

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



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OCTOBER 1, 2023

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
**PROTECTION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS**

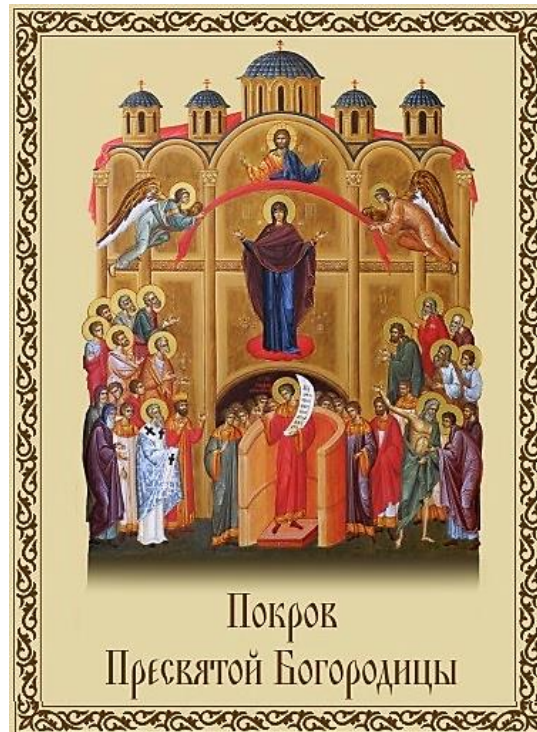
**Liturgical Schedule**

**SATURDAY – OCTOBER 7**  
*Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus in Syria*

**VESPERS, 4:00 PM**

**SUNDAY – OCTOBER 8**  
**18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
*Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council*

**9:10 AM HOURS, 9:30 AM**  
**DIVINE LITURGY** Followed by Coffee Hour



**Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos**  
**Feast Day – October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1**

Brethren: You are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**EPISTLE: Hebrews 9:1-7**

Brethren: The first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread,

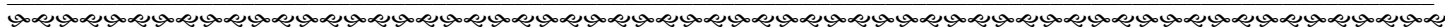
which is called the sanctuary; and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.

### **GOSPEL: Luke 6:31-36**

The Lord said, as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore, be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

### **GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28**

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore, tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her." And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!" But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"



### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

Basil Glovinsky, 1007 Glendale Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452; Subdeacon Roger Pinta, P.O. Box 39, Middle Bass, OH 43446; Diane Tryon, 109 Joslyn Street, Arcadia, OH 44804; Ed & Irene Vangeloff, 454 Strouse Lane, Sandusky, OH 44870



### **OCTOBER CANDLE SPONSORS**

**Altar Candles:** Available **(\$50)**; **Chandelier:** God's Blessings upon Barbara Wroblewski **(\$50)**; **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Available **(\$25)**; **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Katelyn and in memory of Uncle Alex and John Kovach **(\$15)**; **Candles at St. Tikhon's Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, & Chloe **(\$15)**

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## VIGILS FOR SEPTEMBER 24

**Laura Kovach 3** Birthday blessings and many years to Fin and Jack. For health and/or healing of Nick S., Barbara D., Pauline O., George K., Joe H., Margi H., Basil G., Kathie J., Diane T., Robin C., Betty K., Ben F., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., and Karen D.  
Memory eternal to Steve Strausbaugh.

**Sandy Martin 1** Special intentions

**Darlene & Gabe Mazurik 3** Special intentions, Special intentions, Special intentions

**Diane Tryon 4** In loving birthday memory of Aunt Jeannie, Anniversary blessings to Mike (9/24), Anniversary blessings to our parish, Birthday blessings to my friend Cindy

**Natalie Twarek 8** God's Blessing on our parish family, Birthday blessings to Nikki(9/25), Birthday blessings to Greg(9/26), Birthday blessings to Amber (9/26), For the health and recovery of Barbara, Basil, Diane, and Don Kiser, Health of Roger, Tony, Irene, Father David, Marilyn, Pauline, Judy, Mimi, Tina, Ed, Ron, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Kurt, Leslie, Amber, Zach, Jeanne, Dottie, Jamie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Tom, Loren, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, Safe travel for family and friends, special intentions

**Dennis Lapso** - For the 125<sup>th</sup> parish anniversary, In Eternal memory of Annette Ressetar Lapso

**Dennis Lapso** In Eternal memory of Annette Ressetar Lapso on the Feast of her 2<sup>nd</sup> 40 days again at Holy Assumption. First 40days on Dormition



