

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



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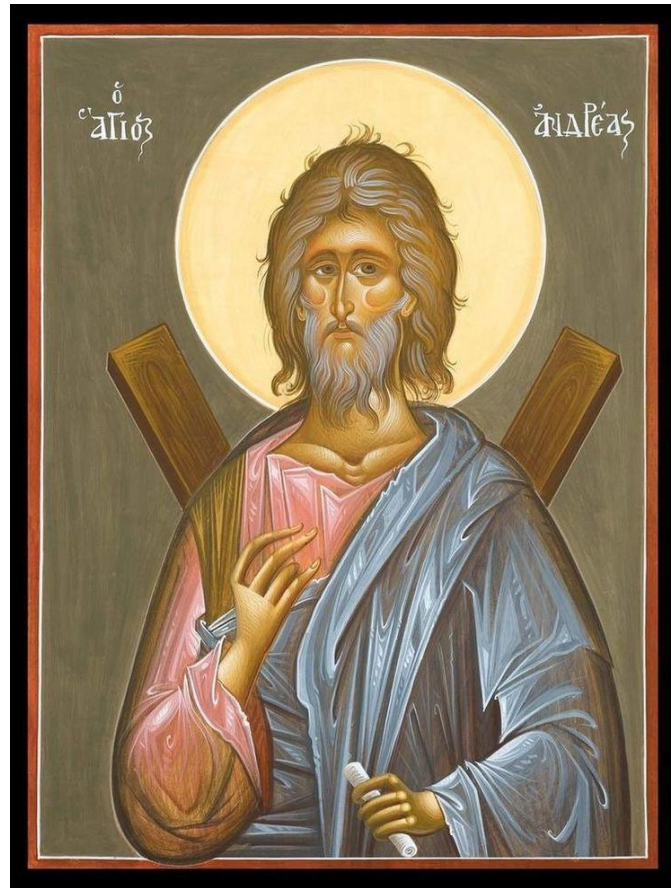
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:1-6

Brethren: I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore, come



Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called
Feast Day – November 30th

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and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.” The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So, ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?” And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Liturgical Schedule

MON. NOV 27	Great Martyr James (Jacob) of Persia
TUE. NOV 28	Monk Martyr and Confessor Stephen the New
WED. NOV 29	Holy Martyr Paramon and the 370 Martyrs with him
THU. NOV 30	Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called
FRI. DEC 1	Holy Prophet Nahum
SAT. DEC 2	<i>Leave-taking of the Entrance; Holy Prophet Habakkuk</i>
4:00 PM	VESPERS
SUN. – DEC 3	26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Prophet Zephaniah</i>
9:10 AM	HOURS
9:30 AM	DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Tony Monastra, 2119 Willow Cove Marblehead, OH 43440; Patti Owens, 311 Woodbridge Road, Vermilion, OH 44089; 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



NOVEMBER CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: Fr. Peter & Mat. Michelle, For Health and God’s Blessings upon Barbara Wroblewski, Matushka’s mother **(\$50)**; **Chandelier:** Fr. Peter & Mat. Michelle, For Health and God’s Blessings of Michal Tomáš, Father’s father **(\$50)**; **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Available **(\$25)**; **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Madelyn, Amanda, Andrew, and Betty; and in memory of Uncle Alex **(\$20)**; **Candles at St. Sophia Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, & Chloe **(\$20)**



NOVEMBER REPOSED

Michael Guzy (1927) No date provided; Mary Lou Hobson (2015) No date provided; **1-**Peter Felenchak (1974); **2-** Donald Sennich (1994); **3-** Marian Glovinsky (2001); **5-** Margaret Pietropolo (2009); **5-** Dan Opritza (2021) **5-** Joseph Guzy (1974); **6-** William Rentz (2018); **6-** Michael Chemorov (2019); **8-** Ann G Stretchberry (2003); **8-** Anne Catherine Glovinsky (2004); **9-** Ann Golob (No year recorded); **9-** Robley Blackford (2021); **18-** Archpriest George Timko (2000) Former Pastor; **19-** Evelyn Biecheler (2002); **19-** Frances (Nancy B.

