

THE PARISH WEEKLY

HOLY ASSUMPTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

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8 JANUARY 2012

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

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

14 January - St. Nina of Georgia, "Equat-to-the-Apostles"

No Confessions Today

15 January - Thirty-first Sunday after Pentecost; The Venerable Paul of Thebes; Tone 6

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

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

From the Book of Proverbs:

***"For the virtuous man it is a joy to execute justice,
but it brings dismay to evil-doers."***

- Proverbs 21:15

Exploring the Bible: The Psalms

Authors and Dates

"The inscriptions attribute seventy-three psalms to David, twelve to Asaph, eleven to the sons of Korah, one each to Herman, Ethan, Moses and Solomon. The inscriptions in the Greek version do not always correspond with the Hebrew text and credit David with eighty-two psalms. The Syriac version shows still greater divergence.

It is possible that the original purpose of these inscriptions was not to name the actual author. The Hebrew formula used, merely establishes some kind of relationship between the psalm and the person named, either because of an aptness of theme or because the psalms belonged to a collection named after him. The psalms "for (or of) the sons of Korah" were part of the repertoire of this family of cantors, just as the numerous psalms "for the choirmaster," 4, 5, 6, 8, etc., were pieces performed under his direction. Similarly there was Asaph's collection and a Davidic collection. But it was not long before these notices of origin were taken to be indications of authorship, and to the inscription 'of David' at the head of some of the psalms were added details of the exact circumstances in the life of the king at the time when these psalms were composed - psalms 3, 7, 18, 34, 51, 52, 54, etc. Finally tradition made David the author not only of the psalms that bear his name but of the whole Psalter.

Notwithstanding mistaken deductions of this kind, it would be wrong to neglect the ancient and valuable information embodied in the inscriptions. It is reasonable to admit that the collections of Asaph and the sons of Korah were composed by the poets attached to the Temple. It is equally reasonable to hold that there must be some connection between the Davidic collection and David himself. Taking into account what the historical books have to say of his musical talent (1 Samuel 16:16-18; cf. Amos 6:5, his poetic gifts, 2 Samuel 1:19-27; 3:33-34, and his love of the liturgy, 2 Samuel 6:5, 15-16), it would seem inevitable that the Psalter should contain some of David's compositions. Indeed, Psalm 18 is simply a different edition of a poem attributed to David in 2 Samuel 22. Not all of the psalms of the Davidic collection are by him, no doubt, but the collection must have had a few of these for nucleus. It is difficult, however, to be more definite than this. The Hebrew inscriptions are not decisive, as we have seen, and when the New Testament writers quote a psalm as being by David, they are speaking as their contemporaries spoke. Even so, this evidence should not be rejected without good reason, and David, who "sang the songs of Israel" (2 Samuel 23:1), must be conceded an essential part in the formation of the religious poetry of the Chosen People.

The original impulse given by David continued to have effects and the Psalter covers several centuries of poetic activity. After an erroneous assessment, assigning a very late date to the majority of the psalms, more moderate views now prevail. Apart from those psalms which may have been composed by David, many go back to the monarchical period, in particular all the royal psalms, but the content is too general for more than conjectural dating. The Psalms of the Kingship of God, on the other hand, with their many echoes of earlier psalms and of the second part of Isaiah, must have been written during the Exile, as also those, such as psalm 137, which speak of the destruction of Jerusalem and the deportation. Psalm 26 celebrates the return from exile. The period that followed seems to have been fertile in psalmody. The restored Temple saw a reflorescence of public worship, the status of the cantors was so raised that they became assimilated with the Levites, while sages like Ben Sira adopted psalm form to popularize their teaching. Are any psalms of later date than the end of the Persian period? Are there any Maccabean psalms? The question arises in particular connection with psalms 44, 74, 79, and 83, but the arguments advanced are not strong enough to prove so late a date of composition."

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. 783-784



“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
 Laura Kovach
 Roddie Mazurik
 Susan Guzy
 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 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

01/01/2012 – Total Attendance: 23: 21 parishioners, 2 children; Collection: \$1,130.00 (for 2011), and \$583.00 for 2012



VIGIL LAMPS OFFERED BY:

Marguerite Bird (1)
Laura Kovach (2) Birthday Blessings to **Jim**; Safe travel for family.
Julia Guzy (1) Birthday Blessings and good health and Merry Christmas to **Susan**, “Many years!”
Greg Mazur (1)
Natalie Twarek (3) For the health of **Marie Landon, Gail, Carol**; New Year’s Blessings to family and friends; Special Intention.

