

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church
Celebrating 125 years witnessing to the Apostolic Faith

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Diocese of the Midwest***

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

**THIRTY SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*CHEESEFARE SUNDAY, Forgiveness Sunday***

EPISTLE: Romans 13:11-14:4

Bretheren: Now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts. Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.



Expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Paradise

EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren: It is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed

on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you. And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak, knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus, and will present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.

GOSPEL: Mt 6:14-21

The Lord said, If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

GOSPEL: Mt 11:2-15

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You.' Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MON. Feb 23	Hieromartyr Polycarp; Gen 1:1-13, Prov 1:1-20
6:00 PM	GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW
TUE. Feb 24	First and second finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and Baptist of the Lord, John; Gen 1:14-23, Prov 1:20-33
6:00 PM	GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW
WED. Feb 25	Saint Tarasius; Gen 1:24-2:3, Prov 2:1-22
6:00 PM	PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY, Followed by Lenten soup social
THU. Feb 26	Saint Porphyrius; Gen 2:4-19, Prov 3:1-18
6:00 PM	GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW
FRI. Feb 27	Repose of Saint Raphael, Bishop of Brooklyn; Gen 2:20-3:20, Prov 3:19-34
6:00 PM	AKATHIST TO THE PASSION OF CHRIST, Followed by Book Club
SAT. Feb 28	Venerable Basil the Confessor; Heb 1:1-12, Mk 2:23-3:5
4:00 PM	VESPERS
SUN. Mar 1	<i>1st SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – Tone 5, Sunday of Orthodoxy</i>
9:10 AM	HOURS
9:30 AM	DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Procession with the Holy Icons and Coffee hour

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Greg Twarek / Amber Twarek / Richard Williams / Christine Twarek / Tony Monastra / Alvin Foland / Delaine Ward (Ron Royhab's sister) / Rachel and her newborn baby / Danielle and her unborn baby / Nikki and her unborn baby / Kristen Cassell / Laura DeKemper / Tom Hileman / Cliff & Kathy Ruggles / Sandra / Renee Haynal / Sharon Shaheen (Patti Owen's sister) / Heidi Golob / Ron & Bobbie Royhab / Rodney Clevenger / Jennifer Heffernan / Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Helena Tomášová / Ruth Sheller / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Irene Vangeloff / Sonja Rose / James Bargdill / Carole Conaway / Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Betty Kovach / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Nora.

Other Requests: Jim Rinaldo / Roy / Greg / Patty Wandover / Russ M. / Suzeann / Laura Engler / Robin (Niece of Kathy Ruggles) / Catechumen Sessely / Catechumen Daniel / Catechumen Adam / Catechumen Joshua / Catechumen Stephanie / Catechumen Max / Catechumen Michael / Catechumen Sharon / Steve Rohweder / Nicole Williams / John Couture / Ann Turinsky / Marcia / Catechumen Blake Shoemaker / Linkoln Paull / Matushka Melania / Sharyn Osborne / Amy / Bill Byrnes / Susanne / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Anthony / Archpriest Ján Čizmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / William / Rick Rowe / Chris.

Military: Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



FEBRUARY REPOSED

Helen Hritsko (1908) No date provided; Alexandra Brendza (1909) No date provided; Steve Danchisen (1909) No date provided; **2-** Nancy Pipenur (2018); **5-** Peter Kowal (2004); **6-** Steve Michael Mazur (1970); **6-** Elizabeth Kravetz Mc Mahon (1984); **12-** Glenn Schoonmaker (2002); **12-** Lawrence Beck (2018); **14-** Rose Polosky (1953); **17-** Stanley Guzy (1986); **17-** Ed Vangeloff (2025); **20-** Linda Sue Alber & infant (1969); **20-** Dc. Mike Cinalli (2020); **21-** Mary Tomka Matso (1956); **21-** John Richard Elchisco (2021); **22-** Metro Mazur (1973); **22-** Marguerite Bird (2022); **23-** George Elchisco Sr. (1961); **23-** Tom Twarek (2024); **26-** Elizabeth Millie (1998); **29-** Mary Uka Kostearly (1996)



VIGILS FOR FEBRUARY 15

Susan Guzy 1 Special intentions

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Tina R., Greg T., Lindsay & Janet, Jerry Z., Patti O., Deb F., Tony M., Russ M, Burt K., Bobbie & Ron R., Peggy S., Brenda T., Betty K., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M., Bodi C.

