



# Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

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



## NOVEMBER Bulletin Sponsor:

*Fr. Andrew in memory of his mother Dorothy*

### *Liturgical & Events Schedule* **Two Week Bulletin / Final Bulletin**

#### **Sunday, Nov. 20**

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social /  
Vespers for Feast of the Entrance of the  
Theotokos in the Temple. / Village  
Farewell Party for Fr. Andrew

#### **Monday, Nov. 21**

9:20 am Hours / Divine Liturgy

#### **Sunday, Nov. 27**

9:10 am Hours / Liturgy / Social / Fr. Andrew's  
last Liturgy (Fr. Andrew will not be  
staying for the social. There are 7 peo-  
ple from the village helping him move  
immediately after Liturgy. Fr. Andrew  
will be back Sunday night and will  
leave on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.)

### **His Grace Bishop Daniel elevated to the dignity of Archbishop**

The Holy Synod meeting today under the presidency of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon, Friday, November 11, 2022, unanimously decided to elevate His Grace Bishop Daniel of Chicago and the Diocese of the Midwest to the dignity of archbishop. May God grant His Eminence Archbishop Daniel many years!

His Eminence was consecrated to the Episcopacy on January 24, 2015 and enthroned as Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest at Chicago's historic Holy Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

The Diocesan Chancellor, on behalf of all the clergy and faithful congratulated His Eminence on his elevation and proclaimed, "Axios!"



### **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



## Ottawa Holiday Bureau

This year the Ottawa County Holiday Bureau is celebrating 60 years of helping local residents. In 2021 the Danbury Holiday Bureau- Danbury Unit alone was able to touch the lives of 81 families- that's 224 individuals and 84 of those were children under the age of 18. Again this year we need your support. This operation totally depends on financial donations. WE do not receive any government assistance. With your assistance and support, we have been able to make the holiday's a little better for many in this area.

Financial donations can be made out to Danbury Holiday Bureau and mailed to 4941 East Harbor Rd, Port Clinton, OH 43452.

If you need assistance, or know of anyone needing assistance, please call 419-732-2333 and an application will be sent to you. All applications must be returned by December 1, 2022.

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## Broadview Heights Community Celebrates 100 Years

Archangel Michael Church, Broadview Heights, OH celebrated it's 100 year anniversary the first weekend in November. The commemoration was highlighted by the presence of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest.

On Friday, November 4, 2022, a welcome dinner was held downtown Cleveland in honor of Metropolitan Tikhon and Archbishop Daniel. The dinner was attended by members of the parish council and the Centennial Executive Committee to kick off weekend anniversary celebrations.

On Saturday, November 5, His Beatitude together with His Grace concelebrated the Divine Liturgy for the 100th Anniversary of our parish. Following the divine services, a Grand Banquet was held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the parish. His Beatitude together with His Grace attended the banquet along with local clergy and faithful from throughout the Cleveland area.

## Thank You from St. Herman's Theological Seminary

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$780 to St. Herman Seminary! We are deeply grateful for your generosity. Your prayer and financial support ensures the continued training of clergy and church workers for the Diocese of Alaska. Every gift helps to ensure that every student attending has all their needs met to become capable servants of the Lord! Every donation helps in part to reach out to the spiritual needs of those who are suffering in the parishes. As you give out of the goodness of your heart remember that Christ teaches that this is a wonderful sacrifice and you would be wonderfully rewarded, as He says to us in Matt. 6:20 "...lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

We all should understand that the Seminary is a place that doesn't just produce clergy, but also helps to prepare readers, Choir directors, church School teachers, etc. St. Herman Seminary is able to give the tools needed to each student, to reach out and offer help to those who suffer from various forms of addictions, help counsel those who are emotionally struggling. Each Seminarian is on the path to prepare and offer church services in various forms as needed from reader services for funeral, to serving as a parish priest to many different locations.

