

# THE PARISH WEEKLY

## **HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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Mrs. Laura Kovach, Parish Council President

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**22 JANUARY 2012**

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### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:**

**22 January - Thirty-second Sunday after Pentecost; Timothy, Apostle of the Seventy; Tone 7**

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

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

**28 January - The Venerable Ephraim the Syrian**

4:00PM.....Confessions

**29 January - Thirty-third Sunday after Pentecost; ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY; Tone 8**

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

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

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### **From the Book of Proverbs:**

***“Pleasure-lovers stay poor,  
He will not grow rich who loves wine and good living.”***

***- Proverbs 21:17***

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### ***Exploring the Bible: The Book of Proverbs***

“The Book of Proverbs is the most representative work of Israelite wisdom literature. The body of the book is made up of two collections: chapter 10 thru to chapter 16 verse 22, called the ‘Proverbs of Solomon’ (375 aphorisms) and chapters 25 thru 29, introduced by ‘*The following also are proverbs of Solomon, transcribed by the men of Hezekiah,*’ (128 aphorisms). Appendices have been added to each of these two collections: to the first, ‘*sayings of the sages,*’ (22:17 to 24:22) and ‘*The following are also taken from the sages*’ (24:23-34); to the second, ‘*the sayings of Agur*’ (30:1-14), followed by numerical proverbs (30:15-33) and ‘*the sayings of Lemuel*’ (31:1-9). The whole preceded by a long introduction – chapters 1 thru 9, in which a father commends wisdom to his son and in which Wisdom herself intervenes. The book closes with an alphabetical poem in praise of the ideal wife (31:10-31).

The order in which the central sections are arranged is of little importance: it differs in the Greek Bible, and the maxims inside the various sections are juxtaposed without concern for logical sequence. The book is therefore a collection of collections, within the framework of a prologue and epilogue. It reflects a hint of literary development, outlined in the general introduction to the Wisdom Books. The two main collections show the *mashal* in its most primitive form and consist exclusively of brief aphorisms, usually of a single couplet. In the appendices, however, the form is more elaborate; the short numerical poems of chapter 30:15-33, cf. 6:16-19, add the charm of a riddling manner to their edifying matter, a device already practiced in earlier times, cf. Amos, chapter One. The prologue, chapters 1 thru 9, consists of a long discourse interrupted by two exhortations from Wisdom personified; the epilogue (31:10-31), is a ‘learned’ composition.

This evolution of form corresponds to successive periods of literary activity. The earliest sections are the two great collections – chapters 10 thru 22 and chapters 25 thru 29. These are attributed to Solomon who, according to 1 Kings 5 verse 12 was the author of ‘*three thousand proverbs*’ and who was always considered to have been the greatest sage of Israel. The impersonal accent of the proverbs makes it impossible for us to assign any particular maxim to the king, but there is no reason to doubt that this collection as a whole dates from his time; the maxims of the second collection were already ancient when the ‘*men of Hezekiah*’ collected them, in about 700 B.C. These two collections form the core of the book and give it its full name: ‘*the proverbs of Solomon*’ (1:1). The sub-titles of the smaller sections however show that this title is not to be taken too literally, embracing, as it does, the aphorisms of anonymous sages (22:17 thru 24:34), and the sayings of Agur and Lemuel (30:1-31:9). Even if the names of these two Arabian sages are fictitious and did not belong to real people, they testify to a respect for the wisdom of the other lands.

Clear proof of this respect is to be found in some of the ‘*sayings of the sages*’ (22:17-23:11), which are based on the Egyptian maxims of Amenemophis, committed to writing at the beginning of the first millennium B.C. The imitation is by no means slavish, and bears witness to the originality of the Israelite sages. The nucleus of the book, chapters 10 thru 29, may therefore safely be dated in the pre-exilic period; the literary affinities with post-exilic writings suggesting the fifth century B.C. as the date of its composition, which is also presumably when the whole book was given its definitive form.”

*Continued next week.*

*From The Jerusalem Bible: Introduction to Proverbs, Alexander Jones, General Editor., Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, NY (1968) pg. 931*

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

### Reader Schedule:

### Cleaning Crew:

For the week of January 1: Tim Glovinsky      Sandy Martin  
 For the week of January 8: Natalie Twarek      Laura Kovach  
 For the week of January 15: David Mazurik      Roddie Mazurik  
 For the week of January 22: Michael Mazurik      Susan Guzy  
 For the week of January 29: Wayne Joseph Golob      Natalie Twarek



### 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 home and recuperating  
**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)  
**Paul Mazurik** – for healing and restored health

### Attendance and Collection

01/15/2012 – Total Attendance: 32: 23 parishioners, 7 children; 2 Guests; Collection: \$1,244.00; Danbury Food Pantry: \$20.00

Expenses Recap: *from 11/30/2011 thru 12/30/2011*: Total Income: \$ 5,554.00

Total Expense: \$ 7,116.47

**Operating Deficit for the month: \$ 1,562.47**



### VIGIL LAMPS OFFERED BY:

Marguerite Bird (1)

Sandy Martin (1)

Natalie Twarek (3) For the health of **Paul**; For the health of **Gail**; Special Intention.

Ed & Irene Vangeloff (1) For the health of our friend, **Helen Chicules**.

