



# Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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



## OCTOBER Bulletin Sponsor:

*Fr. Andrew in memory of his family & friends*

### *Liturgical & Events Schedule*

#### **Sunday, October 23**

9:10 AM: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social /  
Council Meeting

#### **Thursday, October 27**

7:00 PM: 125<sup>th</sup> Ann. Committee Meeting VFW

#### **Saturday, October 29**

4:00 PM: Great Vespers

#### **Sunday, October 30**

9:10 AM: Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

#### **Sunday October 23, 2022**

**Gospel:** Luke 16:19-31 / Matthew 13:54-58

**Epistle:** 2nd Corinthians 11:31-12:9 / Galatians  
1:11-19

**Tone 2. 19th Sunday After Pentecost. Holy  
Apostle James (Jacob), brother of the Lord.  
St Ignatius, Patriarch of Constantinople. Trans-  
lation of the Relics of Bl. Yakov (James) of  
Borovich, Wonderworker of Novgorod**

### **READER**

October 23	Joe
October 30	Tim

### **OCTOBER CLEANING SCHEDULE**

Week of the 23:	Laura
Week of Oct. 30:	Stephanie

### **40 DAY REMEMBRANCE**

**Oct. 2:** Metro. Kallistos Ware

**Oct. 15:** His Beatitude Metropolitan .Herman

**Oct. 23:** Eileen Libb / William Deaton

### **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



### **OCTOBER BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS**

**Bulletin:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew in memory of his family & friends

**Chandelier:** (\$50) From Basil in memory of his father Anthony

**Altar Candles:** (\$50) Fr. Andrew in Memory of His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius and AP Michael (Former Pastor)

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) From Jean in memory of her mother Helen Pipenur

**Candles @ the Cross:** (\$15) Laura Birthday blessings to Katelyn & in memory of Uncle Alex & John Kovach

**Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon:** (\$15) For the safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice and her unborn baby

## HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH LIBRARY



*From Roberta Royhab--Beginning today and continuing each month I will write about books that are available in Holy Assumption Church's Library. There are books about our faith and spiritual life; saints and saintly people; "the forgotten desert mothers"; the "wisdom of the desert fathers"; the mystery of repentance; the ministry of women in the Church; Holy Angels; grief; Lent...*

*Today's article features three biographies of saints. Reading about a saint is a fascinating experience, bringing to us the life of an extraordinary spiritual person and the times in which that person lived. They are:*

**Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia, New Martyr of the Communist Yoke** by Lubov Millar. A strikingly beautiful granddaughter of Queen Victoria and the older sister of Empress Alexandra of Russia, Grand Duchess Elizabeth (1864-1918), who grew up in Germany, married Grand Duke Serge Alexandrovich, governor of Moscow. Her life in Imperial Russia began in a whirlwind of dazzling social engagements, a world soon to be eclipsed by war, the assassination of her husband, and the gathering storm of revolution.

Consciously adopting the Orthodox Faith early in her marriage, she thoroughly dedicated herself to fulfilling the Great Commandment of Love—nursing the sick, rescuing children from Moscow's slums, establishing the Martha-Mary Convent of Mercy in Moscow, and during World War One nursing soldiers in hospitals and on the battle front. She was respected and admired throughout Russia and people came to her for spiritual direction. Executed in a mineshaft by Soviet soldiers on July 5, 1918, Saint Elizabeth the New Martyr was canonized in 1992.

**ST. INNOCENT Apostle to America** by Paul D Garrett. (Also available to borrow is his 48-page book, Indication of the Way into the Kingdom of Heaven.) This biography of Saint Innocent of Alaska, 1797-1879, traces the course of his life: his boyhood in Siberia; his call to mission in America; his labors first as priest and then as bishop in Alaska and in Asia; his last years as Metropolitan of Moscow.

At the same time, the book reveals the many facets of his warm personality—his abiding interest in the natural and social sciences, affection for his children, unflinching sense of humor. Known as "Evangelizer of the Aleuts and Apostle to America," Saint Innocent was canonized in 1977.

**Blessed John the Wonderworker** by Fr. Seraphim Rose and Abbot Herman. Saint John Maximovitch of Shanghai and San Francisco (1896-1966) is believed by Orthodox Christians throughout the world to be the holiest man of the twentieth century.

Saint John served the Church as bishop first of Shanghai in the Far East, then of Western Europe, and finally of Western America and San Francisco. He was a God-inspired theologian and a "Fool-for-Christ," a zealous missionary hierarch and a feeder of the poor, a severe ascetic and a loving father to orphans. He brought his flock of 5,000 from communist China to the free world—lobbying Washington, D.C. to amending the law to allow these refugees to enter the United States.

