margaret

Altar Candles: (\$50) From Fr. Andrew for my Godfather Andrew & Grandfather Matthias

Candles on the Tomb: (\$25) From Fr. Andrew for His Eminence Archbishop John & Mitred AP Basil(FP)

Eternal Light & Icon Screen: (\$25) For the health of AP Andrew on the occasion of his birthday

Candles @ the Cross: From Laura in memory of my mother Margaret & Russ

Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon: For the Health of His Grace Bishop Matthias on the occasion of his birthday; For the Health of Tim & Cami & safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice

125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEES

If you would be interested in serving on a committee, please speak to Fr. Andrew

Parishioner Committee Members: Fr. Andrew, Bobbie & Ron Royhab, Wayne Golob

Village Committee Members: Pat & John Englebeck, Heidi & Holly Gast, Tod Kelly, Terrie Petroff

*****NEXT MEETING: April 27 @ 7:00 pm at Marblehead VFW*****

Advertising / Program Book

Fr. Andrew, Holly Gast

Billboards

Fr. Andrew

History of the Parish

Fr. Andrew, Wayne Golob, Bobbie Royhab

Tent / Chair/ Table Rental

Fr. Andrew, Natalie Twarek

Catering / Centrepieces

Fr. Andrew, Terrie Petroff, Bobbie Royhab

Hotel / Escort

Fr. Andrew, Tod Kelly

Ref Fern Inn Activities

Fr. Andrew, Terrie Petroff

Promotional Advertising

Fr. Andrew, Wayne Golob, Holly Gast

Newspaper Articles and Ad

Fr. Andrew, Tod Kelly, Bobbie & Ron Royhab

Entertainment / PA System

Fr. Andrew, Wayne Golob

Raffle Committee

Fr. Andrew, Heidi Gast, Holly Gast, John & Pat Engelbeck

Party Favors / Lighthouse Theme

Fr. Andrew, Tod Kelly

Banner

Fr. Andrew, John Englebeck

Invitations

Fr. Andrew, Terrie Petroff

Runners / Goffers

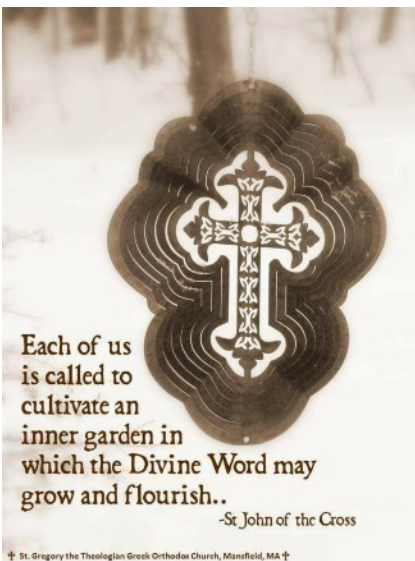
John & Pat Englebeck, Heidi Gast

Setup / Tear down

Danbury Football Team (??)

Friday Night Social

Fr. Andrew, Heidi Gast, Terrie Petroff



READERS

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| Sunday, March 27 | Tim |
| Wednesday, March 30 | Tim |
| April 3: | Tim |
| April 10: | Joe |

Come, not some person, but everyone who has worries, who has sorrows, who has sins. Come, not so that I may demand accountability, but so that I may loosen your sins. Come, not because I am in need of your praise, but because I desire your salvation; for I will give you rest.”

— St. Nektarios,
Repentance and Confession

Holy Synod meets for its Regular

2022 Spring Session

On March 15th to 18th the Holy Synod met for its regular Spring 2022 Session in the Greater Washington, D.C. area. The meetings took place in three locations: Saint Mark Church in Bethesda, MD on Tuesday, March 15, Saint Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC on Wednesday, March 16, and the remaining meetings at the Bethesdan Hotel in Bethesda, MD.

On the evening of Monday the 14th, the Holy Synod hosted a reception inviting the local clergy of the various parishes of the Orthodox Church in America within the greater Washington area.

