

THE PARISH WEEKLY

HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

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6 NOVEMBER 2011

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

6 November – The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost; St. Paul the Confessor; Tone 4

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

9:30AM.....The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom *followed by the Short Litya for the Blessed Repose of Marian and Anne Glovinsky on the anniversaries of their Falling Asleep at the request of their brother, Basil Glovinsky.*

12 November – St. John the Merciful

4:00PM.....Great Vespers

4:45PM.....Confessions

13 November – The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost; St. John Chrysostom; Tone 5

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

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

From the Book of Proverbs:

***“The hardworking man is thoughtful, and all is gain;
too much haste, and all that comes of it is want.”***

- Proverbs 21:05

Exploring the Bible: The Book of Esther

“Esther – the name of a biblical book and its heroine, which is derived from the Persian *stara (star)* and has its prototype in the name of the Babylonian deity Ishtar. This is typical of the book’s and heroine’s emersion in the Persian world. The book serves as a festal legend for Purim, the celebration of the deliverance of Jews in the eastern Diaspora from a pogrom. Some suggest the link between the book and festival is secondary, the story serving to legitimize a popular festival that originated in Persian New year celebrations (called Mordecai’s Day in 2 Maccabees 15:36). The story probably dates from the later Persian period (400-322 B.C.) and the book from the early Hellenistic period (322-200 B.C.).

The story is best described as a novella. Some suggest a ‘historical novella,’ but while a historical core is possible, the events are not attested to elsewhere and such central figures as Esther, Mordecai, Haman, and Vashti have left no historical trace... As a novella it serves to entertain and show how particular types of humans act and interact in particular situations. It represents a type of narrative popular in the ancient world that told of the adventures of certain figures in royal courts where great power and wealth were rewards to be won or lost.

A set of more or less archetypical characters interact within a plot that twists and turns, building and sustaining suspense. Esther (whose Jewish name is Hadassah) first appears quite passive, acted upon rather than acting, and living under the guidance of Mordecai. Yet once she resolves to appear unsummoned before the king, she takes charge as the primary instigator of actions that lead to Haman’s fall and the Jew’s deliverance. Among the other characters, Haman is perhaps the most villainous figure in the Hebrew Bible. King Ahasuerus is invested with great authority but exercises minimal power, except as he is manipulated by others. Vashti and Zeresh make brief but telling appearances: the former creates an empire-wide crisis that results in her banishment and opens the way for Esther to become the Persian queen; the latter announces and underscores Haman’s fall...

Playing on a series of repetitions (especially of feasts), the plot builds to a climax through a series of delightful coincidences and juxtapositions. While sometimes condemned as harsh and vengeful, the story is nevertheless artfully told and rarely fails to delight.

The story is laced with irony, as when on the fateful night between Esther’s two soirees the king cannot sleep. Mordecai’s past service to him is recalled, and failure to reward him is noted. Haman, coming to court for permission to hang Mordecai, is asked to advise on how the king might reward ‘*the man whom the king wishes to honor*’ (6:6). Haman fatally misreads the situation, and the tables begin to turn on him. The reader delights in the dramatic irony as Haman must lead in honor through the streets of Susa the very man he sought to hang. His fall is soon complete. He is hanged on the immense gallows he erected for Mordecai, and the reader experiences for a time in this story a universe that is ultimately just – a satisfaction real life rarely provides...

The rest of the Book of Esther –

Five additions found in the Septuagint (LXX), or the Greek version of Esther, but not in the original Hebrew, Jerome, in making his Vulgate translation of Esther, removed all but one of these passages and placed them at the

end of the book, so that chapter and verse numbers in modern editions treat them as though they were the ending to Esther.

The purpose of the additions is to give a more specifically religious cast to the book as well as to the Festival of Purim associated with it. Since the Hebrew version of Esther never mentions God, its canonical status within Judaism was sometimes a matter of dispute. The additions attribute to God the deliverance of His people through the device of the apocalyptic vision and its interpretation, which now begins and ends the book, as well as prayers for Mordecai and Esther. Salvation now comes not as a consequence of Esther's courage and beauty, but as a result of her piety, in order to show that God answers prayers and protects His people...