mom)(2019); **19-** Orestes Mihaly No year provided; **21-** Ann S. Ratica (1991); **22-** Joann Carender No year provided; **23-** George Michael Elchisco (2016); **26-** Janet Elchisko (2018); **28-** Anna Grabonsky (1972); **29-**Alexander Mazur (2003)



VIGILS FOR NOVEMBER 19

Laura Kovach 4 Birthday blessings to Grandma Betty and Jake. Anniversary blessings to Amy and Matt.

For health and/or healing of Beverly S., Patti O., Tony M., Matushka Michelle, Hannah S., Barbara D., Pauline O., George K., Joe H., Margi H., Betty K., Ben

F., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., and Karen D.

Safe travels for family.

In memory of Sue Kalinoski.

Sandy Martin 1 Special intentions

Darlene & Gabe Mazurik 1 Special intentions

Diane Tryon 2 In birthday memory of Aunt Mamie, In loving memory of Uncle Tig for his birthday

Natalie Twarek 8 For the health of Ruth, For the health of Bev, Health and healing for Father's dad Michal and Matushka's mom Barbara, For the health of Matushka Michelle, For the health and recovery of Basil, Diane, Tony, Patti, Tom Sitzler and Don Kiser, Health and recovery of Rick Krynock, Health of Roger, Ed, Irene, Father David, Marilyn, Pauline, Judy, Mimi, Tina, 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, special intentions

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Patti Owens / Tony Monastra / 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, her unborn baby & 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 Dziana / Kurt Franck / Ben Franklin / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Marsha / Mark Masica / Robert Piznar / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chuck Wiedenhof / Chris. **Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military

ATTENDANCE



11/18 Vespers, 9 attending (1 Guest); 11/19 Divine Liturgy, 29 attending (7 Guests); 11/20 Vespers, 12 attending (1 Guest); 11/21 Divine Liturgy 11 attending

READERS LIST



Sunday Nov 26 – Tim

Sunday Dec 3 – Ron

Sunday Dec 10 – Natalie

Sunday Dec 17 – Jake



CLEANING SCHEDULE

Nov 27, Jean
Dec 4, Stephanie
Dec 11, Sandy
Dec 18, Roddie



CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE 2024

It is time to update the church cleaning schedule for 2024. First, thank you to those who have been on the schedule for many years. We often hear of giving of your TIME, TALENT, or TREASURE. You are the people who have been giving of your TIME and again we thank you.

We are always looking for additional volunteers who would be willing to give of their TIME, once a week, to clean God's house. Cleaning can take place at your convenience, Monday - Saturday. The weekly cleaning takes less than an hour and your obligation would be once every 2½ to 3 months, depending on the number of volunteers in the rotation.

Please contact Laura if you have any questions or wish to be added to the rotation.



KITCHEN REPAIR

As we are planning to make some necessary repairs and updates to our kitchen, we are looking for some volunteers who would be willing to serve as “Kitchen Repair Committee.” If you have some good ideas about the repair, please see

Fr. Peter or Ron Royhab and volunteer for the position on the committee. Thank you in advance for your consideration!



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANTS

As we entered the time for preparation for the glorious feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, we would like to offer you an opportunity to sponsor the poinsettia plants which will beautify our church for the Nativity Season. We also kindly ask for your prayerful consideration to sponsor liturgical wine, incense, and charcoal that we use during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. The forms for sponsoring are located in the vestibule of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity and care!