In these trying times we are in need to offer these gifts from God to His children. Every student hears the call of Christ by virtue of their baptism, "therefore go and make disciples of all nations..." and as they hear and answer this call, they make th sacrifice to leave their homes and follow the path of Christ. Thank you for your generosity. This gift makes it possible for each student to accomplish the task that God asks of them. For your loving gift, we give you our heartfelt thanks.

With love in Christ,

V.R. Vasily Fisher

## Kansas City Deanery Retreat a Success

From October 31 through November 2, clergy from the Diocese of the Midwest, Kansas City Deanery met in retreat at the Holy Archangel Michael and All Angels Skete in Daviess County, Missouri. Present for the retreat were the Archpriest Paul Jannakos, Diocesan Chancellor, Archpriest Timothy Sawchuk, Dean, Archpriest James Dank, Archpriest Michael Medis, Priest Jacob Van Sickle (Retreat Leader), Priest Justin Mathews, Priest Basil Ferguson, and Priest Ephrem Tauck. This retreat focused on being present at the daily liturgical services of the monastery, priestly renewal, study of the priesthood in the writings of St. Gregory the Great, and discussion of personal challenges and opportunities that are part of parish life.

This was another retreat following last years' pilot at Holy Dormition Monastery in Rives Junction, MI, offered in the Kansas City Deanery as a next step to fulfilling the diocesan strategic plan developed in 2020. The diocese is working toward offering small retreats on an ongoing basis throughout the diocese, so that there is at least one within a reasonable driving distance of every clergyman who desires to attend.

“This retreat’s setting at Archangel Michael Skete proved to be one of its highlights, based upon the positive feedback we received from participating clergy,” commented Fr. Paul. “We will continue to seek out new settings for further retreats in the various regions of our diocese and to improve the administration of these retreats in order to better serve our clergy.”

These retreats are one of the ways that the Diocese of the Midwest seeks to fulfill the mandate of the Orthodox Church in America to provide ongoing pastoral education for its clergy.

Plans are already in the making for two more clergy retreats in 2023.

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### Richard Schneider

Mr. Richard Schneider, former professor of Iconology and Hermeneutics at Saint Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, fell asleep in the Lord on November 11, 2022. May Richard’s memory be eternal!

## His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon to Celebrate 10th Anniversary as Primate of the Orthodox Church in America

On November 13, 2022, with loving gratitude to God, the Orthodox Church in America celebrates the 10th anniversary of His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon as primate of the Orthodox Church in America.

Celebrations begin November 12 with the All-Night Vigil at Saint Tikhon’s Monastery Church followed by a concert for His Beatitude at Saint Stephen’s Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, PA where a new piece will be debuted in his honor.

On Sunday, November 13 His Beatitude will preside at the celebration of a Synodal Divine Liturgy at Saint Tikhon’s Monastery Church. *Con’t Pg 7*

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### VIGILS 11/13/22

**Tamara Blackford 1** In memory of Rob

**Basil Glovinsky 1** In loving memory of sister-in-law Anne Glovinsky

**Susan Guzy 4** Special intentions

**Laura Kovach 3** For health of Michael, Margi, Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mary P., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Hattie & Molly K., Kathie J., Joe R., Pete R., Sharon D., Rick & Jill, Ed, Sonya, Paul E., John D., Karen D. , and David W. Birthday blessings to Madelyn. Safe travels for family

**Sandy Martin 1** special intentions

**David & Roddie 3** Peace, Anniversary Blessings for Ed and Irene, special intentions

**Natalie Twarek 6** Health and recovery of Don Kiser, God’s blessing for Nikki and unborn baby, For the health and recovery of Valerie, Ed, Ron, Mark, Carole, Gary, Sharon and Charlie, Kurt, Leslie & Ed, Health of Amber, Dottie, Joe, Jamie, Jim, Stephanie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina’s dad, Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Katie, David, Diane, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intentions, special intentions

## PRAYER LIST- UPDATED November 15

**HIERARCH'S / CLERGY:** Archbishop Benjamin from San Francisco; 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; Virginia Lecko

**PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES:** 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; ; Betty Kovach; Elaine Libb (Royhab); Helen Lis; David Mazurik; Mark Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); Trisha Monschein (Cassel); William Pipenur (Hileman); Earl Rindfleisch; Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Stephanie Royhab; Valerie Schutt; Joe Schutt; Tom Twarek; Diane Tryon; Ed Vangeloff, Child Bodhi (Cassell); Nikki and her unborn child; Gleice & her unborn child; Trisha and her unborn baby.