The colophon of the Greek version attributes translation of the book to a certain Lysimachus, apparently a Hellenistic Jew, and suggests that it was brought to Egypt in the fourth year of Ptolemy and Cleopatra (either 114 B.C., 77 B.C., or 44 B.C., depending upon which royal pair is intended) possibly in an effort to introduce Purim to the Alexandrian Jewish community."

From *The Bible Dictionary: "The Book of Judith,"* Paul Achtemeier, General Editor, The Easton Press, Norwalk, CT (2005) pgs. 309-310



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

Reader Schedule:

For the week of November 6: *Tim Glovinsky*
 For the week of November 13: *Natalie Twarek*
 For the week of November 20: *Michael Mazurik*
 For the week of November 27: *Wayne Joseph Golob*

Cleaning Crew:

Sandy Martin
Natalie Twarek
Laura Kovach
Julia and Susan Guzy



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)
Frank Kovalik – for continuing health
Edith Smith – recovering from surgery
Michael Trumble – struggling with cancer which has metastasized to his brain (friend of Barb Frenchek)
Nicole Almieda – in treatment for severe depression (friend of Lois Waggoner)
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)
Patricia Rentz – now home and continuing recovery mother of Tammy Rentz)
Many Marasek – receiving chemotherapy for a brain tumor (relative of Anne Butcher)
Emmanuel Karniotis – recovering from surgery (father of Stephanie Kowal)
Stanley Lis – afflicted with the early stages of memory loss (Father David's dad)
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)
Archpriest John Adamcio – recuperating from hip replacement
Lee Waggoner – in out-patient treatment for several minor strokes and stomach issues
Thomas Parker – recovering from a fractured pelvis (father of Pam Gartin)
Zachary Collins – recovery from surgery on a disc in his neck

Attendance and Collection

10/30/2011 – Total Attendance: 22: 18 parishioners, 4 children; 0 guests; Collection: \$398.00; Danbury Food Pantry: \$148.01; Restoration: \$20.00



VIGIL LAMPS OFFERED BY:

Marguerite Bird (1)
Sandy Martin (2) Health and recovery for **Zach**; Special Intention.
Natalie Twarek (2) For the health of **Lee Waggoner**, **Gail**, and **Carol**; Special Intention.
Laura Kovach (4) Birthday blessings to **Katelyn**; Safe sailing for **Greg**; Health of **Doug**; Safe travel to **Jim Malt**.
Natalie Twarek (Eternal Lamp – Royal Doors) Birthday remembrance of **Mom**, (10/28).

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:

DANBURY FOOD PANTRY - Donations requested for each month:

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

Veteran's Rally Pork Chop Dinner

November 10, 2011
Doors Open at 5:30 pm
Program Begins at 6:00 pm

Featuring:
Songs of Inspiration and Patriotism by Bradley Hoffman

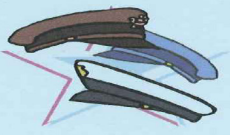
**Special Guest Speaker
C.W. 5 Dean Betschman**

C.W.5 Betschman is a highly decorated and recognized veteran of over 40 years. He serves as a 200th MP Command's Logistics and Maintenance Expert. He works on the Presidential Rebuild Team for the country of Iraq as the State Department of Agriculture Representative.

Get your reservations in early because space is limited to the first 500 people.
Tickets are \$8.00 which includes a full pork chop dinner.

Mail your prepaid reservation to:

First Christian Church
3410 Hayes Avenue
Sandusky, Ohio 44870
419-626-1962



Women in the Bible!

In today's edition of the PARISH WEEKLY we examined the Book of Esther. She was a remarkable woman and played an important role in the liberation of the Jewish people. Find the names of other women in the Bible who also played valuable roles in furthering God's plan for human salvation.

Adultery, Barren, Betrayed, Ceremony, Children, Clothing, Daughters, Delivery, Divorce, Dowry, Elizabeth, Esther, Eunice, Hagar, Harlot, Jewelry, Jezebel, Leprosy, Lineage, Lois, Magdalene, Maiden, Marriage, Martha, Mary, Moses, Mothers, Rachael, Rebekah, Rings, Rituals, Ruth, Scarlet, Sisters, Tricked, Virtuous, Wedding, Wife

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