



Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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



AUGUST Bulletin Sponsor:

From Joe & Valerie in Honor of Archpriest Fr. Andrew in celebration of his 5th Anniversary as Rector

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, August 28

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Memorial
Sunday / Social

Monday, August 29- STRICT FAST DAY

Beheading of St John the Baptist

Wednesday, August 31

7:00 pm 125th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Saturday, September 3

4:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, September 4

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

SUNDAY August 28, 2022

Gospel: Matthew 17:14-23

Epistle: 1st Corinthians 4:9-16

Tone 2. 11TH Sunday After Pentecost. Ven. Moses the Black of Scete. Uncovering of the relics of Ven. Job, abbot and Wonderworker of Pochaev. Righteous Anna the Prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, who meet the Lord at the Temple in Jerusalem. Martyr, Susanna, Princess of Georgia. Synaxis of the Saints of the Kiev Caves whose relics repose in the Far Caves of Ven. Theodosius.

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of August 28:	Laura
Week of Sept 4:	Natalie
Week of Sept. 11:	Laura
Week of Sept 18:	Tina
Week of Sept. 25:	Laura

SEPTEMBER BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) From Fr. Andrew in Memory of His Grace Bishop John

Chandelier: (\$50) From Joe & Valerie in memory of Rose Haburt / From Fr. Andrew in memory of my grandfather Steve Bartek

Altar Candles: (\$50) From Joe & Valerie in memory of Gordon Schutt / From Fr in memory of Anna Dahulich (AB Michael of NY & NJ's mother)

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

Candles @ the Cross: From Laura for Birthday blessings to Fin & Jack / From Fr. Andrew in memory of my family & friends

Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon: For the safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice and her unborn baby / From Fr. Andrew in memory of the former Pastors AP John Grandziuk, AP Michael Dziama; AP George Breyan



AUGUST: OTHER INCOME

Goal for the month in this category:

\$4,000 (Average \$923 a week)

August 7: \$28 Candles; \$36 Anonymous Donations; \$45 Vigils; \$1,500 Donations; \$125 Holy Day Donations; \$15 Candles @ St. Tikhon; \$15 Candles @ the cross

August 14: \$53 Candles; \$45 Vigils; \$254 donations; \$200 Holy Day Donations; \$15 St Tikhon's Candles

AUGUST: RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS

August 7: \$100 St Herman's Seminary

August 14: \$200 St Herman's Seminary; \$15 Bookstore

AUGUST: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY

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

August 7: \$1,082

August 14: \$1,087

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Diane Tryon
109 Joslyn Street
Arcadia, OH 44804

Joe & Sonya Rose
4351 East Norma Drive
Port Clinton, OH 43452

Ed & Irene Vangeloff
454 Strouse Lane
Sandusky, OH 44870

READER

August 28: Joe
September 4: Tim

AUGUST BULLETIN / CANDLE SPONSORS

Bulletin: (\$50) From Joe & Valerie In Honor of Archpriest Father Andrew in celebration of his Fifth Anniversary as Rector

Chandelier: (\$50) From Joe & Valerie in memory of Dorothy Czuba

Altar Candles: (\$50) From Joe & Valerie in memory of Howard Bailey & Damian Bailey

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

Candles at the Cross: (\$15) : Laura: Birthday blessings to Matt and birthday memory of my dad Steven / From the Vangeloff family for the health and recovery of Ed

Candles @ St Tikhons (\$15) For the safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice

AUGUST LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE

Friday, August 5: 9 attended Vespers (2 of which were guests)

Saturday, August 6: 14 attended Liturgy (2 of which were guests)

Sunday, August 7: 28 attended Liturgy (12 of which were guests) / 17 Communicants

Sunday, August 14: 26 attended Liturgy (11 which were guests / 14 Communicants

Sunday August 14: 25 attended Vespers (11 which were guests

Monday, August 15: 17 attended Liturgy (3 of which were guests)

Sunday, August 21: 40 attended Liturgy (34 of which were guests)

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

August 7: Pat / 3 police officers from KY

August 14: Shooting victims from Chicago / Sasha Macura

August 28: Ohio Deputy

September 11: Monk Arseny / His Grace Bishop Damian from the Georgian Patirchate / Willie Jappsen

September 25: Bobby Almashie / Shawn Larrica

Archpriest John Reeves

Archpriest John Reeves fell asleep in the Lord on August 22, 2022.