**OTHER REQUESTS:** 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); Jamie Philpot (Twarek); Robert Piznar (Rentz); Valerie Ritzenthaler (Guzy); Rick Rowe (Kovach); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); David Warner (Schutt); Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek); Sara (Jake)



**MILITARY:** Craig Cassell, Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Justin Issler; Nicholas & Tikhon

### SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

Almost 5 ½ years ago we began a journey together called life, trying to be, hopefully, good Christians and be worthy of our rewards at the end. During my tenure here five catechumens have come to Holy Assumption to learn about the Orthodox Faith. Two have been received into the One True Faith, while the other three continue their journey. During our Orthodoxy 101 classes, held before COVID 19, several people from the community visited the parish with one person being received into the Orthodox Church in the Dayton, OH area.

The Holy Spirit comes to us in many places and ways. Three years ago a monthly charity drive was begun with the intention of supporting local, national and Diocesan charities. The church added \$250 to the parishioner's contributions initially. This year it was \$400. I pray the trend continues and \$500 will be added; about 5% of the church's budget, moving the parish ever closer to the true title.

Christmas day we hosted a Christmas dinner for any Marblehead resident who found themselves alone. We were bolstered by all the help of our brothers and sisters from the Catholic Church who helped to prepare the food,

all so we could celebrate the Nativity together. Many people stayed afterwards for conversation, coffee and dessert – a true communion.

I tried to be a beacon in Marblehead by being very active as the Chaplain of the police Department, Chaplain of the Lions Club, Assistant Chaplain for the VFW and Orthodox representative of the Local Respect for Life group.

Thank you to all who listened to the words of the Lord and worked to grow just a little closer to our Lord. As I've have said over and over, if we can do that every day, all will be okay no matter what comes towards us. Thank you to all who helped by supporting and working with me and seeing the parish grow spiritually.

The Lord called me to Marblehead and now He has instructed me that it is time to move on. I am thankful to Him for the time we have had together here. You all will continue to be in my unworthy prayers.

May God grant all of you many years of peace and happiness. May God grant that you find what you are looking for. His servant, V.R Andrew Bartek

## NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

| ANNIVERSARIES  | BIRTHDAYS                           | NAMESDAY                              |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 11-1-2008: Retired Metropolitan Jonah (Consecration)     | 11- Amanda Kovach                   | 11-25: Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa |
| 11-12-2008: Retired Metropolitan Jonah (Elected Primate) | 16- Valerie Schutt                  | 11-30: His Grace Andrei of Cleveland  |
| 11-13-2012: The Most Blessed Tikhon (Elected as Primate) | 16- Madelyn (Laura's granddaughter) |                                       |
| 11-15-1980: Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit              | 17- Cole Heffernan                  |                                       |
|  | 17- Roddie Mazurik                  |                                       |

### Ephesians 2:4-10 (Epistle)

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### Luke 12:16-21 (Gospel)

Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 'And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

## NOVEMBER REPOSED

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| Michael Guzy (1927) <b>No date provided</b>    | 9- Robley Blackford (2021)                      |
| Mary Lou Hobson (2015) <b>No date provided</b> | 8- Archbishop George Timko (2000) Former Pastor |
| 1- Peter Felenchak (1974)                      | 9- Evelyn Biecheler (2002)                      |
| 2- Donald Sennich (1994)                       | 9- Orestes Mihaly                               |
| 3- Marian Glovinsky (2001)                     | 21- Ann S. Ratica (1991)                        |
| 5- Margaret Pietropolo (2009)                  | 22- Joann Carender <b>No year provided</b>      |
| 5- Dan Opritza (2021)                          | 23- George Michael Elchisco (2016)              |
| - Joseph Guzy (1974)                           | 26- Janet Elchisko (2018)                       |
| 6- William Rentz (2018)                        | 28- Anna Grabonsky (1972)                       |
| 6- Michael Chemorov (2019)                     | 29- Alexander Mazur (2003)                      |
| 8- Ann G Stretchberry (2003)                   | Mary Hritsko (1948)                             |
| 8- Anne Catherine Glovinsky (2004)             | Anna Holodnak (1951)                            |
| 9- Ann Golob ( <b>No year recorded</b> )       | John Danchisen (1951)                           |