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, November 19, 2023

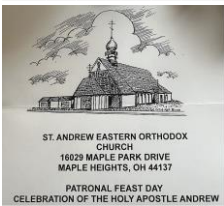
Tithe	\$1,050.00
Candles	\$ 22.00
Vigils	\$ 60.00
Donations	\$ 145.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 50.00
Zoe for Life (Nov) Charity	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 40.00
Bookstore	\$ 102.00
Total:	\$1,519.00

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



CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Part of our church property is our cute cemetery, where many of our relatives and friends are buried. To keep our cemetery well maintained and beautiful, we must use our church resources to pay for the maintenance and upkeep. Our Parish has a separate “Cemetery Account” that we use for that purpose, but it came to our attention that very few donations are made throughout the year. Therefore, we would like to ask you to consider to donate for the maintenance of our cemetery for the future. Kindly use your envelope marked “CEMETERY” to make your donation. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!



YOU ARE INVITED TO PATRONAL FEASTDAY CELEBRATION

Fr. Emilian and the parishioners of **St. Andrew Eastern Orthodox Church**, 16029 Maple Park Drive, Maple Hights, OH 44137 are inviting us to participate in their **Patronal Feast Day of St. Andrew the First-called on Thursday, November 30, 2023**. The Festal Divine Liturgy will be held at **10:00 a.m.**, followed by an Advent Meal. Please let Fr. Peter know that you are going so he can give the number of the participants for the meal. Also, please see the flyer on the bulletin board!



PAN-ORTHODOX NATIVITY CONCERT

Archangel Michael Orthodox Church, 5025 E. Mill Rd., Broadview Hights, OH is sponsoring a **Pan-Orthodox Nativity Concert**, which will take place on **Sunday, December 10th at 4:00 PM**. Refreshments to follow. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board!



3 ETREAT

We are invited to Pan-Orthodox retreat which will take place on **Saturday, December 9, 2023** at **St. Nicholas Orthodox Church**, 755 S. Cleveland Ave., Mogadore, OH 44260. 3E stands for Encounter, Embody, Engage. The retreat is sponsored by Orthodox Youth and Young Adult Ministries. For more information, please see the flyers on the bulletin board.



ST. PETER AND PAUL'S ANNUAL COOKIE AND FOOD SALE

St. Peter and Paul Church in Lorain will hold their **Annual Cookie and Food Sale on Saturday, December 9th from 9:00 am to noon**. Deadline for preorders is **December 2nd**. They will have: Russian Czar dinners, stuffed cabbage, cabbage and noodles, nut rolls, poppy seed rolls and cookies. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board!



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“**ZOE for Life**” is the charity we donate to for the month of November.



OTTAWA COUNTY HOLIDAY BUREAU

The Ottawa County Holiday Bureau – Danbury Unit needs your financial support. In 2022 the Danbury Holiday Bureau alone was able to touch the lives of 89 families – that’s 254 individuals and 93 of those were children under the age of 18. Financial donations can be made out to Danbury Holiday Bureau and mailed to 4941 East Harbor Rd. – Port Clinton, OH 43452. If you need assistance, or know of anyone needing assistance, please call 419-732-2333 and an application will be sent to you. All applications must be returned by December 1, 2023.



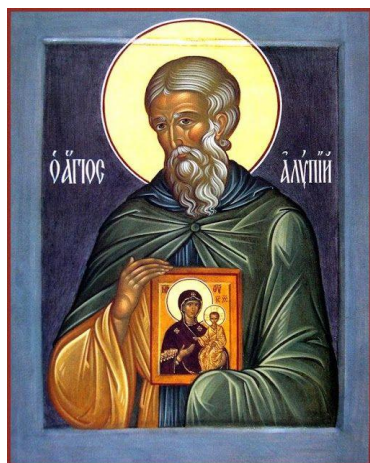
FLAGPOLE LIGHT INSTALLED

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Bell Heating & Electric for installing a new spot light for our flagpole. Now we can fly our flag at all time!