Father John was ordained to the Diaconate on April 12, 1981, and the Priesthood on April 13, 1981, by His Eminence Archbishop Dmitri (Royster).

Father John was Director of Missions for the OCA's Diocese of the South from 1990-1996; a Board Member, and President of the Board, at Comfort House (Hospice Ministry) in McAllen, TX from 1992-1996; and in August 1992, he was a Preacher in Transylvania, Romania for the OCA's Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America. He was a Board Member for the Orthodox Christian Mission Center in St. Augustine, FL from 1994-2000; Director of the Office of Church Growth and Evangelism in the OCA from 1998-2002; a Metropolitan Council Charity Committee Chairperson from 2006-2009; and a member of the special investigation committee of the OCA.

May Father John's memory be eternal!

Venerable Moses the Ethiopian of Scete Commemorated on August 28

Saint Moses lived in Egypt during the fourth century. He was an Ethiopian, and since he was black of skin he was called "Murin" (meaning "like an Ethiopian"). In his youth he was the slave of an important man, but after he committed a murder, his master banished him, and he joined a band of robbers.

Because of his bad character and great physical strength, they chose him as their leader. Moses and his band of brigands were feared because of their many evil exploits, including murders and robberies. People trembled at the mere mention of his name.

Moses the brigand spent several years leading a sinful life, but through the great mercy of God he repented, left his band of robbers and went to one of the desert monasteries. Here he wept for a long time, begging to be admitted as one of the brethren. The monks were not convinced of the sincerity of his repentance, but the former robber would

neither be driven away nor silenced. He continued to implore that they accept him.

Saint Moses was completely obedient to the hegoumen and the brethren, and he poured forth many tears of sorrow for his sinful life. After a certain while Saint Moses withdrew to a solitary cell, where he spent his time in prayer and the strictest fasting.

Once, four of the robbers of his former band descended upon the cell of Saint Moses. He had lost none of his great physical strength, so he tied them all up. Throwing them over his shoulder, he brought them to the monastery, where he asked the Elders what to do with them. The Elders ordered that they be set free. The robbers, learning that they had chanced upon their former ring-leader, and that he had dealt kindly with them, followed his example: they repented and became monks. Later, when the rest of the band of robbers heard about Saint Moses' repentance, then they also gave up their thievery and became fervent monks.

Saint Moses was not quickly freed from the passions. He went often to the hegoumen, Abba Isidore, seeking advice on how to be delivered from the passions of profligacy. Being experienced in the spiritual struggle, the Elder taught him never to eat too much food, to remain partly hungry while observing the strictest restraint. But the passions did not cease to trouble Saint Moses in his dreams.

Then Abba Isidore taught him the all-night vigil. The monk stood the whole night at prayer, so he would not fall asleep. As a result of his prolonged struggles, Saint Moses fell into despondency, and when he began to have thoughts about leaving his solitary cell, Abba Isidore instead strengthened the resolve of his disciple.

In a vision he showed him many demons in the west, prepared for battle, and in the east a still greater quantity of holy angels, also ready for fighting. Abba Isidore explained to Saint Moses that the power of the angels would prevail over the power of the demons, and in the long struggle with the passions it was necessary for him to become completely cleansed of his former sins.

Saint Moses drove himself to additional labors. Making the rounds of the wilderness cells at night, he carried water from the well to each brother. He did this especially for the Elders, who lived far from the well and who were not easily able to

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PRAYER LIST- UPDATED AUGUST 23

HIERARCH'S / CLERGY: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; Archbishop Benjamin from San Fransico; Archbishop Melchizedek of Western PA; Metropolitan Kallistos Ware; 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 Wilson / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

MATUSHKII: Pani Patricia Duranko; Susan Dank; Virginia Lecko; Margaret Zabinko

PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES: James Bargdill (Schutt); John Beadle (Elchisco); Kristen Cassell; Carole Conaway (Twarek); Maryann Cook (Twarek); Bill Deanton (Fr.); Sharon Dietrich (Twarek); Charlie Dietrich (Twarek); Ethan Feldman (Fr); Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Elaine Hileman; Joe Kollar (Fr.); Betty Kovach; Helen Lis; Walter Litzie (Fr.); Sandy Martin; David Martin; David Mazurik; Mark Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); William Pipenur (Hileman); Earl Rindfleisch; Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Stephanie Royhab; Donna Schoonmaker; Valerie Schutt; Joe Schutt; Tom Twarek; Diane Tryon; Ed Vangeloff, Child Bodhi (Cassell); Brittany Lariccia & her unborn child (Fr.); Nikki and her unborn child

