

THE PARISH WEEKLY

HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

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1 JANUARY 2012

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

1 January 2012 - The Circumcision of our Lord, Jesus the Christ; St. Basil the Great; Tone 4

10:00AM.....The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

5 January - The Eve of the Theophany of our Lord Jesus the Christ

6:00PM.....Great Vespers with OT Readings and Litya

6 January - The Great Feast of the Theophany of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ

9:30PM.....The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by the Great Blessing of Waters

7 January - The Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

4:00PM.....Confessions

8 January - The Sunday after the Theophany; St. Emilian the Confessor; Tone 5

9:15AM.....The Third Hour

9:30AM.....The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

From the Book of Proverbs:

***“He who shuts his ear to the poor man’s cry
Shall himself plead and not be heard.”***

- Proverbs 21:13

Exploring the Bible: The Psalms

The Psalms and Public Worship

“The Psalter is Israel’s hymn-book. The Temple, as we know, had its cantors from the beginning, though they are not mentioned until after the Exile. The festivals of Yahweh were celebrated with song and dance (Judges 21:19-21; 2 Samuel 6:5, 16). According to Amos 5:23, sacrifice was offered to the accompaniment of song, and since the court had its cantors in David’s day (2 Samuel 19:36), and (according to the Annals of Sennacherib) in the time of Hezekiah, the Temple of Solomon like all the great sanctuaries of the East must have had its cantors also. Psalms are in fact attributed Asaph, to the sons of Korah, to Heman and to Ethan (or Jeduthun) who, according to Chronicles, were all cantors in the pre-exilic Temple. Tradition attributes many psalms to David and also credits him with organizing public worship, including the cantors (1 Chronicles 25); and this harmonizes with those ancient texts representing him as dancing and singing in the presence of Yahweh (2 Samuel 6:5, 16).

Many of the psalms carry musical or liturgical directions. The text of some refers to a public liturgy (psalms 20, 26, 27, 66, 81, 107, 116, 134, and 135). These last, and others (psalms 48, 65, 95, 96, and 118), were evidently recited in the Temple court. The Songs of Ascents (psalms 120-134), like psalm 84, were songs used on the Temple pilgrimage. These are some of the clearest examples, but are enough to show that many psalms, even individual psalms, were composed for Temple worship. Others, if not composed primarily for this purpose, have at least been adapted for it by the addition of benedictions (psalms 125, 128, and 129).

It is therefore certain that the psalms were related to public worship and that the Psalter, taken as a whole, is liturgical in character. But there is rarely enough evidence to identify the ceremony or feast for which any given psalm was used. The Hebrew title of psalm 92 assigns it to the Sabbath Day, and the Greek titles of psalms 24, 48, 93 and 94 apportion them severally to other days of the week. Psalm 30 was used, according to the Hebrew, for the feast of Dedication, and psalm 29, according to the Greek, for the feast of Tabernacles. These instructions are perhaps later additions, but, like the detailed allocations made in the Jewish period, prove that the Psalter was the hymn-book of the Temple and synagogue before it was adopted by the Christian Church.”

Next Week: we continue our examination of the Psalms

From The Jerusalem Bible: Introduction to the Psalms, Alexander Jones, General Editor., Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, NY (1968) pg. 782-783



“For the Service of Thy House, O Lord...”

Reader Schedule:

For the week of January 1: Tim Glovinsky

For the week of January 8: Natalie Twarek

For the week of January 15: David Mazurik

For the week of January 22: Michael Mazurik

For the week of January 29: Wayne Joseph Golob

Cleaning Crew:

Sandy Martin

Natalie Twarek

Roddie Mazurik

Susan Guzy

Laura Kovach



Let us pray for Our Sick and Shut-ins:

Sophia Jump – Erie County Home (Room 307)

Alison – continuing physical rehabilitation from corrective leg surgery

Diane Tryon – continuing treatments at home

Miss Taylor Wilhite – student at Danbury with leukemia recovering at home

Michael Monak – (nephew of Jean & Basil Glovinsky) walking with a crutch, but continuing in healing. -

Joann Carrender – in treatment for aggressive cancer (friend of Sandy Martin)

Marsha Onko – receiving chemotherapy (friend of Sonya Rose)

Richard Emmert – suffering with kidney cancer (friend of Susan Guzy)

Edith Smith – recovering from surgery

Mary Hubicki – afflicted with dementia (sister-in-law of Julia Guzy)

Fr. Bernard Boff – suffering from Parkinson’s disease and dementia (friend of Fr. David)

Patti Hartman – receiving chemo for stage 4 lung cancer (sister of Lynn Mate-Cramer)

Bret Jump – recovering from 3 June surgery (friend of Anne Butcher)

Gail Anderson – re-occurrence of cancer (friend of Natalie and Laura)

Stella MacDonald – now in ICU (friend of the Elchisco girls)

Many Marasek – receiving chemotherapy for a brain tumor (relative of Anne Butcher)

Jennifer Heffernan – for healing and full health

Archpriest Alexander Atty – in treatment for cancer on the liver (close friend of Ron Royhab)

Carol Conaway – recovering from open heart surgery (Natalie Twarek’s cousin)

Andrea Lasch – recovering from serious surgery (friend of Natalie Twarek)

Thomas Parker – recovering from a fractured pelvis (father of Pam Gartin)

Archpriest Paul White – in hospital after a massive stroke (Matushka Tanya Nelko’s dad)

Marika Lefas – in recovery from surgery (grandmother of Stephanie Kowal)

Robert Engel – in treatment for a cardiac condition (friend of Norman Glovinsky)

Stanley Lis – afflicted by memory loss for healing and health (Fr. David’s Dad)

David Libb – for healing and restored health (brother of Robbie Royhab)

Attendance and Collection

12/25/2011 – Total Attendance: 45: 23 parishioners, 12 children; Collection: \$1,820.50



VIGIL LAMPS OFFERED BY:

Marguerite Bird (2)

Natalie Twarek (1) In loving memory of godmother, **Aunt Ella**.