## Protodeacon Paul Erickson

Note: A beautiful story of his journey to Orthodoxy.

Protodeacon Paul Erickson fell asleep in the Lord on November 8, 2022.

Paul Joseph Erickson was born June 12, 1954, in Lansing Michigan to Sydney (Sid) Erickson and Leola (Lee) LaMourie Erickson. Paul was the fourth of nine children. He attended the Catholic Church and Catholic parochial schools until the age of about 15. He completed his sophomore year of high school then left both school and home. He began his travels to see the United States as a hitchhiker and independent young man until he found a new religious group called the Holy Order of Mans (HOOM).

While in the brotherhood, Paul had a variety of jobs including being the bookkeeper and learning to cook. He also got a driver's license and a GED. Paul remained in this brotherhood for about 10 years, leaving shortly before he married Julia Williams on December 19, 1981.

Shortly after leaving "the Order" he joined the non-vowed portion of the HOOM called the Christian Community of Portland, OR. He also joined up with his brother, Jim, to start a business: Erickson's Plastering.

In the early years of their marriage, Paul continued to run Erickson's Plastering, be a busy dad, coach soccer, and serve the church in any way that he could. He was janitor, builder, plasterer, and parish council president for a group that was becoming Orthodox and would become the Church of the Annunciation in Milwaukie, OR. He served as president of the parish council for about 12 years as the group rapidly grew from 10 to over 250 members. He took his conversion to Orthodox very seriously. His home became a place where the Orthodox faith was read about, talked about, and prayed about. Sundays after Church, guests were lovingly welcomed to the Erickson home and served the house specialty: oatmeal pancakes.

On the Feast of the Elevation of the Cross in 1995, Paul was ordained a deacon. He actively served as a deacon at the Church of the Annunciation in

Milwaukie, OR until 1997; at Saint Paul's Orthodox Church in Las Vegas, NV until 2005; and at Saint Nicholas Church in Juneau, AK until 2016. Saint Nicholas Church was particularly challenging as for many years there was not a priest to serve the parish, so Deacon Paul stepped in to serve as deacon-in-charge.

Few knew that in the fall of 2007 in Juneau, Protodeacon Paul sustained a serious head trauma which knocked him unconscious for more than 30 minutes. This appeared to be his most detrimental injury since a serious car accident in 1982. After 2007, he continued to have a nearly yearly head trauma until November 2015, when yet another head trauma forced him to seek disability and move "down south."

After a short time in Ohio, Protodeacon Paul and Julia moved to Clarksville, AR in 2019, where they were met by the loving arms of family and a welcoming church. In January 2016, Paul was formally diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. The disease progressed quickly and soon his family was unable to give him all the care he needed. The disease also left him unable to care for himself or to serve the Church or the family he loved so dearly. In October 2021, he moved to residential care. By July 2022, he was admitted to hospice care.

Protodeacon Paul loved his family, including his wife, Julia; his six children, Lee, Christopher, Anna, Mary, Macrina, and Rebecca; and his two grandchildren, Elizabeth and Jacob. He loved to serve the Church and others.

### NOVEMBER BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS

**Bulletin:** (\$50) From Fr. In Memory of his mother Dorothy

**Chandelier:** (\$50) From Basil in memory of his sister Marian

**Altar Candles:** (\$50)

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) From Tammy Blackford in memory of Rob her husband and William her father

**Candles @ the Cross:** (\$15) : Laura Birthday blessings to Madelyn & Amaanda / From Diane in memory of her Marian Glovinsky & Norm Glovinsky

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

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The anniversary celebrations will conclude later that afternoon with a private banquet. Joining His Beatitude will be the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops, Chancery staff, representatives of the stavropegial institutions and monasteries, as well as His Beatitude's family members and personal friends.

