

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



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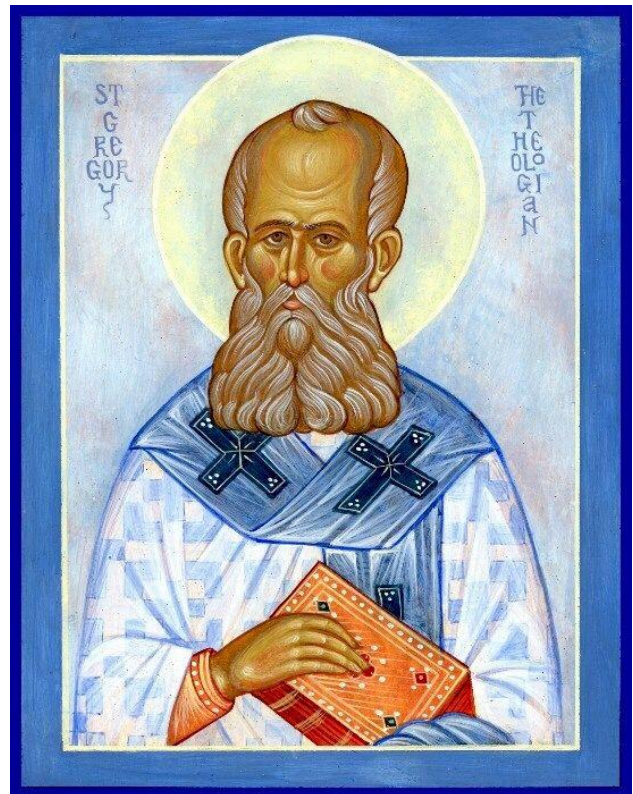
THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE:

Brethren: We give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus told this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'" But they



St. Gregory the Theologian
Feast Day – January 25th

made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.’ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So, he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MON. Jan 22	Apostle Timothy of the Seventy; Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19, Lk. 20:27-44
TUE. Jan 23	Hieromartyr Clement, Bishop of Ancyra; Hebrews 4:1-13’ Lk. 21:12-19
WED. Jan 24	Ven. Xenia of Rome and her two female servants; Hebrews 5:11-6-8, Lk 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24
THU. Jan 25	St. Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople; Hebrews 7:1-6, Lk. 21:28-33
FRI. Jan 26	Ven. Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their two sons, Arcadius, and John; Hebrews 7:18-25, Lk. 21:37-22:8
SAT. Jan 27	Translation of the Relics of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople; Ephesians 2:11-13, Lk. 13:18-29
4:00 PM	VESPERS
SUN. Jan 28	34th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 1 <i>Holy New Martyrs and Confessors of Russia. Ven. Ephraim the Syrian</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

Please Note: Diane Tryon will stay now for few weeks at Birchaven Village, 15100 Birchaven Ln., Fidlay, OH 45840, Room E12. She was transferred there from Hospital where she was treated for very high blood sugar.



JANUARY CANDLE SPONSORS

Altar Candles: Fr. Peter & Mat. Michelle, For Health and God’s Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski, Matushka’s mother (**\$50**); **Chandelier:** Fr. Peter & Mat. Michelle, For Health and

God's Blessings for Michal Tomáš, Father's father (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Available (**\$25**); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Jim and Sarah (**\$20**); **Candles at St. Sophia Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, & Chloe (**\$20**)



JANUARY REPOSED

Andrew Matway (1906) No date provided; William Gratson (1908) No date provided; Eva Hritsko (1908) No date provided; Sara Rose (2005) No date provided; **3-** Mat. Marilyn Federoff (2019); **3-** Larry Naiser (2019); **3-** Elinor Williams (2021); **4-** Margaret Reavley (1965); **4-** Baby Clyde Madison (2020); **5-** Russell (2019) Heidi's relative; **5-** Donald (2019) Waynes Relative; **5-** Maria Semionow (1981); **11-** Anna Tomko (1960); **15-** Archpriest Pavel Soucek (2009) Former Pastor; **21-** Daniel Kowal (2006); **21-** Philip Kobb (2018); **23-** Helen Beadle (1988); **23-** Deborah Pribanic (2020); **25-** Jane (2019) Ron's Aunt; **25-** William "Bill" Alber (2021); **28-** Michael Tarasavage (2021); **29-** Anna Kravetz (1973); **29-** Marjorie Kowal (2003); **29-** Ernest Gresh (2020); **29-** Rick Schlotterer (2020); **30-** Anna Schofield (2021)



VIGILS FOR JANUARY 14

Susan Guzy 1 Birthday blessing to Matushka Michelle, For the health of Basil, Diane, Gary, Ruth and Tony

Laura Kovach 3 Wedding blessings to Ryan and Rachel. Birthday blessings to Sarah and Matushka Michelle.