Susan Guzy (1)

Luke & Mary Heyman (1)

Sandy Martin (2) Birthday memories of **Mom**, 26 December; Special Intention.

Nikki Twarek (1) In loving memory of my Godparents, **Aunt Martha and Uncle Stokes**, and in memory of **Jonathan Pope**.

The Twarek Family (2) Nativity Blessings and good health to our family and friends; In memory of our Moms, Dads, Grandpas, Grandmas, and family and friends.

Birthdays in January!

7 January – Susan Guzy

8 January – Barbara Mazurik

13 January – Mary Elizabeth Blackford

30 January – Stephanie Warnke

“May God grant you, Many Years!”

Danbury Food Pantry

Here’s the breakdown for donations we are asked to collect for the Danbury Food Pantry for 2010. We need your donations by the second Sunday of each month as the distribution of the donated food takes place on the third Saturday of the month. Please refer to the following chart for the monthly donations:

| JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH | APRIL | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER |
|---------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Tuna | Apple Sauce | Peanut Butter & Jelly | Canned Fruit | Tomato, Vegetable, or Chicken Soup | cereal | Boxes of Macaroni & Cheese Mix | Dish Detergent | 1lb & 2lb boxes of spaghetti | Laundry Detergent | Jars of spaghetti sauce |

From a Homily written in the Second Century

"The living Church is the Body of Christ"

"My name is constantly blasphemed by unbelievers, says the Lord. *Woe to the man who causes My name to be blasphemed.* Why is the Lord's name blasphemed? Because we say one thing and do another. When they hear the words of God on our lips, unbelievers are amazed at their beauty and power, but when they see that those words have no effect in our lives, their admiration turns to scorn, and they dismiss such words as myths and fairy tales.

They listen, for example, when we tell them that God has said: *It is no credit to you if you love those who love you, but only if you love your enemies, and those who hate you.* They are full of admiration at such extraordinary virtue, but when they observe that we not only fail to love people who hate us, but even those who love us, they laugh us to scorn, and the Name is blasphemed.

Therefore, brothers, if we do the will of God the Father, we shall be members of the first spiritual Church that was created before the sun and the moon; but if we fail to do the will of the Lord, we shall be among those to whom it is said in Scripture: *My house has been made into a robber's den.* We must choose then, if we want to be saved, to be members of the Church of life.

You surely cannot be ignorant of the fact that the living Church is the Body of Christ; for Scripture says: *God made man male and female.* Now the male signifies Christ, and the female signifies the Church, which, according to both the Old and the New Testament, is no recent creation, but has existed from the beginning. At first the Church was purely spiritual, even as our Jesus was spiritual, but it appeared in the last days to save us.

For the spiritual Church was made manifest in the body of Christ, in order to show us that if we uphold its honor in the outward, visible form, and do not defile it, we shall, through the Holy Spirit, be made its members in the true, spiritual sense. For the body of the Church is a copy of the Spirit, and no one who defaces the copy can have any part in what the copy represents. In other words, brothers, you must preserve the honor of the body in order to share in the Spirit. For if we say that the body is the Church and the Spirit is Christ, it follows that anyone who dishonors His body, dishonors the Church. Such a man will have no part in the Spirit, which is Christ. But if the Holy Spirit is joined to it, this body can receive an immortal life that is wonderful beyond words, for the blessings God has made ready for His chosen ones surpass all human powers of description."

Holy Theophany House Blessings

I will begin House Blessings for anyone who would like me to bless their home or apartment on **Monday 9 January**, and I would like to complete them by 31 January. Please see me during the coffee hour after the Sunday Divine Liturgy or give me a call at the rectory: 419-798-4591 to make an appointment. *Thanks, Fr. David*

2012 Annual Meeting – First Notice!

On **Sunday, 15 January at 12 Noon**, Holy Assumption Church will hold its Annual Meeting. All members, 18 years of age and older who have met the minimum canonical requirement of Holy Confession to the rector of the parish and the reception of Holy Communion once in the last twelve months and have met the minimum stewardship requirements adopted at the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting, are able to participate in this meeting, and are expected to do so. Only members in Good Standing may be nominated and elected to the parish council. Please plan on attending. A light potluck luncheon will take place before the meeting.

St. Joseph Catholic Church Choir
invites you to an Epiphany Concert

Celebrate the Season

- A CELEBRATION OF OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTH -
- COME SING AND LISTEN TO THE SONGS OF CHRISTMAS -



Sunday, January 8, 2012
3:00pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church
822 Barclay Street, Marblehead

Admission is free and open to the public
Refreshments and Fellowship following in the Church Hall