## OCTOBER REPOSED

William Martin (1982) No date provided; **3-** Anna Tomko (1990); **4-** William Peter Guzy (1974); **5-** John Elchisco Sr. (1982); **5-** Mark Conroy (2018); **5-** Patricia Schirtzinger (2021); **6-** Andrew Tomko (1970); **6-** Helen Elchisco (1956); **7-** Michael Gresko (1963); **8-** Archpriest Michael Kostyk (1964) Former Pastor; **11-** Helen Pipenur (2009); **12-** Pauline Mary Gresh (1981); **13-** James E Jump (2011); **13-** Tom Grgich (2018); **13-** Michael Mazurik (2018); **14-** George Kaitsa (1991); **15-** Michael Mazurik (1972); **15-** John Kovach (1983); **16-** Mary Kobb (2017); **16-** Tom Wiseman (2020); **18-** Nadežda Kaitsa (1992); **20-** Elizabeth Naiser Royhab (2006); **20-** Terry Fink (2017); **21-** Alex Mazur (1920); **21-**Terry (Bobbie's cousin) (2017); **28-** George Elchisco (1996); **28-** Anthony Glovinsky (1946); **31-** George Rusincovitch (1994)

## PRAYER LIST

**Parishioners & Family:** Don Kiser / Ruth / Basil Glovinsky / Dale / Sophie / Jeanne Smith / Carol / David Martin / Fred Soski / Chris Hannon / Subdeacon Roger Pinta / Ed Vangeloff / Irene Vangeloff / Diane Tryon / Sonja Rose / Ron Royhab / James Bargdill / John Beadle / Carole Conaway/ Gary Conaway / Sharon Dietrich / Michael Glovinsky / Shirley Gresh / Joseph Habegger / Elaine Hileman / Betty Kovach / Helen Lis / Child Stella Miller / William Pipenur / Earl Rindfleisch / Helen Jean Rofkar / George Royhab / Marianne Royhab / Stephanie Royhab / Kathy Jacob / the child Bodhi Cassell / Gleice & Chloe / Gabrielle and her newborn Josey / Carol / Debbie & Marco / Nora. **Other Requests:** Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Maxwell Chaney / Barbara Wroblewski / Sidharth Bijilani – friend of Subdeacon Roger and Debbie Pinta / Anthony / Archpriest David Lis / Bishop Matthias / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Marge Dziama / Kurt Franck / Ben Franklin / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Marsha / Mark Masica / Robert Piznar / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chuck Wiedenhoft / Chris. **Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



## ATTENDANCE

9/22 Vespers, 30 attending (5 Guests); 9/23 Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 90 attending (60 Guests); 9/24 Divine Liturgy, 27 attending (10 Guests)



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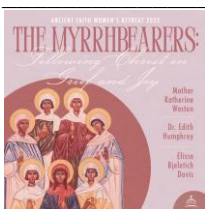
Sunday Oct 1 – Tim  
Sunday Oct 8 – Ron  
Sunday Oct 15 – Natalie  
Sunday Oct 22 – Jake



## HOLY ASSUMPTION BOOKSTORE - STOP BY TO SHOP!

Fr. Peter and Matushka Michelle have donated many great religious items to Holy Assumption Bookstore! Mostly from Ukraine and Russia, they include: icons; neck and wall crosses; large and small religious pouches; key rings; rope prayer bracelets from a monastery; men's leather bracelets; "egg" pendants; needlepoint crosses for refrigerator; a standing cross.

We also have purchased new icons. The bookstore/gift shop is a means of outreach of Holy Assumption Church. We sell items at cost and the church does not profit from sales.



## 2023 ANCIENT FAITH WOMEN'S RETREAT

The 2023 Ancient Faith Women's Retreat will be held **Thursday Nov. 9 through Sunday, Nov. 12** at **Antiochian Village Conference Center**, 140 Church Camp Trail, Bolivar, PA. The retreat "seeks to create a peaceful, loving, and reflective gathering of women who have come to learn, worship, make friends, and rest at the entrance into the holy Nativity season." For more information see 3-page posting on bulletin board in church hall.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October 6 – Ron Royhab; October 17 – Tim Glovinsky



## MARKET DAY – THANK YOU!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the following parishioners and friends who helped us with our Market Day yesterday: Tina, Natalie, Roddie, Laura, Greg, Cliff, Mimi, Tim, and Fr. Peter. The gross income from the sale was **\$2,220.66**. May Our Lord reward you all for your time and energy with good health, peace, and happiness for Many Happy and Blessed Years!