OTHER REQUESTS: Marge Dziama; Child Ezra; Kurt Franck (Royhab); Ben Franklin (Kovach); Dorothy Goldman (Twarek); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Marsha (Rose); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath (Fr); Karen Muzyka (Fr); Jamie Philpot (Twarek); Robert Piznar (Rentz); William Romanchak (Fr); Rick Rowe (Kovach); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); Chuck Wiedenhof (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap (Fr); Zoland Zile (Fr.); Ashley and her unborn child (Fr.) ; Elizabeth And her unborn child (Fr.); Molly and her newborn Chester (Fr.)

MILITARY: Craig Cassell, Cory Deaton , Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Justin Issler; Nicholas & Tikhon

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: Please let Fr. Andrew know who can come off the list or be put on.

1 Corinthians 9:2-12 (Epistle)

If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. My defense to those who examine me is this: Do we have no right to eat and drink? Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock? Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? Or does He say it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	
10- Fr. Michael & Pani Mellissa Chendorain 18- Philip & Trudy Ellmore 21- Fr. Gregory & Matushka Xenia Burner 26- Loreen & Cheyenne Welch 27- Fr. Michael & Presbyteria Jessica 28- Fr. Eli Bremer Priestly ordination 29- Zoland & Claudia Zile 30- Fr. Peter & Pani Bernadette <p style="text-align: center;">NAMESDAY</p> 8-9: Retired Metropolitan Herman 8-9: Retired Bishop Matthias of Chicago 8:13: Retired Bishop Tikhon of San Francisco 8-23: Archbishop Irene of Canada 8-30: Archbishop Alexander of Dallas	2- Jessica Issler 2- Hayes Twarek 4- Meiriam Dardovski 5- Darrin Feldman 9- Elaine Basala 10- Irene Vangeloff 12- Layne Demkosky 13- Frank Batura, Jr. 13- Ed Kusinski 14- Nikolai Mazurik 15- Matt Kovach	15- Anthony Cavaliere 18- Stephen Cazone III 20- Zach Collins 21- Kaylee Calzone 23- Michael Odehnal 28- Trisha Monschein 28- Ricky Whitham 29- Archbishop Michael 31- Sharon LaVallee 31- Fr. Emilian Hutnyan

Matthew 18:23-35 (Gospel)

Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

AUGUST REPOSED

4- Rose Bartek (1984) 7- Dorothy Romig (2017) 7- Helene Flaherty (2015) 11- Carl D. Essex (2014) 12- Fr. Stephen Jula (2014) 12- Jim Mazur (2021) 13- Andrew Millie (1958) 15-Archpriest John Mutusiak (2019) 19- Fr. George Dyak (1995) 21- Fr. Paul Herbert (2016)	21- Sophia Monak (2004) 22- Fr. Peter Molchany (1990) 23- Martha Brooks (2010) 24- Damien (cousin of Valerie S (2019) 28- Rev. Dr. William Walter Worstall (2011) 28- Matthew Lariccia Sr (1992) 29- Pani Gizella Mihaly (1975) 31- Larry Noon (2014) Michael Onyock (1931) Michael Hritsko (1934)
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carry their own water. Once, kneeling over the well, Saint Moses felt a powerful blow upon his back and he fell down at the well like one dead, laying there in that position until dawn. Thus did the devils take revenge upon the monk for his victory over them. In the morning the brethren carried him to his cell, and he lay there crippled for a whole year. After he recovered, the monk with firm resolve confessed to the hegoumen, that he would continue with his ascetic struggles. But the Lord Himself put limits to this toil which lasted for many years: Abba Isidore blessed his disciple and told him that the passions had already left him. The Elder commanded him to receive the Holy Mysteries, and to go to his own cell in peace. From that time, Saint Moses received from the Lord power over demons.

Accounts about his exploits spread among the monks and even beyond the bounds of the wilderness. The governor of the land wanted to see the saint. When he heard of this, Saint Moses decided to hide from any visitors, and he departed his own cell. Along the way he met servants of the governor, who asked him how to get to the cell of the desert-dweller Moses. The monk answered them: "Go no farther to see this false and unworthy monk." The servants returned to the monastery where the governor was waiting, and they told him the words of the Elder they had chanced to meet. The brethren, hearing a description of the Elder's appearance, told them that they had encountered Saint Moses himself.