He was given power from God to heal, and would mystically hear and answer people's thoughts before they would express them. He continues to visit and pray for those who call upon him, as is attested by miracles and healing.

The book includes numerous source-materials on Saint John's life, a pictorial biography, and 100 personal testimonies of his sanctity. He was canonized in 1994.



## Address Change for the Chancery Offices of the Orthodox Church in America

On October 13, 2022 the Chancery of the Orthodox Church in America officially changed its mailing address to its offices in Washington, DC.

Starting this past summer, the Chancery of the Orthodox Church in America has begun its relocation to a new and temporary office in Springfield, VA. The office in Virginia is now fully operational and the operations in Syosset are expected to be fully ended early next year.

Starting immediately, the Chancery invites correspondence to be directed to the new address as follows:

Mailing Address via U.S. Postal Service Mail:

PO Box 31409

Alexandria, VA 22310-9998

Delivery Address via Fedex and UPS:

9605 Loisdale Road, Ste 325

Springfield, VA 22150

While our accounting operations currently remain in New York, the Chancery asks that any checks for donations as well as invoices still be directed to our Syosset PO Box until further notice.

## Apostle James, the Brother of the Lord / Commemorated on October 23

Holy Apostle James, the Brother of God (Adelphotheos) was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos (December 26). From his early years James was a Nazarene, a man especially dedicated to God. The Nazarenes vowed to preserve their virginity, to abstain from wine, to refrain from eating meat, and not to cut their hair. The vow of the Nazarenes symbolized a life of holiness and purity, commanded formerly by the Lord for all Israel. When the Savior began to teach the nation about the Kingdom of God, Saint James believed in Christ and became His apostle. He was chosen as the first Bishop of Jerusalem.

Saint James presided over the Council of Jerusalem and his word was decisive (Acts 15). In his thirty years as bishop, Saint James converted many of the Jews to Christianity. Annoyed by this, the Pharisees and the Scribes plotted together to kill Saint James. They led the saint up on the pinnacle of the Jerusalem Temple and asked what he thought of Jesus. The holy Apostle began to bear witness that Christ is the Messiah, which was not the response the Pharisees were expecting. Greatly angered, the Jewish teachers threw him off the roof. The saint did not die immediately, but gathering his final strength, he prayed to the Lord for his enemies while they were stoning him. Saint James' martyrdom occurred about 63 A.D. **Con't Pg 5**

## PRAYER LIST- UPDATED October 16

**HIERARCH'S / CLERGY:** Archbishop Benjamin from San Fransico; Archbishop Melchizedek of Western PA; His Grace Bishop Matthias; John Duranko (Father's home pastor); James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father); Moses Berry; Emilian Hutnyan; Deacon Paul Gansle ;Deacon Peter Rentsch; Deacon Michael Wilson; Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

**MATUSHKII:** Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani Helen Shuytak; Virgina Lecko

**PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES:** James Basala (Fr.); James Bargdill (Schutt); John Beadle (Elchisco); Carole Conaway (Twarek); Maryann Cook (Twarek); Sharon Dietrich (Twarek); Charlie Dietrich (Twarek); Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Elaine Hileman; Bob Holly (Fr.) Joe Kollar (Fr.); Betty Kovach; Helen Lis; Walter Litzie; Sandy Martin; David Martin; David Mazurik; Mark Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); Trisha Monschein; 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 newborn Granger (Fr.); Nikki and her unborn child; Gleice & her unborn child; Trisha and her unborn baby.

**OTHER REQUESTS:** Jane Collins; Donny (Jake); 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; Karen Muzyka; Jamie Philpot (Twarek); Robert Piznar (Rentz); Valerie Ritzenthaler (Guzy); William Romanchak; Rick Rowe (Kovach); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); David Warner (Schutt); Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap; Zoland Zile; Ashley and her newborn Colin (Fr.); Elizabeth And her unborn child (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.

### ***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!

### **Metropolitan Tikhon celebrates his names day at Saint Nicholas Cathedral**

On Sunday, October 9, the feast of the glorification of Saint Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon presided at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy at the primatial cathedral of Saint Nicholas, Washington, DC in honor of his names day. The clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America wish His Beatitude many years.

Eis polla eti despota!

## OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	
10-1-2009: Archbishop Irenee of Canada 2- Fr. Matthew & Pani Eleni Stagon 3- Fr. Matt Stagon Priestly ordination 7- Fr. Eli & Mat. Larissa Bremer 9- Sub-deacon Wylie & Pauline Meath 19- Archpriest John & Mat. Cynthia Zidinak 31- Paul & Layne Demkosky  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NAMESDAY</b></p> 10-9: The Most Blessed Tikhon	1-Trudy Ellmore 2- Tina Litzie 3- Ethan Chendorain 3- Alicia Calzone 6- Brian Lariccia 6- Ron Royhab 10- Walter Litzie 10- Craig Cassell 11- Karen Muzyka	12- Fred Soski 13- Mary Hiser 14- Fr. Andrew Groom 16- Fr George Lardas 17- Tim Glovinsky 20- Helen Lis 20- Hayden Issler 25- Sam Dardovsky 31- Fr. Peter Zarynow

### *Apostle James Con't from Pg 3*

The holy Apostle James composed a Divine Liturgy, which formed the basis of the Liturgies of Saints Basil the Great and John Chrysostom. The Church has preserved an Epistle of Saint James, one of the books of the New Testament.

In 1853, Patriarch Hierotheus of Alexandria sent to Moscow a portion of the relics of Saint James. The Church distinguishes between the holy Apostle James the Brother of God, and Saint James the son of Zebedee (April 30) and Saint James the son of Alphaeus (October 9).



## OCTOBER REPOSED

2- His Grace Bishop Antoun (2017) 3- Anna Tomko (1990) 4- William Peter Guzy (1974) 5- John Elchisco Sr. (1982) 5- Mark Conroy (2018) 5- Patricia Schirtzinger (2021) 6- Andrew Tomko (1970) 6- Helen Elchisco (1956) 7- Michael Gresko (1963) 8- Archpriest Michael Kostyk (1964) Former Pastor 11- Helen Pipenur (2009) 12- Pauline Mary Gresh (1981) 13- James E Jump (2011) 13- Tom Grgich (2018) 13- Mary Basala (2006) 13- Michael Mazurik (2018) 14- George Kaitsa (1991) 15- Michael Mazurik (1972) 15- John Kovach (1983) 16- Mary Kobb (2017)	16- Tom Wiseman (2020) 16- Frank Flaherty (1999) 18- Nadexda Kaitsa (1992) 19- Archpriest Sergei Garklavs (2015) 19- Gori Pietropolo (Trudy's dad) (2017) 19- His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius (2020) 20- Elizabeth Naiser Royhab 21- Alex Mazur (1920) 21-Terry (Bobbie's cousin) (2017) 21- Regina Lomme (2021) 25- Serge Mihaly Jr (2019) 28- George Elchisco (1996) 28- Anthony Glovinsky (1946) 30- Joseph Malchisky (1993) 31- Margaret Basala (2002) 31- George Rusincovitch (1994) William Martin (1982) Joseph L. Mazurik (1944) Anna Mazur (1945) Anna Danchisen (1945)
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## Milwaukee Archpriest Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

Archpriest Thomas Mueller, the former Rector of Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Church in Milwaukee, WI, was recently honored at an event held by close family and friends commemorating his 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Ordained on November 19, 1972, in Boston, Massachusetts at the Albanian Orthodox Cathedral by Bishop Stephen, Fr. Thomas served at St. Elia Albanian Orthodox Church in Jamestown, NY from 1972-1975. He then served in the Diocese of the Midwest in Royalton, IL; Lublin, WI; Mentor, OH; and finally in Milwaukee, WI since 1984. During that time, he served as Dean of the Chicago Deanery from 1987-2018, and as Chancellor of the Diocese from 1988 to 1993 and again in 1995. Fr. Thomas worked with diocesan missions and parish development in particular.

During his time as Rector at Saints Cyril and Methodius Church, he successfully fought to keep the parish in the city, welcomed several waves immigrants who could easily access an urban parish, and connected the Church to many charitable and faith-based urban advocacy organizations. Fr. Thomas currently serves two chapel outreach ministries of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Waukesha and Plymouth, WI. He still serves as president of the Pan-Orthodox Milwaukee Orthodox Christian Clergy Association.

At a small local celebration on October 2nd, many people recalled all this work and their own personal connections with Fr. Thomas. For many years Father has been known as a rousing preacher of the Gospel and a firm and supportive presence in the Deanery and Diocese, and a repository of the history of the local church.

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### Luke 16:19-31 (Gospel)

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"



Loretta Swit, Ron Royhab (our president) & Jamie Farr

Picture taken several years ago in Toledo.

### **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*.