Our last Market Day of the season will take place on **Saturday, October 14th** starting with set up at **8:00 AM**. We will have perohi, kielbasa and kraut, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is greatly appreciated!



## CLEANING SCHEDULE

Oct 2, Tina  
Oct 9, Laura  
Oct 16, Natalie  
Oct 23, Laura



## SUNDAY OFFERING

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

Tithe	\$ 672.00
Candles	\$ 56.00
Vigils	\$ 90.00
Donations	\$ 440.00
Support our Seminarians	\$ 50.00
Bookstore	\$ 38.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,346.00</b>

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



## CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“Danbury Holiday Bureau” is the charity we donate to for the month of October.

## UP-COMING EVENTS IN OUR PARISH – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** Last Market Day of the season at 8 AM (*Saturday*)
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** NO VESPERS
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>** Daylight Saving time ends (*Sunday*)
- Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** Nativity Fast begins (*Wednesday*)
- Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>** Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple (*Tuesday*)
- Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>** St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (*Wednesday*)
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>** Conception by Righteous Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos (*Saturday*)
- Consider sponsoring a Sunday coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy



## 2023 APPLE DUMPLING SALE

Lakeside United Methodist Church will have their Apple Dumpling Sale. Dumplings will be sold in packages of two for \$ 8.00. For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board.



## The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

Commemorated on October 1

This miraculous appearance of the Mother of God occurred in the mid-tenth century in Constantinople, in the Blachernae church where her robe, veil, and part of her belt were preserved after being transferred from Palestine in the fifth century.

On Sunday, October 1, during the All Night Vigil, when the church was overflowing with those at prayer, the Fool-for-Christ Saint Andrew (October 2), at the fourth hour, lifted up his eyes towards the heavens and beheld our most Holy Lady Theotokos coming through the air, resplendent with heavenly light and surrounded by an assembly of the Saints. Saint John the Baptist and the holy Apostle John the Theologian accompanied the Queen of Heaven. On bended knees the Most Holy Virgin tearfully prayed for Christians for a long time. Then, coming near the Bishop’s Throne, she continued her prayer.

After completing her prayer she took her veil and spread it over the people praying in church, protecting them from enemies both visible and invisible. The Most Holy Lady Theotokos was resplendent with heavenly glory, and the protecting veil in her hands gleamed “more than the rays of the sun.” Saint Andrew gazed trembling at the miraculous vision and he asked his disciple, the blessed Epiphanius standing beside him, “Do you see, brother, the Holy Theotokos, praying for all the world?” Epiphanius answered, “I do see, holy Father, and I am in awe.”

The Ever-Blessed Mother of God implored the Lord Jesus Christ to accept the prayers of all the people calling on His Most Holy Name, and to respond speedily to her intercession, “O Heavenly King, accept all those who pray to You and call on my name for help. Do not let them go away from my icon unheard.” Saints Andrew and Epiphanius were worthy to see the Mother of God at prayer, and “for a long time observed the Protecting Veil spread over the people and shining with flashes of glory. As long as the Most Holy Theotokos was there, the Protecting Veil was also visible, but with her departure it also became invisible. After taking it with her, she left behind the grace of her visitation.”

At the Blachernae church, the memory of the miraculous appearance of the Mother of God was remembered. In the fourteenth century, the Russian pilgrim and clerk Alexander, saw in the church an icon of the Most Holy Theotokos praying for the world, depicting Saint Andrew in contemplation of her. The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor reflects that the protective intercession of the Mother of God was needed because an attack of a large pagan Russian fleet under the leadership of Askole and Dir. The feast celebrates the divine destruction of the fleet which threatened Constantinople itself, sometime in the years 864-867 or according to the Russian historian Vasiliev, on June 18, 860. Ironically, this Feast is considered more important by the Slavs than by the Greeks.

The Primary Chronicle of Saint Nestor also notes the miraculous deliverance followed an all-night Vigil and the dipping of the garment of the Mother of God into the waters of the sea at the Blachernae church, but does not mention Saints Andrew and Epiphanius and their vision of the Mother of God at prayer. These latter elements, and the beginnings of the celebrating of the Feast of the Protection, seem to postdate Saint Nestor and the Chronicle. A further historical complication might be noted under (October 2) dating Saint Andrew’s death to the year 936.

The year of death might not be quite reliable, or the assertion that he survived to a ripe old age after the vision of his youth, or that his vision involved some later pagan Russian raid which met with the same fate. The suggestion that Saint Andrew was a Slav (or a Scythian according to other sources, such as S. V. Bulgakov) is interesting, but not necessarily accurate. The extent of Slavic expansion and repopulation into Greece is the topic of scholarly disputes.