His Beatitude was born in Boston, MA on July 15, 1966 to Francois and Elizabeth Mollard. His family settled in Reading, PA after living for a time in Connecticut, France, and Missouri. He graduated from Wyomissing High School in 1984 and subsequently enrolled in Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA earning a degree in French and Sociology.

In 1989 he was received into the Orthodox Church and began study at Saint Tikhon's Orthodox Theological Seminary. Soon he became a novice at Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery and completed his Master of Divinity degree in 1993. His Beatitude was then appointed as an Instructor in Old Testament at Saint Tikhon's and served as Senior Lecturer in Old Testament. In addition, he worked in other capacities at the school including working with His Eminence Archbishop Alexander (Golitzin), who was an Ighumen at the time, to publish *The Living Witness of the Holy Mountain*.

In 1995 His Beatitude was tonsured to the Lesser Schema with the name Tikhon, in honor of St Tikhon Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America. Later the same year he was ordained to the holy diaconate and priesthood. In 1998 he was raised to the rank of Ighumen and in 2000 to Archimandrite.

He was elected to the episcopacy by the Holy Synod of Bishops in 2003 and consecrated bishop in 2004, after which he served as Auxiliary to the Metropolitan. In 2005 he was elected to rule the diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania and was installed as ruling hierarch at St Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA. He served the diocese as Bishop and later Archbishop until his election as Primate of the Orthodox Church in America at the 17th All-American Council, Parma, OH on November 13, 2012. His Beatitude was enthroned as Metropolitan of All America and Canada on January 27, 2013. On September 14, 2015 His Beatitude was bestowed

with the Doctor of Divinity degree, honoris causa, by Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary.

On June 29, 2018 His Beatitude released a 60 page document entitled "Of What Life Do We Speak? Four Pillars for the Fulfillment of the Apostolic Work of the Church" in preparation for the 19th All-American Council, St. Louis, MO. This document set out four areas of the Orthodox Tradition—Spiritual Life, Stewardship, Relations with Others, and Outreach and Evangelism—and related them to the life of the Church and its people facing the challenges of the 21st century.

Under his care and pastoral leadership, His Beatitude has brought much needed stability and after a number of years of unrest in the Orthodox Church in America.

During his tenure as Metropolitan, he has presided at the gathering of three All-American Councils in Atlanta, GA, St. Louis, MO, and Baltimore, MD. At the 18th All-American Council in 2015, His Beatitude oversaw a major update to the OCA Statute.

In 2020, the landmark decision was made to go ahead with the relocation of the Primate and Chancery offices to the canonical territory of the Archdiocese of Washington. His Beatitude has overseen this relocation effort which has now placed him geographically within his diocese to better serve the people and wider church.

During his primacy, His Beatitude has made thirteen official visits abroad to the various Orthodox Churches including trips to Russia, Constantinople, India, and Rome attending the enthronement of Pope Francis.

His Beatitude has also made innumerable pastoral visits around the various dioceses of Orthodox Church in America and its parishes in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Likewise, he has been on many pilgrimages such as the Saint Herman Pilgrimage in Alaska and the Memorial Day Pilgrimages to Saint Tikhon's Monastery.

On behalf of the hierarchs, clergy, monastics, and faithful of the Orthodox Church in America we thank His Beatitude for his first decade of loving service serving Christ's holy Church. His Beatitude's untiring labors during his first ten years as Primate has built up the Orthodox Church in America and we look forward to the future under his leadership. We pray that our Lord will continue to bless His Beatitude's archpastoral ministry and ask that God grant him many years!