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

Dear members of Holy Assumption Orthodox Church ,

The Danbury Food Sharing program is starting its 29th year in serving the Danbury township community. This ministry has been overseen by the Danbury Ministerial Association and is manned by volunteers from the area churches and various groups from the High school. Please put in your bulletin or newsletter, a big Thank You to your members without their support this year the Danbury Food Pantry could have not been able to operate. Our FEMA funding didn't materialize until December of 2011 so we operated the entire year with a few cutbacks and on the food and monetary donations of our community and churches.. Thank you for your support of this ministry, God continues to affirm that this is what He wants us to do in Danbury Township. In 2011 we served 1,278 people with a total of 535 families for the first 11 months of the year. Of the families we serve, 55% are the elderly on fixed incomes. We give away food on the third Saturday of the month January through November at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 541 S. Church Road, Danbury Township. Thank you again for your continued support of this ministry. If you have any questions call Jan Hirt 419-732-2703 or Rev. Janine Dress 419-798-5460.

In God's Service,
Rev. Janine Dress
Chairperson of the Danbury Food Pantry

From a Homily written in the Second Century

"Let us return to the God Who has called us"

"With regard to self-control, I believe I have given you good advice. No one who follows it will have reason for regret but will save his own soul and mine as well, since I have been his counselor. Indeed there is no small reward for converting the erring soul and saving it from perishing. Moreover, whether it is our duty to speak or to listen, we have it in our power to make some recompense to the God who created us, by speaking or listening with faith and love.

We must remain firm in our faith, therefore, and live upright and holy lives, for we shall then feel at ease and confident when we present our petitions to God, Who says: *'While you are speaking I will say - "See, I am here!"'* In these words the Lord makes a wonderful promise, and shows us that He is more ready to give than we are to ask. We all have a share in this extraordinary goodness, so the great blessings we receive should never make us envy one another. In fact, the degree of pleasure these words bring to those who live by them is equaled only by the condemnation they will bring on those who disregard them.

So you see, my brothers, that we have been given every inducement to amend our lives. We have been called by God, and now it is up to us to return to Him while we still have time and have One who is ready to receive us. For if we renounce sinful pleasures and practice self-control by refusing to yield to our evil desires, we shall share in the mercy of Jesus.

You must know, however, that the day of judgment, like a flaming furnace, is already approaching. Sun, moon, and stars will be consumed, and the whole earth will become like lead melting in the fire. All that each man has done, whether openly or in secret, will then be brought to light.. Therefore, a very good way of atoning for our sins is by being generous to the poor. Fasting is better than prayer, but almsgiving surpasses both, for *love covers a multitude of sins*. Nevertheless, prayer delivers the soul from death if it proceeds from a good conscience. Happy the man who is found rich in these virtues; by relieving the poor, he himself will be relieved of his sins.

To make sure that none of us is lost, we must repent from the bottom of our hearts. Since we have been commanded to go out and rescue idolaters and to instruct them, is it not even more important to save souls who already know God? If we are all to be saved, we shall have to help one another and support the weak in their struggle to live a good life. When one of us does wrong, it is the other's task to warn him and persuade him of his error."

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.

To prepare your home for this blessing, please have a free-standing candle lit before your family icon. 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

2012 Annual Meeting – Second 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

A Biblical Puzzle for the Christmas Season:

Try and find the hidden words and recall in them our continuing commemoration of our Lord's birth according to the flesh:

Advent, Angels, Beauty, Birth, Cards, Carols, Census, Children, Christ, Church, Crèche, December, Family, Feast, Festival, Garland, Giving, Goodwill, Herod, Holiday, Holly, Holy, Icicles, Jesus, Joseph, Joy, Lights, Love, Magi, Manger, Mary, Merry, Music, Nativity, Noel, Pageants, Peace, Prayer, Santa, Season, Shepherd, Sleigh, Snow, Star

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