On Tuesday the 15th His Grace Bishop Alexis was elected as Bishop of Sitka and Alaska. At the same session, and at the request of His Eminence Archbishop Paul who is facing serious health issues, His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon informed the Synod that he appointed His Grace Bishop Daniel of Santa Rosa and Auxiliary of the Diocese of the West as administrator of the Diocese of the Midwest for a period of thirty days.

On Wednesday, March 16 the Holy Synod attended the Presanctified Liturgy at Saint Nicholas Cathedral presided by His Grace

Bishop Gerasim. At the conclusion of the service, His Beatitude awarded the Order of Saint Innocent, gold class, upon the Honorable Alex M. Azar II for his many years of service in the public and private sectors, and especially in his efforts against the pandemic.

The Holy Synod also approved the two resolutions of the Metropolitan Council regarding the relocation of the Chancery to Washington, DC and the relocation of the Archives of the Orthodox Church in America. Next June, His Beatitude and Priest Alessandro Margheritino, OCA Secretary, will relocate to the Greater Washington area and set up temporary Chancery offices. The Holy Synod also approved the decision to relocate the Archives to Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary pending the approval of a contract by the Holy Synod and Metropolitan Council this coming summer. While the Archives will be housed at Saint Vladimir's, ownership of the archival treasure of the Church will be retained by the Orthodox Church in America.

As usual, during the sessions, the Holy Synod heard reports from His Beatitude, Archpriest Alexander Rentel, Chancellor, Priest Alessandro Margheritino, Secretary, Mr. Andrew Smith, Treasurer. In addition, they heard a Department update from Archpriest Thomas Soroka, an update on the 20th All American Council including a review of the agenda, and reports from the Board of Theological Education, the institutional chaplaincy, and seminaries, among others.

THANK YOU RECEIVED FROM

ZOE FOR LIFE

We gratefully acknowledge your contribution of \$580 to Zoe for Life! By God's grace, gifts such as yours help to ensure that the support of women in crisis pregnancies continues to be available to everyone. You are helping Zoe to make a difference in the lives of so many.

This letter confirms that no goods or services were provided by Zoe for Life. In compliance with our 501 © (3) status of the IRS., In exchange for the above referenced donation.

Your prayers and contributions are both deeply appreciated. May God bless you and keep you always. Thank you for helping us continue to save lives, two at a time.

With Joy in Christ, Anna Warren, Treasurer

Mission Statement: Zoe for Life! Is a Christian ministry which affirms the value of all life by providing non judgemental, confidential support and education during and after an unplanned pregnancy.

We sent this donation the first week of January.

Ukrainian Refugee Appeal Ends

The Orthodox Church in America's appeal for donations for the Ukrainian refugee crisis has ended, raising over \$650,000 for ELEOS. All donations which arrive later by mail will be sent on at a later date. Thank you for your generosity.

Please continue to help those suffering at this time by giving through International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC).

PRAYER LIST- UPDATED MARCH

HIERARCH'S / CLERGY: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; Archbishop Paul; 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 McCarnthey; 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); Betty Kovach; David LaValle (Fr); Helen Lis; David Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); Nancy Naiser (Royhab); William Pipenur (Hileman); Pat Rentz; Earl Rindfleisch; Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Stephanie Royhab; Joe Schutt; Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; 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); Natalie Henning (Twarek); 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); Jamie Philpot (Twarek); William Romanchak (Fr); Andrew Rydgig (ABL); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); Nancy Sitzler (Twarek) Loren Welch (Fr); Tanya Wolfe (Fr.); Chuck Wiedenhof (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap (Fr); Zoland Zile (Fr.); Molly and her unborn child (Fr.)

MILITARY: Alex, Nathan Brown, Craig Cassell, Cory Deaton , Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Justin Issler; 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.



The Annunciation of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary Commemorated on March 25

The Feast of the Annunciation is one of the earliest Christian feasts, and was already being celebrated in the fourth century. There is a painting of the Annunciation in the catacomb of Priscilla in Rome dating from the second century. The Council of Toledo in 656 mentions the Feast, and the Council in Trullo in 692 says that the Annunciation was celebrated during Great Lent.