In Thanksgiving

Special Intentions

Sandy Martin 2 For the health of Ellen, Special intentions

Natalie Twarek 8 For the health of Nikki and unborn baby, Health and recovery of Greg, Amber, Tina and Dina , For the health of Fr Peter & Matushka Michelle, For the health and recovery of Richard, Patty, Cathy, Patti, Laura, Kathy & Cliff, Irene, Ron & Bobbie, Rodney, Betty, Carol, Kayla, Pam, Jim, Heidi, Wayne, Peggy, Marcia, Health and healing for Father's parents Michal & Helena and Matushka's mom Barbara, and Walter, For the health of Elaine, Christine, Jen, Tony, Father David, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Sonya, Margi & Joe, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Special Intentions



FEBRUARY CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: Fr. Peter and Mat. Michelle, For Health and God's Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski, and Michal & Helena Tomáš (\$50); **Chandelier:** Ron & Bobbie Royhab, In memory of Roberta's three brothers, David, Randy & Bill (\$50); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Available (\$25); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, In memory of my dad Steven and birthday memory of my mom Margaret (\$20); **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** Available (\$20)



READERS LIST

Sunday Feb 15 – Joe

Sunday Feb 22 – Tim



ATTENDANCE

02/14 Vespers, 7 attending; **02/15** Divine Liturgy, **33** attending (8 guest);



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

22 – Wayne Golob; **24** – Sonya Rose; **25** – Heidi Golob *



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“St. Vladimir's Seminary” is the charity we donate to for the month of February



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Tithe	\$1,527.00
Donations	\$ 90.00
Candles	\$ 74.00
Vigils	\$ 50.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 225.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 100.00
Flowers Donation	\$ 94.00
Altar Candles	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Total:	\$2,210.00

May the Lord reward you for your financial and spiritual support!

CHURCH MONTHLY INCOME AND EXPENSES

Month of JANUARY 2026	
Church Donation income was	\$ 5,489.30
Church Operating Expenses totaled	<u>\$11,944.06</u>
net gain of	\$ 6,454.76



CLEANING SCHEDULE

Feb 23, Natalie
 Mar 2, Tim
 Mar 9, Sue
 Mar 16, Jean

UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDAR



- Feb 22nd** Parish potluck - Meatless (*Sunday*)
- Feb 23rd** Beginning of the Great Fast (*Monday*)
- Mar 8th** Daylight Saving Time begins (*Sunday*)
- Mar 7th** Memorial Saturday (*Saturday*)
- Mar 14th** Memorial Saturday (*Saturday*)
- Mar 21st** Memorial Saturday (*Saturday*)
- Apr 5th** Palm Sunday (*Sunday*)
- Apr 12th** HOLY PASCHA (*Sunday*)
- Apr 25th** Visit from St. Tikhon Seminary (*Saturday*)



COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

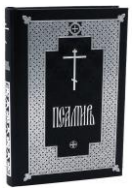
Feb 22 – Meatless Parish Potluck
 Mar 1 – Available
 Mar 8 – Natalia & Ryan
 Feb 15 – Mka. Michelle

Please sign up to host coffee hour. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall



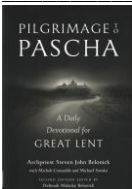
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Next Sunday we will observe Sunday of Orthodoxy with the procession of holy icons at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Don't forget to bring your favorite holy icon for the procession!



GREAT LENT – READING OF THE HOLY PSALTER

Part of our daily spiritual life is prayer and reading of the Holy Scriptures. As we enter the Holy 40 Days of Lent tomorrow, we would like to invite you to be a part of the daily reading of the entire book of psalms as a parish family. The Holy Psalter is divided into 20 parts and each participant is required to read his/her part on their assigned day during this Fasting Season. The sign-up sheet with the prescribed parts of the Holy Psalter is located in the church vestibule.



LENTEN BOOK CLUB AND MEDITATIONS

We invite you to participate in our Book Club every Friday during the Great Lent. Our sessions will take place after the service of Akathist to the Passion of Christ which begins at 6:00 PM. We will use the same book as we used previous two years “Pilgrimage to the Pascha” and will be focusing on the meditations of every Monday of the Great Lent. Please try to attend these sessions as they are for your spiritual benefit.