# HOLY ASSUMPTION CHURCH LIBRARY



From Roberta Royhab—

Today's article is about Confession, one of the seven sacraments in the Orthodox Church. It is referred to as Repentance, and the Church is often referred to as the hospital for the soul. Holy Assumption's Church Library offers two books on Confession. They are:

## ***The Forgotten Medicine: The Mystery of Repentance***

by Archimandrite Seraphim Aleksiev

"In the Mystery of Repentance the spiritual afflictions of a man are treated, impurities of the soul are removed, and a Christian, having received forgiveness of sins, becomes innocent and sanctified, just as he came out of the waters of Baptism."—excerpt from *The Forgotten Medicine*.

Archimandrite Seraphim details the reasons many have for not coming to Confession, and for each of these he clearly brings forth the truth of the matter. For those who feel awkward because of not knowing how to approach Confession, he explains in depth how to prepare before, what to do when we are with the confessor, and what to do afterwards. He then writes of the wondrous changes in the lives of those who enter into the Mystery of Repentance, illustrating with several true accounts.

Archimandrite Aleksiev (1912-1993) was a noted pastor, spiritual writer, and theologian in contemporary Bulgaria. This 72-page book was first published after his passing in 1994.

## ***Preparing for Confession*** by L. Joseph Letendre

The author begins with "Understanding Sin" and says that he "will try to answer questions" such as "how do we discover what we should say". He explains that in order to understand more clearly what sin is, we must look at the word in the New Testament and the word that many of the Fathers use for sin: the Greek word Hamartia and it means "missing the mark". Sin meant being off target, moving in the wrong direction, aiming for the wrong goal. He goes on to explain what goal we should strive for.

In the same part of the book he discusses spiritual disease as "a sickness that distorts the image of God in us". The question "what about the priest" is covered. In conclusion he explains that "the two great obstacles to confessing well are laziness and fear".

The Appendix includes quote from four Fathers on Repentance; seven Psalms of Repentance.

The 40-page book was updated in 2022 by the author who is a parishioner at All Saints Antiochian Orthodox Church in Chicago, IL. He also wrote *When You Pray* and *When You Fast*. He recorded the audiobook of Saint Nikolai Velimirovic's *Prayers by the Lake* (this book is also available at Holy Assumption Church Library).

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## **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*.

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## **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!

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## **CLEANING SCHEDULE**

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Week of Nov. 20 | Laura      |
| Week of Nov 27  | Bobbie     |
| Week of Dec. 4  | Natalie    |
| Week of Dec. 11 | Bill & Tim |
| Week of Dec. 18 | Laura      |
| Week of Dec. 25 | Susan      |

## **Archpastoral Message of the Most Reverend DANIEL Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest at the beginning of the Nativity Fast 2022**

Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Venerable Monastics, and Beloved Faithful,

The Nativity Fast, the liturgical season which begins today, invites us to prepare our hearts to welcome our Lord Jesus Christ as we celebrate His birth in the flesh on Christmas Day. During these weeks of preparation we do not live in anticipation of Christmas alone: we are also called to rekindle our anticipation of the glorious return of Christ — when He will return at the end of time — preparing ourselves, with piety and devotion, to remember the Lord’s Nativity, to await His glorious return, and to ready ourselves for the day on which the Lord will call us to Himself.

During these special grace-filled weeks of preparation, we are called to leave behind the routine way of our usual daily lives. In the midst of everything that might sidetrack us at this time of the year, we are called to be mindful and to pray. To be mindful and to be prayerful is the attitude with which we should approach every day. Unfortunately, at this time of the year we are often distracted. The holiday season as observed in society invites us to enter into a spirit of fantasy. The Nativity Fast, however, invites us to attentiveness, to look beyond ourselves, and to open our minds and hearts to the needs of our brothers and sisters who find themselves in so many types of hardship. This is a favorable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves concrete questions about how and for whom we reach beyond ourselves and the focus our lives.

The second attitude to have in order to best experience this time of awaiting the Lord is that of prayer. “Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near,” the Gospel of Luke cautions (Luke 21:28). This special time is about entering more deeply into prayer, turning our thoughts and our hearts to the Lord who is about to come. We await Him in prayer and vigilance. Praying, waiting upon Jesus, opening our hearts to others, being mindful, and not focused upon ourselves.