The Greek and Slavonic names for the Feast may be translated as "good tidings." This, of course, refers to

the Incarnation of the Son of God and the salvation He brings. The background of the Annunciation is found in the Gospel of Saint Luke (1:26-38). The troparion describes this as the "beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the eternal mystery," for on this day the Son of God became the Son of Man.

There are two main components to the Annunciation: the message itself, and the response of the Virgin. The message fulfills God's promise to send a Redeemer (Genesis 3:15): "I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed; he shall crush your head, and you shall lie in wait for his heel." The Fathers of the *Con't Pg 8*

MARCH Celebrations

| ANNIVERSARIES | BIRTHDAYS | |
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| 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 |

Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (Epistle)

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: "You are My Son, today I have begotten You." As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek";

Mark 8:34-9:1 (Gospel)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."

MARCH Reposed

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| 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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Church understand “her seed” to refer to Christ. The prophets hinted at His coming, which they saw dimly, but the Archangel Gabriel now proclaims that the promise is about to be fulfilled.

We see this echoed in the Liturgy of Saint Basil, as well: “When man disobeyed Thee, the only true God who had created him, and was deceived by the guile of the serpent, becoming subject to death by his own transgressions, Thou, O God, in Thy righteous judgment, didst send him forth from Paradise into this world, returning him to the earth from which he was taken, yet providing for him the salvation of regeneration in Thy Christ Himself.”

The Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth in Galilee. There he spoke to the undefiled Virgin who was betrothed to Saint Joseph: “Hail, thou who art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”

In contrast to Eve, who was readily deceived by the serpent, the Virgin did not immediately accept the Angel’s message. In her humility, she did not think she was deserving of such words, but was actually troubled by them. The fact that she asked for an explanation reveals her sobriety and prudence. She did not disbelieve the words of the angel, but could not understand how they would be fulfilled, for they spoke of something which was beyond nature.

Then said Mary unto the angel, “How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?” (Luke 1:34).

“And the angel answered and said unto her, ‘The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: therefore also that which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.’ And Mary

said, ‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.’ And the angel departed from her.” (Luke 1: 35-38)

In his Sermon 23 on the day of the Annunciation, Saint Philaret of Moscow boldly stated that “the word of the creature brought the Creator down into the world.” He explains that salvation is not merely an act of God’s will, but also involves the Virgin’s free will. She could have refused, but she accepted God’s will and chose to cooperate without complaint or further questions.

The icon of the Feast shows the Archangel with a staff in his left hand, indicating his role as a messenger. Sometimes one wing is upraised, as if to show his swift descent from heaven. His right hand is stretched toward the holy Virgin as he delivers his message.

The Virgin is depicted either standing or sitting, usually holding yarn in her left hand. Sometimes she is shown holding a scroll. Her right hand may be raised to indicate her surprise at the message she is hearing. Her head is bowed, showing her consent and obedience. The descent of the Holy Spirit upon her is depicted by a ray of light issuing from a small sphere at the top of the icon, which symbolizes heaven. In a famous icon from Sinai, a white dove is shown in the ray of light

.There are several famous icons of the Annunciation. One is in the Moscow Kremlin in the church of the Annunciation. This icon appeared in connection with the rescue of a prisoner by the Mother of God during the reign of Ivan the Terrible. Another is to be found in the Dormition Cathedral in Moscow (July 8). It was originally located in Ustiug, and was the icon before which Saint Procopius the fool (July 8) prayed to save the city from destruction in 1290. One of the most highly revered icons in Greece is the Tinos icon of the Annunciation (January 30).

The Annunciation falls during Lent, but it is always celebrated with great joy. The Liturgy of Saint Basil or Saint John Chrysostom is served, even on the weekdays of Lent. It is one of the two days of Great Lent on which the fast is relaxed and fish is permitted (Palm Sunday is the other).