After many years of monastic exploits, Saint Moses was ordained deacon. The bishop clothed him in white vestments and said, "Now Abba Moses is entirely white!" The saint replied, "Only outwardly, for God knows that I am still dark within."

Through humility, the saint believed himself unworthy of the office of deacon. Once, the bishop decided to test him and he bade the clergy to drive him out of the altar, reviling him as an unworthy Ethiopian. In all humility, the monk accepted the abuse. Having put him to the test, the bishop then ordained Saint Moses to the priesthood. Saint Moses labored for fifteen years in this rank, and gathered 75 disciples around himself.

When the Saint reached the age of 75, he warned his

monks that soon brigands would descend upon the skete and murder all those who remained there. The saint blessed his monks to leave, in order to avoid violent death. His disciples begged the saint to leave with them, but he replied: "For many years now, I have awaited the time when the words spoken by my Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, should be fulfilled: 'All who take up the sword, shall perish by the sword'" (Matt. 26: 52). After this, seven of the brethren remained with Saint Moses, and one of them hid nearby during the attack of the robbers. The robbers killed Saint Moses and the six monks who remained with him. Their death occurred about the year 400.

The Beheading of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist John Commemorated on August 29

The Beheading of the Prophet, Forerunner of the Lord, John the Baptist: The Evangelists Matthew (Mt.14:1-12) and Mark (Mark 6:14-29) provide accounts about the martyric end of John the Baptist in the year 32 after the Birth of Christ.

Following the Baptism of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist was locked up in prison by Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch (ruler of one fourth of the Holy Land) and governor of Galilee. (After the death of king Herod the Great, the Romans divided the territory of Palestine into four parts, and put a governor in charge of each part. Herod Antipas received Galilee from the emperor Augustus).

The prophet of God John openly denounced Herod for having left his lawful wife, the daughter of the Arabian king Aretas, and then instead cohabiting with Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip (Luke 3:19-20). On his birthday, Herod made a feast for dignitaries, the elders and a thousand chief citizens. Salome, the daughter of Herod, danced before the guests and charmed Herod. In gratitude to the girl, he swore to give her whatever she would ask, up to half his kingdom.

The vile girl on the advice of her wicked mother Herodias asked that she be given the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod became apprehensive, for he feared the wrath of God for the **Con't Next Pg.**

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murder of a prophet, whom earlier he had heeded. He also feared the people, who loved the holy Forerunner. But because of the guests and his careless oath, he gave orders to cut off the head of Saint John and to give it to Salome.

According to Tradition, the mouth of the dead preacher of repentance once more opened and proclaimed: "Herod, you should not have the wife of your brother Philip." Salome took the platter with the head of Saint John and gave it to her mother. The frenzied Herodias repeatedly stabbed the tongue of the prophet with a needle and buried his holy head in a unclean place. But the pious Joanna, wife of Herod's steward Chuza, buried the head of John the Baptist in an earthen vessel on the Mount of Olives, where Herod had a parcel of land. (The Uncovering of the Venerable Head is celebrated February 24). The holy body of John the Baptist was taken that night by his disciples and buried at Sebastia, there where the wicked deed had been done.

After the murder of Saint John the Baptist, Herod continued to govern for a certain time. Pontius Pilate, governor of Judea, later sent Jesus Christ to him, Whom he mocked (Luke 23:7-12).

The judgment of God came upon Herod, Herodias and Salome, even during their earthly life. Salome, crossing the River Sikoris in winter, fell through the ice. The ice gave way in such a way that her body was in the water, but her head was trapped above the ice. It was similar to how she once had danced with her feet upon the ground, but now she flailed helplessly in the icy water. Thus she was trapped until that time when the sharp ice cut through her neck.

Her corpse was not found, but they brought the head to Herod and Herodias, as once they had brought them the head of Saint John the Baptist. The Arab king Aretas, in revenge for the disrespect shown his daughter, made war against Herod. The defeated Herod suffered the wrath of the Roman emperor Caius Caligula (37-41) and was exiled with Herodias first to Gaul, and then to Spain.

The Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, a Feast day established by the Church, is also a strict fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death

of the saint. In some Orthodox cultures pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

Today the Church makes remembrance of Orthodox soldiers killed on the field of battle, as established in 1769 at the time of Russia's war with the Turks and the Poles.

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!

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*.