### 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

PLEASE JOIN  
**HEARTBEAT OF OTTAWA COUNTY**  
 FOR OUR



**INTERNATIONAL  
 FOOD FEST!**  
 FEATURING AREA RESTAURANT ENTREES

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012  
 6:00 PM UNTIL 8:00 PM**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
 414 MADISON STREET, PORT CLINTON

ADVANCE TICKETS:	\$10 ADULTS
	\$4 CHILDREN
AT-THE-DOOR	\$12 ADULTS

**CALL 419-734-9359 FOR TICKETS**

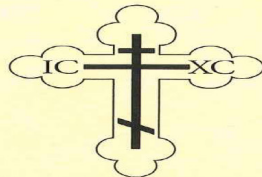
### *Holy Theophany House Blessings*

House Blessings continue for anyone who would like their home or apartment blest, and will continue until 31 January. To prepare your home for this blessing, please have a free-standing candle lit before your family icon, and a list of both living family members and those in blessed repose, for whom we will pray during the service. This should be set up on your dining table.

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*

### *The Retirement of the Archpriest Vladimir Berzonsky:*



*Please join us to celebrate the retirement of  
 V. Rev Vladimir Berzonsky and Matushka Margarita  
 Of  
 Holy Trinity Orthodox Church  
 Parma, Ohio*

*Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of January  
 Two Thousand and Twelve  
 Three O'clock in the Afternoon*

*St. Michael's Woodside Party Center  
 5025 East Mill Road  
 Broadview Heights, OH 44147*

*For tickets contact by January 20th  
 Lydia Kelbach  
 440-888-7934*

*Adults : \$30*

*Children 7-10 : \$10*

*6 and under : no charge*

## 2012 ANNUAL MEETING – DISCUSSION SUMMATION

### A. Halupki Festival Report

The Parish Council made the decision to keep \$10,000.00 in the Halupki Festival Checking Account rather than the proposed \$5,000.00 as stipulated in the Secretary's Minutes from last year's annual meeting for the following reason.

It seemed good that the seed money on festival day which usually came out of the parish's savings account to be used to prepare change for each of the festival areas should remain in the Festival checking account rather than be repaid to the parish's savings account. This would then eliminate a money transfer and maintain the festival operating funds at a given level, i.e. \$10,000.00.

So, of the profits from the 2011 Halupki Festival, \$4400 was returned to the General Operating Fund, and the balance was kept in the Halupki Festival checking account for the 2012 festival. Going forward, this will allow for better tracking of actual profits versus operating expenses.

### B. Proposed Maintenance Projects.

The 2012 Operating Budget was approved with the following provisions. The proposed maintenance projects will be prioritized based on the accepted quote received from the contractors who submit bids for these projects. Then based on the available funds, the projects will be completed. As the bids for the projects listed in the Rector's Report have yet to be received, this information will be presented at a later date to the parish for final decision and implementation.

### C. Stewardship

Currently of the 34 adult members of the parish, 28 are in good standing because they have met both the sacramental requirement of going to confession to the rector and receiving the Eucharist at least once during the calendar year, and also that the minimum stewardship amount of \$686.00 was also met.

Of this minimum amount, the parish only keeps 480.00. If all 34 adults in the parish meet this minimum, only \$16,800.00 would be generated to meet operating expenses. Fortunately, 28 members of the parish gave considerable more resulting in \$55,682.50.

Nevertheless, this amount needs to come up if the parish is going to stay viable into the future. In order to prevent the parish from taking any funds from savings to meet the operating expenses for 2012, all 34 adult members affiliated with the parish would have to contribute **\$51 each week** (rather than the \$53.00 mentioned in the discussions). This would generate \$88,734.00 in stewardship and coupled with the revenues from the annual fund raises would result in a balanced budget for the 2012 fiscal year. Otherwise the short-fall will be met by drawing from existing savings. As the Treasurer's Report indicates, based on a five year history of savings withdrawals to meet operating expenses, the parish's savings will be exhausted in **nine years!** Understanding that the members of this parish are not all in a position to meet this \$51.00 per week target, the rector asked that everyone do the best that they could with the commitment in their hearts to insure that Holy Assumption Church will have a prolonged future.

### D. New front doors proposal for the temple.

The wooden front doors of the temple are in need of serious repair. They are oak and are showing signs of weather damage. In addition the windows above the doors are leaking and also are showing signs of dry rot. It was recommended to the parish that these wooden doors be replaced by thermal-insulated fiberglass doors with new door-framing and a new window made of the most modern thermal-insulated materials. The doors would look like wood, but would be metal framed, insulated and covered by a strong fiberglass shell. Maintenance would be an every other year application of an "Armour-All" type of product that would protect the fiberglass and restore any fading from direct sunlight. The enclosed three quotes are for this project.

Because of the high cost replacement with the new door systems, restoration of the existing wooden doors and framing is also going to be explored and bids for this restoration will be sought. Once these are received, the parish will meet to discuss which option to choose.

### E. Parish Council

The following individuals accepted nomination to the parish council for 2012:

Laura Kovach	Michael Mazurik
Stephanie Kowal	Julia Guzy
Roddie Mazurik	Greg Mazur
Mary Heyman	Susan Guzy
	Tim Glovinsky

Greg Mazur volunteered to stand down for election in favor of allowing Julia Guzy the opportunity to serve on the council for 2012. The parish then elected by acclamation the eight members listed above.

The 2012 Parish Council will then be:

Laura Kovach, President  
 Roddie Mazurik, Vice President  
 Mary Heyman, Secretary  
 Stephanie Kowal, Treasurer  
 Julia Guzy, Trustee  
 Susan Guzy, Trustee  
 Tim Glovinsky, Trustee  
 Mike Mazurik, Trustee

This summary was prepared by Father David to present to you the core of the discussions that took place during the meeting.