As we prepare to celebrate the Lord’s Nativity, be assured of my prayers and best wishes for you, your families and friends, and all your dear ones.

With love in the One Who comes to save us,

DANIEL

Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest

### **SOME FACTS ABOUT THANKSGIVING**

Did you know that the average person eats 4,500 calories at their Thanksgiving dinner?

Thanksgiving started before Plymouth Rock.

Thomas Jefferson was against Thanksgiving.

The Pilgrims never called themselves Pilgrims.

Thanksgiving is celebrated outside the U.S.

Days of thanksgiving meant not eating.

There’s a tradition of pardoning a turkey.

The official day of Thanksgiving moved around.

Some call it a “day of mourning.”

The “Mary Had a Little Lamb” author helped make Thanksgiving a holiday.

TV dinners were born from a Thanksgiving accident.

Not everyone chooses turkey as their main dish.

The Original Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade didn’t have any balloons.

Pumpkin pie isn’t the pie of choice for Thanksgiving.

“Jingle Bells” was Supposed to be a Thanksgiving Song.

NOTE: You can read more about the above from the # Fact site on google. Just some fun facts about Thanksgiving

## Thanksgiving history: Traditions and origins, where did it begin?

By Michael Hollan, Fox News

Many people know the story behind Thanksgiving, but its history as an actual holiday is a bit more confusing.

While people may be excited to get into the Christmas spirit, Thanksgiving has to come first. The holiday is associated with a traditional turkey dinner (that has plenty of sides), along with a thoughtful reflection on everything that people have to be grateful for.

Before it became an official holiday, President George Washington issued a proclamation that Thursday, November 26, 1789, would be a day of “public thanksgiving and prayer.” It wasn’t until 1863, however, that President Abraham Lincoln said that Americans should recognize the last Thursday of every November as a day of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving became an official national holiday in 1870, along with Christmas, New Year’s Day and Independence Day. At that time, however, it was decided that the President would decide the date of Thanksgiving. Most followed Lincoln’s lead and chose the last Thursday of November.

This continued until President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved it to the third Thursday of November. At the time, the country was still reeling from the Great Depression, and Roosevelt hoped to help businesses by extending the holiday season.

The move was controversial, however, and the House passed a bill in October of 1941 that made the last Thursday of November the official date for Thanksgiving. The bill wasn’t signed by Roosevelt until December, however, so it didn’t take effect until the following Thanksgiving.

While historians may disagree on whether or not turkey was served at the first Thanksgiving, the bird has become synonymous with the holiday. Turkey was a popular meat to serve at most holiday or celebratory dinners. Due to its relative affordability and abundant supply, it became the official meal for Thanksgiving throughout the 19th century.

Post-Thanksgiving Black Friday sales are actually a relatively recent addition to the holiday. Some historians believe that the name Black Friday being associated with the holiday actually originated from frustrated factory managers in the 1950s. Apparently, a lot of workers would call out sick the day after Thanksgiving.

The modern meaning behind Black Friday (being the day that businesses make enough money to be in the black financially) seems to have begun in the 1980s.

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### What are some things associated with Thanksgiving?

The first Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade used live animals from the Central Park Zoo. ...

There are three places in the US named Turkey. ...

Ben Franklin wanted the turkey to be the official bird of the US. ...

The night before Thanksgiving is said to be the best day for bar sales in the US. ...

Minnesota produces the most turkeys in the US. ...

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### Sunday November 20, 2022

**Gospel:** Luke: 12:16-21

**Epistle:** Ephesians: 2:4-10

### Tone 6. 23rd Sunday After Pentecost.

Forefeast of the Entrance into the Temple. Ven Gregory of Decapolis. Martyr Dasius of Dorostorum. Martyrs Eustace, Thespesius, and Anatolius of Nicaea. Hiermartyrs Nerses and Joseph; Joh, Saverius, Isaac, and Hypatius, Bishops of Persia; Martyrs Azades the Eunuch, Savonius, Thecla, Anna. St Proclus, AB of Constatinople.