Safe travel for family and friends.

For health and/or healing of Ron R., Diane T., James W., Patti O., Tony M., Hannah S., Barbara D., Pauline O., Margi H., Betty K., Ben F., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., Karen D., Carol & Greg, and Carol & Jim.

Sandy Martin 1 Special intentions

Darlene & Gabe Mazurik 1 Special intentions

Natalie Twarek 7 Birthday blessing Matushka Michelle 1/16, Health and recovery of Diane, Health and recovery of Ron, For the health of Ruth, Health and healing for Father's dad Michal and Matushka's mom Barbara, For the health of Rita Mumea(Gigi), Basil, Tony, Bev, Ed, Irene, Father David, Pauline, Judy, Tina, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Tom, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat, special intentions

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Patti Owens / Tony Monastra / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / 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 / Carol / Debbie & Marco / Nora. **Other Requests:** Rita Mumea / Charles Schlett / Kathy Debevits / Maxwell Chaney / Sidharth Bijilani – friend of Subdeacon Roger and Debbie Pinta / Anthony / Archpriest David Lis / Bishop Matthias / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / Kurt Franck / Ben Franklin / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / Mark Masica / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chuck Wiedenhoft / Chris. **Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



ATTENDANCE

01/13 Vespers, 9 attending; 01/14 Divine Liturgy, 17 attending



READERS LIST

Sunday Jan 21 – Tim
Sunday Jan 28 – Ron
Sunday Feb 4 – Natalie
Sunday Feb 11 – Jake



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Tithe	\$1,035.00
Candles	\$ 17.00
Vigils	\$ 70.00
Donations	\$ 20.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 110.00
Building Restoration	\$ 20.00
Support a Priest (OCMC Jan.)	\$ 230.00
Candles at the St. Tikhon's	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$1,522.00

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



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“OCMC Support a Priest” is the charity we donate to for the month of January.

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

- Jan. 28th** Potluck followed by Annual Parish Meeting
- Feb. 2nd** MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE (*Friday*)
- Mar. 10th** Meetfare Sunday – Potluck after the Divine Liturgy
- Mar. 17th** Cheesefare Sunday (*Maslenitsa*) – Potluck after the Divine Liturgy
- Mar. 18th** Beginning of the Great Fast (*Monday*)
- Consider sponsoring a Sunday coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting of our parish will be held on **Sunday, January 28th**, following the Divine Liturgy. All voting members in good standing are encouraged not only to attend this vitally important meeting, but also to constructively participate. Please mark this on your calendars, and prepare for the meeting by prayer, fasting, and receiving Holy Confession and Holy Communion. This is the **fourth** announcement.

To Be a Voting Member in Good Standing

The Parish Bylaws of the Diocese of the Midwest, Orthodox Church in America, defines a "voting member in good standing:"

a) is a Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christian;

- b) is at least 18 years of age;
- c) partakes of the Sacraments of Private Confession and Communion in one's home parish at least once a year;
- d) has been a member of the Parish for a prior consecutive six (6) month period; and
- e) regularly fulfills such financial obligation as established by the All-American Councils, Diocesan Assemblies, and the Parish, which obligations may be adjusted or waived by the Rector in consultation with the Parish Council. (*Article II, Section 2*)

Requested reports were prepared and copies are available for you to be picked up. The following parishioners were proposed to serve on the Parish Council:

Natalie Twarek – President
 Tim Glovinsky
 Susan Guzy
 Laura Kovach
 Stephanie Kowal
 Jake Muscaro
 Joe Schutt
 Bobbie Royhab - Secretary