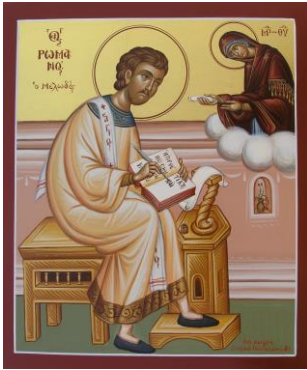
In the *Prologue*, a Russian book of the twelfth century, a description of the establishment of the special Feast marking this event states, “For when we heard, we realized how wondrous and merciful was the vision... and it transpired that Your holy Protection should not remain without festal celebration, O Ever-Blessed One!”

Therefore, in the festal celebration of the Protection of the Mother of God, the Russian Church sings, “With the choirs of the Angels, O Sovereign Lady, with the venerable and glorious prophets, with the First-Ranked Apostles and with the Hieromartyrs and Hierarchs, pray for us sinners, glorifying the Feast of your Protection in the Russian Land.” Moreover, it would seem that Saint Andrew, contemplating the miraculous vision was a Slav, was taken captive, and became the slave of the local inhabitant of Constantinople named Theognostus.

Churches in honor of the Protection of the Mother of God began to appear in Russia in the twelfth century. Widely known for its architectural merit is the temple of the Protection at Nerl, which was built in the year 1165 by holy Prince Andrew Bogoliubsky. The efforts of this holy prince also established in the Russian Church the Feast of the Protection of the Mother of God, about the year 1164.

At Novgorod in the twelfth century there was a monastery of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos (the so-called Zverin monastery) In Moscow also under Tsar Ivan the Terrible the cathedral of the Protection of the Mother of God was built at the church of the Holy Trinity (known as the church of Saint Basil the Blessed).

On the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos we implore the defense and assistance of the Queen of Heaven, “Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin Mother of God, that we not perish by the increase of our sins. Protect us from every evil and from grievous woes, for in you do we hope, and venerating the Feast of your Protection, we magnify you.”



### Venerable Romanus the Melodist, “Sweet-Singer”

Commemorated on October 1

Saint Romanus the Melodist was born in the fifth century in the Syrian city of Emesa of Jewish parents. After moving to Constantinople, he became a church sacristan in the temple of Hagia Sophia. The monk spent his nights alone at prayer in a field or in the Blachernae church beyond the city.

Saint Romanus was not a talented reader or singer. Once, on the eve of the Nativity of Christ, he read the kathisma verses. He read so poorly that another reader had to take his place. The clergy ridiculed Romanus, which devastated him.

On the day of the Nativity, the Mother of God appeared to the grief-stricken youth in a vision while he was praying before her Kyriotissa icon. She gave him a scroll and commanded him to eat it. Thus was he given the gift of understanding, composition, and hymnography.

That evening at the all-night Vigil Saint Romanus sang, in a wondrous voice, his first Kontakion: “Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One...” All the hymns of Saint Romanus became known as kontakia, in reference to the Virgin’s scroll. Saint Romanus was also the first to write in the form of the Oikos, which he incorporated into the all-night Vigil at his places of residence (In Greek, “oikos”).

For his zealous service Saint Romanus was ordained as a deacon and became a teacher of song. Until his death, which occurred about the year 556, the hierodeacon Romanus the Melodist composed nearly a thousand hymns, many of which are still used by Christians to glorify the Lord. About eighty survive.

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**Especially let us be mindful of the words of the Lord Jesus which He spoke when inculcating gentleness and long-suffering. This is what He said: *Show mercy, that you may be shown mercy; forgive, that you may be forgiven; as you treat others, so you shall be treated; as you give, so you shall receive; as you judge, so you shall be judged; as you show kindness, so kindness shall be shown to you; the measure you use in measuring shall be used in measuring out your share.* With this commandment and these precepts let us strengthen ourselves, that we may live in obedience to His holy words, with humility in our hearts; for the Holy Scripture says: *On whom shall I look but on him who is gentle and meek and trembles at hearing my words?* – Clement of Rome**

# *Wine Tasting*

## TO BENEFIT IOCC

Monday, October 16, 2023

*6:00 to 10:00 pm*

Enjoy a four-course dinner with wine pairings, a silent auction, a wine cork pull for a chance to win an expensive bottle of wine, and learn how your gifts help families around the world.

St. Michael's Woodside Event Center  
5025 Mill Road  
Broadview Heights, OH 44147

Early Bird Tickets by September 30 – \$60  
Tickets after October 1 – \$70



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