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



- Nov. 21st** Entrance of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple (*Tuesday*)
 - Nov. 23rd** Thanksgiving – Civil Holiday (*Thursday*)
 - Nov. 27th** Parish Council Meeting at 6:00 PM (*Monday*)
 - Dec. 6th** St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (*Wednesday*)
 - Dec. 9th** Conception by Righteous Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos (*Saturday*)
 - Dec. 24th** Sunday before Nativity – Christmas Eve (*Sunday*)
 - Dec. 25th** NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (*Monday*)
 - Dec. 31st** New Year’s Eve (*Sunday*)
- Consider sponsoring a Sunday coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy



Venerable Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis

Commemorated on November 26

Saint Alypius the Stylite was born in the city of Adrianopolis in Paphlagonia. His mother, a Christian, was widowed early, and she sent her son to be educated by Bishop Theodore. She distributed her substance to the poor, then began to live an ascetic life near the church as a deaconess.

Saint Alypius, from his early years, wanted to devote his life to God and yearned for the solitary life, although Bishop Theodore would not give him permission to do so. Once, when Saint Alypius was accompanying his bishop to Constantinople, the holy Martyr Euphemia (September 16) appeared to him in a vision, summoning Saint Alypius to return to

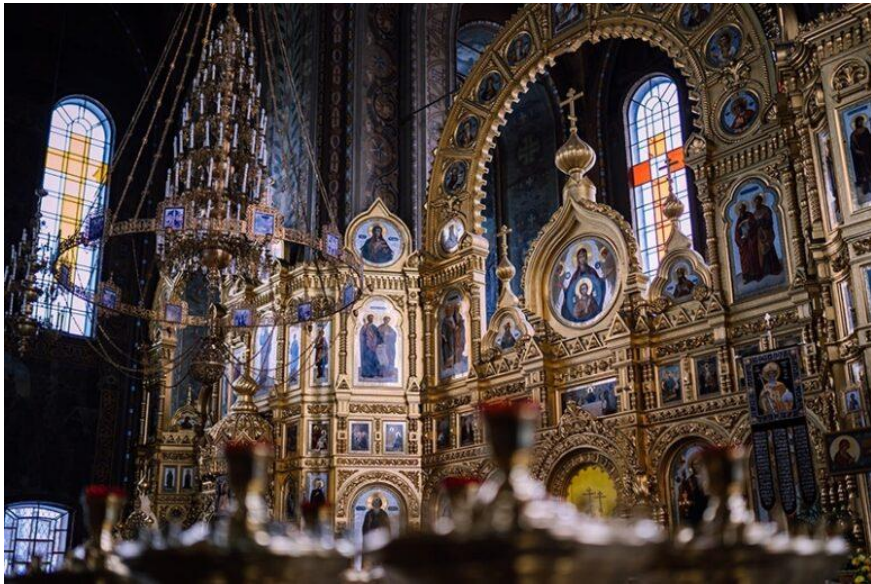
Adrianopolis and found a church in her name.

With contributions offered by believers in Adrianopolis, Saint Alypius did build a church in the name of the holy Martyr Euphemia, on the site of a dilapidated pagan temple infested by legions of devils. Beside the church, under the open sky, the saint erected a pillar over a pagan tomb. For fifty-three years Saint Alypius struggled upon the pillar, praying to God and teaching those who came to him.

The demons which infested the pagan cemetery fell upon the ascetic by night and pelted him with stones. Saint Alypius, wanted nothing to stand in the way of the attacks of the spirits of darkness, then even took down the boards that served him as a roof, protecting him from the rain and wind. In the face of the saint’s conquering steadfastness, the demons forever fled the place, which had been sanctified by his deed of voluntary martyrdom.

Fourteen years before his death, Saint Alypius was no longer able to stand. He was compelled to lie on his side because of the weakness of his legs, and endured grievous sufferings with humble gratitude. Around the saint’s pillar two monasteries sprang up: a men’s monastery on the one side, and a women’s monastery on the other. Saint Alypius introduced strict monastic rules for both monasteries and he directed both monasteries until his death. Saint Alypius reposed in the year 640, at age 118. The body

of the venerable stylite was buried in the church he founded in honor of the holy Martyr Euphemia. The relics of the saint of God healed many of those who came in faith.