CLEANING SCHEDULE

Jan 22, Stephanie
 Jan 29, Sandy
 Feb 5, Greg
 Feb 12, Roddie & David



THEOPHANY – THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF HOMES

If there is still someone who would like to have their house blessed, please fill out the form for the House Blessing which can be found in the vestibule of the church. Houses are blessed annually after the feast of Theophany until the beginning of the Great Fast (Lent). There is still a lot of time left to have your house blessed, as the Great Fast begins on March 18th this year. *Each household that requests this blessing will be contacted by phone to schedule the mutual convenient time.*



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Natalie, Tina, Sandy, Roddie, David, Bobbie, Ryan, Natalia, Mat. Michelle and Fr. Peter who came last Monday, and help us to remove and store all the Christmas decorations in the church. *May Our Lord and God bless you all with His special blessings for your help and love of His church!*



NEW CHRISTMAS GOSPEL BOOKMARK – SPONSORS NEEDED

We would like to express our sincere thanks to **Jean Hileman** for sponsoring the new Gospel Bookmark for the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas) in the amount of **\$60.00**, **“In Loving memory of her father † WILLIAM PIPENUR”** *May Our Lord and God grant to His servant † WILLIAM peaceful rest and make his Memory Eternal, and bless Jean for her generosity and grant her good health, peace, and happiness for Many Happy and Blessed Years!*



KITCHEN UPGRADE COMMITTEE

The committee to work on upgrades to the church kitchen will meet sometime before the January 28 annual meeting; date and time will be determined. As it is set up now, the kitchen is very functional. The committee will go over each of the basic areas of the kitchen and determine what needs to be upgraded and/or improved. Council member Bobbie Royhab has agreed to head this committee; please let her know at 419-340-4560 if you can help.



THANK YOU, LETTERS, RECEIVED

Our parish received a Thank you letter from His Grace Bishop Alexei of Sitka in Alaska for our gift of \$1,000.00 from our 125th Anniversary. We also received Thank you letter from St. Joseph Catholic Church for our charitable donation to Respect Life Fundraiser. In addition, we received a congratulation Card for our 125th Anniversary from the White House signed by the President of the USA. Please see the copies of the letters and card in the bulletin.

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon Announces Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 21, 2024

SPRINGFIELD, VA [OCA]

His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon has announced Sunday, January 21, 2024, as Sanctity of Life Sunday to be observed in parishes of the Orthodox Church in America. In conjunction with this occasion, His Beatitude has released the following statement, and resources for liturgical prayers and petitions can be accessed on the Sanctity of Life Resource Page.



Sanctity of Life Sunday falls two days after the annual March for Life, which is set to take place on Friday, January 19, 2024. This date marks the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion in the United States of America. The March will include the participation of members from the Holy Synod of Bishops, representatives from the stavropegial seminaries, and other Orthodox Christians from around the country.

The Orthodox gathering for the March for Life will begin by assembling at the National Mall at 11:30am where the March for Life Rally will begin at Noon. His Beatitude will lead the other Orthodox hierarchs and faithful in a Service of Supplication for an End to Abortion. The March to the Supreme Court is from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

The Friday events will conclude with a concert of the Archdiocesan Choir of Washington, DC, at 7:30pm, Sts. Peter & Paul Church in Potomac, MD.

You are invited to join His Beatitude and other Orthodox faithful from across the nation in commemorating the victims of abortion and to stand in witness to the sanctity of life.

More information, location addresses, and a full schedule of events can be found at the Orthodox Christians for Life website.

January 21, 2024
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To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

My Beloved Children in the Lord,

As we mark Sanctity of Life Sunday this year, there will be much discussion of the “right to life.” Of course, we Orthodox Christians believe that certain rights, the right to life among them, should be respected, enshrined in law, and protected by civil authority. But human life is something even more precious than a mere right: it is a divine gift.

“Lo, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward,” as the Psalmist says (Ps. 126:3). We are called to recognize every human life, from conception to natural death, as a gift of the Lord. This means protecting the unborn, but in a broader sense this means helping our broken society and broken world to view our fellow human beings not as mere mouths to feed or potential threats or problems to be solved or subjects to be controlled, but as blessings from above. The unborn are a blessing; children are a blessing; the elderly are a blessing; the difficult people in our lives are a blessing; even our enemies—perhaps especially our enemies—are a blessing.