Sunday of Cheesefare: Expulsion of Adam from Paradise

Commemorated on February 22

As we begin the Great Fast, the Church reminds us of Adam's expulsion from Paradise. God commanded Adam to fast (Gen. 2:16), but he did not obey. Because of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden and lost the life of blessedness, knowledge of God, and communion with Him, for which they were created. Both they and their descendants became heirs of death and corruption.

Let us consider the benefits of fasting, the consequences of disobedience, and recall our fallen state. Today we are invited to cleanse ourselves of evil through fasting and obedience to God. Our fasting should not be a negative thing, a mere abstention from certain foods. It is an opportunity to free ourselves from the sinful desires and urges of our fallen nature, and to nourish our souls with prayer, repentance, to participate in church services, and partake of the life-giving Mysteries of Christ.

At Forgiveness Vespers we sing: “Let us begin the time of fasting in light, preparing ourselves for spiritual efforts. Let us purify our soul, let us purify our body. As we abstain from food, let us abstain from all passion and enjoy the virtues of the spirit...”

Holy Assumption Market Days

PRE-ORDER ONLY FORM

Pickup 11:30-1:00pm

Saturday March 28th

Thank you for your order!

CUSTOMER NAME:

CUSTOMER PHONE #:

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY SATURDAY MARCH 14

BY EMAIL info@holyassumptionmarblehead.org

OR BY TEXT OR VOICE MESSAGE AT 419-702-7087

110 E. Main St. Marblehead

ORDERS SHOULD BE PICKED UP BETWEEN 11:00am AND 12:30pm

SATURDAY March 28TH



Paska Bread (Easter Bread) Sale

All items will be sold frozen

Thaw at your convenience for your Pascal (Easter) Celebration

#		Price
	Paska Bread Standard 2# \$12	
	Paska Bread 2# with golden raisins \$14	
	Nut Roll-- whole roll \$14	
	Poppyseed Roll-- whole roll \$14	
	Nut Horns 1/2 # \$7	
	Limited quantity perohi available	
	Perohi 1/2 dozen for \$8 (potato/cheese with butter & onion) FROZEN	
	Perohi 1/2 dozen for \$8 (sauerkraut with butter & onion) FROZEN	
		TOTAL

For future events follow us on
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MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Sunday of Orthodoxy</p> <p>9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy followed by coffee hour/fellowship</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Second Week</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by light soup meal and fellowship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Fast</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00pm Akathist followed by Orthodoxy 101/Lenten Discussions/Reflections</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Memorial Saturday</p> <p>9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 4:00pm Great Vespers</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>
<p>8</p> <p>St. Gregory Palamas</p> <p>9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy followed by coffee hour/fellowship</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Third Week Holy Forth Marytrs of Sebaste</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by light soup meal and fellowship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Fast</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00pm Akathist followed by Orthodoxy 101/Lenten Discussions/Reflections</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Memorial Saturday</p> <p>9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 4:00pm Great Vespers</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Veneration of the Cross</p> <p>9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy followed by coffee hour/fellowship</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Fourth Week</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by light soup meal and fellowship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Fast</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00pm Akathist followed by Orthodoxy 101/Lenten Discussions/Reflections</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Memorial Saturday</p> <p>9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 4:00pm Great Vespers</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>
<p>22</p> <p>St. John Climacus</p> <p>9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy followed by coffee hour/fellowship</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Fifth Week</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00pm Vespers for the Feast</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>	<p>25</p> <p>ANNUNCIATION</p> <p>9:10am Hours 9:30am Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great</p> <p>Fast: fish, wine, & oil</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00pm Akathist to the Holy Theotokos followed by Orthodoxy 101/Lenten Discussions/Reflections</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Saturday of the Akathist</p> <p>9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy 4:00pm Great Vespers</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>
<p>29</p> <p>St. Mary of Egypt</p> <p>9:10am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy followed by coffee hour/fellowship</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Week of Palms</p>	<p>31</p> <p>St. Innocent of Alaska</p> <p>6:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Fast: Wine & Oil</p>	<p>Apr 1</p> <p>6:00pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by light soup meal and fellowship</p>	<p>Apr 2</p> <p>Fast</p>	<p>Apr 3</p> <p>6:00pm Akathist followed by Orthodoxy 101/Lenten Discussions/Reflections</p>	<p>Apr 4</p> <p>4:00pm Great Vespers</p> <p>Fast: wine & oil</p>

See Sunday Bulletin for changes.