About Expensive Church Decorations

by Reader John Malov

“Instead of spending money on expensive decorations, churches should give it to charity”. Likely, you have heard a similar reproach before. It would seem to be well justified and based on the Scriptures. “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise” says the great Forerunner (Luke 3:11). “If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor” the Savior also says (Matthew 19:21). Then why does the Church continue to construct imposing buildings with rich decorations? Let’s figure out.

The quotes above were addressed to people seeking repentance and spiritual perfection. In other words, they are instructions to specific people regarding their personal piety. This hardly makes them applicable to the Church. At the same time, in Scripture, God gives an example of a temple structure (Ex. 25-31), commanding: “Make an ark ... overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside you shall overlay it, and you shall make a molding of gold upon it all around” (Ex 25: 10, 11), “You shall make sacred vestments for the glorious adornment of your brother Aaron” (Ex. 28: 2), “You shall make an altar ... you shall overlay it with pure gold, its top, and its sides all around and its horns; and you shall make for it a molding of gold all around” (Ex. 30: 1, 3). The Lord Himself testifies that His temple should be magnificent.

Of course, the Church should consist of people striving for repentance and spiritual perfection, and its members are therefore obliged to engage in charity. But does beautifying the church interfere with this? Expensively decorated buildings are especially common in Russia, which also has a Church Department for Charity and Social Service. This department operates throughout the canonical territory of the Russian Church, opening shelters and rehabilitation centers, helping fight alcoholism, collecting funds to treat sick and disabled people, or translating services into sign





language. These are only a few activities of one department in one of the Local Churches. There are other funds and departments as well. Charitable activities of individual believers and parishes are usually not regulated. This alone makes the conclusions that the Church does not care about the suffering, premised on seeing richly decorated buildings, look foolish.

The possible impression that the Church is “taking away” money from the poor for the construction and decoration of its buildings is also false. If a

person wants to donate to those in need, he will do it directly, through a charitable foundation or via an appropriate department of the Church. If a person donates money to a specific church, then why shouldn't it be spent on the improvement of the same church? Money in the Church is taken neither from the state budget, nor from taxpayers, but from donations of the parishioners. There can also be no connection between the number of churches and the number of educational or healthcare institutions, since the former is the work of the Church, and the latter is the responsibility of the state.

The Church creates real architectural and visual works of art in the form of its buildings, icons, and other sacred objects. If you open a tourist guide to any European city, you will always find a church among the main attractions. There is a good reason for it, because the impressions from seeing architectural masterpieces like St Isaac's and Kazan Cathedrals in St Petersburg, La Sagrada Familia of Barcelona or the Hallgrímskirkja in Reykjavík, have every chance to outshine all others. Of course, these churches could have been arranged much simpler architecturally... like any other building. But for some reason, no one accuses architects and secular authorities of unreasonable waste of funds. This indicates once more that such accusations against the Church come from naivety and ignorance, if not from falsehood.

Seeing the wealth of some churches, one might get the false impression that this is a ubiquitous phenomenon. In 2019, Vladimir Legoyda, Chairman of the Synodal Department for Church Relations with Society and the Media, provided information on the number of churches in the Russian Federation. The number was 21.8 thousand churches and chapels. According to the data of the Patriarchal Council for Culture, 4.7 thousand of them are dilapidated or in need of renovation. Really rich and large churches are located only in big cities and historically sacred places that attract pilgrims. Churches in small towns and especially villages usually cannot boast of rich decorations and most often need at least cosmetic repairs. In view of this, the talk about the excessive wealth of churches is also inappropriate.

King David says, “O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides” (Psalm 25: 8). Expensive church decorations testify first of all to the sincere desire of God-loving believers to meet the criteria that God Himself indicated. This desire does not hinder the charitable work of the Church in any way.