Moreover, we speak of the sanctity of life for two reasons: because life comes from the Lord, and because it should be offered back to the Lord through service to him and to others, resulting in sanctity. If we understand that we are merely servants, doing as we have been bidden (Lk. 17:10), and if we recognize that the greatest and holiest is the one who became a servant of all through his Incarnation, his ministry, and his Passion and Rising (Mt. 23:11), then we are in the best position of all to treat each human being as a blessing, not in an abstract sense, but in the sense of someone whom we are privileged to serve.

Living in this way, we also better understand our own life as a blessing, a blessing because it is an opportunity to attain to holiness. If we truly live according to our belief in the profound sanctity of life, then we will naturally “commend ourselves and each other and all our life unto Christ our God,” sending up thanksgiving and blessing his holy Name on account of the incalculably precious gift of human life and for every man who comes into the world (Jn. 1:9).

On this Sanctity of Life Sunday, we pray that all people of North America and throughout the world would come to recognize the good and perfect gift (Jam. 1:17) that is human life and learn to cherish that gift and render glory unto the Giver, the benevolent Creator of all things, one God in Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, unto the never-ending ages.

Yours in Christ,

+Tikhon
Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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December 29, 2023

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church
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Dear Holy Assumption Orthodox Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$500.00 to ICJS Respect Life Ministry Right To Life in support of our Respect Life Fundraiser on July 20th, 2023. No goods or services were provided in return for your contribution.

Respectfully yours, in Christ's name,

Reverend Joseph P. Spylka


*Father Tomáš and
Congregation!
Thank you for this
very generous donation!
and thank everyone
for helping to protect
the sanctity of all
human life!*



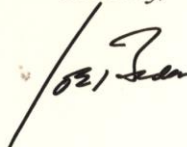
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Congratulations on your anniversary.

Places of worship have been an essential part of our Nation's fabric since our founding, providing hope and comfort to generations of Americans. They strengthen our faith and nourish our souls. Our congregations call us to love one another, serve our communities, and uphold the dignity of every person because we are all children of our Creator.

May you reflect with pride on the role you play in your community, and may this moment of celebration inspire all of you in the years ahead.

Sincerely,



Orthodox Diocese of Sitka & Alaska

Orthodox Church in America

The Most Blessed Tikhon
Metropolitan & Primate

The Right Reverend Alexei
Bishop of Sitka & Alaska

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December 22, 2023/January 4, 2024
Great-martyr Anastasia

Dear Faithful of Holy Assumption Orthodox Church,

May our Lord, the Source of every good gift and every perfect gift from above bless you richly for your kindness and generosity. I would like to thank you on behalf of the good peoples of our God-protected Diocese for your loving donation of \$1000 to offer your help to the Clergy Stipend Fund. Your willingness to be a Good Samaritan in our hour of need will not be forgotten, especially before the throne of the Most High.

Our good Lord promises that 'whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.' You have given far more than a cup of cold water and our prayer is that you receive far more in return from our bountiful God.

Through gifts such as yours, our priests can put a little more store-bought food on their tables, their rectories can be built in communities in which a priest would otherwise have no place to lay his head, their bishop can perhaps visit one more village in a given year, and their diocese can develop programs that will care for a people who have been without proper support for so many years.

In the spirit of Christian giving which you have so wonderfully exemplified, I was inspired to write a small book entitled, *Spiritual Transformation and Giving*. In this book I explain how giving to the Church and to those in need is an essential element in our transformation to the image and likeness of God. We live in a time where tithing and alms-giving often becomes difficult. This book reveals the beauty of giving, ways to properly give and how giving, combined with prayer and fasting can enrich our lives abundantly. This book may be ordered from Ancient Faith Store at: <https://store.ancientfaith.com/spiritual-transformation-and-giving/>

Thank you for being collaborators with God and collaborators with us in a work begun by Saints out of love for God and neighbor.

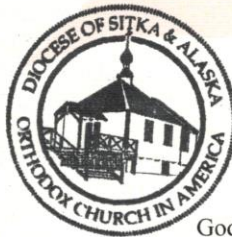
May the Blessings of our Triune God be with you all,

In Christ our God,

+ Alexei'

+ALEXEI
Bishop of Sitka and Alaska
Allgiliyaq Kilirnaq
Епископ Алексий

God-Protected Orthodox Diocese of Sitka and Alaska



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*May God
richly bless
your parish*

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