

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

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Diocese of the Midwest***

MAY 19, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA  
*SUNDAY OF THE MYRRHBEARERS*

**EPISTLE: Acts 6:1-7**

In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.



## GOSPEL: Mark 15:43-16:8

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming, and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. So, when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus observed where He was laid. Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away – for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So, they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

<b>MON. May 20</b>	Unmercenary Physician Thallelaios; Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60, Jn 4:46-54
<b>TUE. May 21</b>	Equal of the Apostles and Emperor Constantine with his Mother Helen; Acts 8:5-17, Jn 6:27-33
<b>WED. May 22</b>	Martyr Basiliscus, Bishop of Comana; Acts 8:18-25, Jn 6:35-39
<b>THU. May 23</b>	Saint Michael the Confessor, Bishop of Synnada; Acts 8:26-39, Jn 6:40-44
<b>FRI. May 24</b>	Venerable Simeon Stylites the Younger; Acts 8:40-9:19, Jn 6:48-54
<b>SAT. May 25</b>	Third Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; Acts 9:20-31, Jn 15:17-16:2
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>VESPERS</b>
<b>SUN. May 26</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA, SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC, Tone 3</b>
<b>9:10 AM</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>DIVINE LITURGY</b> 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



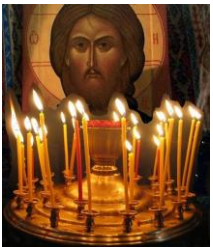
## MAY REPOSED

Julia Onyock (1921) No date provided; Andrew Onyock (1922) No date provided; Christos Karniotis (1992) No date provided; **1-**Donald Cholcher (2020); **4-** Norman Anthony Glovinsky (2016); **8-** Brad Bauer (2019); **14-** Stanley Lis (2019); **15-**George Glovinsky (1986); **21-** Anna Mazurik (2008); **22-** Mary Opritza (2011); **24-** Helen Greshko (1980); **25-** Anna Mazurak (1966); **25-** Philip Timko (2021); **27-** John Gresko- (2008); **30-** Anna Elchisco (1977)



## MAY CANDLE SPONSORS

**Altar Candles:** Fr. Peter & Mat. Michelle, For Health and God's Blessings for Barbara Wroblewski, Matushka's mother and Michal Tomáš, Father's father (**\$50**); **Chandelier:** Valerie Schutt, Birthday blessings to Joe (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Ron & Bobbie Royhab, In honor of "Fr. Peter and Matushka Michelle's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary at Holy Assumption" (**\$25**); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Michael (**\$20**); **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, & Chloe (**\$20**)



## VIGILS FOR May 12

**Tamara & Mary Blackford 1** In loving memory of Rob Blackford, Jr.

**Angela Bricker 4** Mother's Day blessing to my mother, Yvonne, mother-in-law, Donna, special intentions, special intentions

**Susan Guzy 1** In loving memory of mother, Julia, grandmothers, Victoria and Julia, Godmother Eva, Aunts Mary, Rita, Helen, Carmen and Carole. For the health of Pam

**Laura Kovach 5** For health and/or healing of David M., Larry D., Patti O., Margi H., Fred S., Marty B., Jim K., Ron R., Diane T., Ruth S., James W., Tony M., Hannah S., Barbara D., Pauline O., Betty K., Ben F., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., Karen D., and Kathie J.  
 Birthday blessings and many years to Michael  
 Safe travels to Jim, Michael, Katy, Ben, Tina, and Tony  
 Anniversary blessings and many years to Sandy & Dave and Tina & Tony  
 In loving memory of mom

**Sandy Martin 3** In Anniversary memory of Uncle Tig, In loving memory of mom on Mother's Day, In loving memory of Grandma Martha, Rose and Jessie on Mother's Day

**Diane Tryon 4** Special intentions

**Natalie Twarek 8** In loving Mother's Day memory of our Moms, grandmas, and Godmothers, Mother's Day blessings to Missy, Nikki and Amber, Matushka Michelle and all of our parish mothers, Safe travel for Tina & Tony, God's grace and peace for Rita(Gigi) and her family, For the health and recovery of Ruth, Pam, Diane, Ron, Jim, Michelle, Terrie, Theresa, Clayton, Father Emilian, For the health of Matushka Melania, Randy, Patrick and Marty, Mike Heffernan and Barbara Heffernan, Health and healing for Father's dad Michal and Matushka's mom Barbara, For the health and recovery of Tony, Bev, Ed, Irene, Father David, Pauline, Judy, Tina, Carole, Gary, Sharon, Tina's dad, Earl, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Bodhi, Stella, Jake, Pat

**Dan Elchisco** For the health of family and friends, and for health of Bill Byrnes

## PRAYER LIST

**Parishioners & Family:** Pam / Jim Twarek / Ed Garrity / Patti Owens / Tony Monastra / Barbara Wroblewski / Michal Tomáš / Ruth Sheller / 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 / 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:** Bill Byrnes / Michael Heffernan / Susanne / Barbara Heffernan / 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 / Ben Franklin / Donald Gresh / Mark Ludvik / Robert Piznar / Mark Masica / Valerie Ritzenthaler / William / Rick Rowe / Chris. **Military:** Craig Cassell / Jake Ellithorpe / Jordon Fulton / Justin Issler / Tikhon / Nicholas / & All Military



## MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

**16** – David & Sandy Martin Anniversary; **17** – Tony & Tina Monastra Anniversary; **20** – Joe & Valerie Schutt Anniversary; **26** – Quincy Kowal



## READERS LIST

Sunday May 19 – Natalie  
 Sunday May 26 – Jake  
 Sunday Jun 2 – Tim  
 Sunday May 9 – Ron



## ATTENDANCE

**05/06** Bright Monday Divine Liturgy, **12** attending; **05/07** Bright Tuesday Divine Liturgy, **10** attending (1 guest); **05/11** Vespers, **8** attending (1 guest); **05/12** Divine Liturgy, **21** attending (2 guests)



## COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

May 19 - Mtk. Michelle & Fr. Peter – to mark 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary at Holy Assumption Parish

Please sign up to host coffee hour after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Signup sheet is located in the Social Hall.



## SUNDAY OFFERING

### Sunday, May 12, 2024

Tithe	\$1,412.00
Candles	\$ 38.00
Vigils	\$ 110.00
Donations	\$ 20.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 100.00
Baby Bottles – Heartbeat (May)	\$ 225.00
Eternal Light & Icon Screen	\$ 25.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,930.00</b>

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



## CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“Baby Bottles (Heartbeat of Port Clinton)” is the charity we donate to for the month of May.



## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council Meeting will take place today, Sunday, May 19th after Coffee Hour in our Social Hall. Attendance of all council members is kindly requested.



## CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 13, Laura  
May 20, Stephanie  
May 27, Sandy  
Jun 3, Angela

**Please Note:** We would like to express our big Thank You to **Angela** for volunteering to clean the Lord's House every week during the months of June, July, and August. May Our Lord reward her with His Special Blessings for Many Years!

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



**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Parish Council Meeting after Coffee Hour

**May 21<sup>st</sup>** Kolachi baking at 8 AM

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** Nut Horns baking at 8 AM

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** 1<sup>st</sup> Market Day of the Season

**Jun 8<sup>th</sup>** Market Day

**Jun 22<sup>nd</sup>** 5<sup>th</sup> Memorial Saturday, Market Day

**Jun 23<sup>rd</sup>** PENTECOST



## MARKET DAY

Our first of the season Market Day will take place next Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> starting with set up at 8:30 AM. We will have perohi, kielbasa and kraut, spanakopita, and a large variety of baked goods. Your help is greatly appreciated!



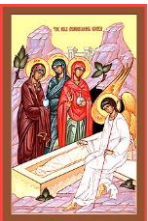
## NEW CATECHUMEN IN OUR PARISH

We wish to express our best wishes and ask Our Lord to Bless our new Catechumen **Blake Shoemaker** who was received to the Catechumenate today before the Divine Liturgy. May Our Lord and God grant him long life, good health, peace, and happiness for Many Happy and Blessed Years! Na Mnogaya i Blagaya Leta!



## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

You are invited to participate in the Annual Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by Ottawa County Pregnancy Services. Please take a Baby bottle which you will find in the vestibule and fill it with loose change, cash or check made out to Ottawa County Pregnancy. Please return the bottle on or before Father's Day.



## Sunday of the Holy Myrrhbearing Women with the Noble Joseph

Commemorated on May 19

The Myrrh-bearing women are those women who followed the Lord, along with His Mother. They remained with her during the time of the saving Passion, and anointed the Lord's body with myrrh. Joseph and Nikódēmos asked for and received the Lord's body from

Pilate. They took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen cloths and spices, then they laid it in a tomb, and then they placed a great stone over the entrance of the tomb.

According to the Evangelist Matthew (27:57-61) Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joses (Mark 15:40) were there sitting opposite the sepulcher, and they saw where He had been laid. This other Mary was the Mother of God. Not only were these present, but also many other women, as Saint Luke says (24:10).

Today the Church honors Saints Mary Magdalene (July 22), Mary the wife of Cleopas (May 23), Joanna (June 27), Salome, mother of the sons of Zebedee (August 3), Martha and Mary, sisters of Lazarus (June 4), and the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, who was the stepmother of her husband Joseph's sons James (October 23) and Joses (October 30). Today we also remember Saint Joseph of Arimathea (July 31), who was a secret disciple (John 19:38), and Saint Nikódēmos, who was a disciple by night (John 3:3; 19:38).

The holy right-believing Queen Tamara of Georgia is honored twice during the year: on May 1, the day of her repose, and also on the Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.

On this day the Church also remembers All Saints of Thessalonica, Saint Seraphim Bishop of Phanar (December 4, 1610), the New Martyr Elias Ardunis (January 31, 1686), and the New Martyr Demetrios of the Peloponnesos (April 13, 1803).

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### 3M's Corner

Christ is Risen! Christos Voskres!

My dearest friends and brothers and sisters at Holy Assumption,

Fr. Peter and I cannot believe that we are celebrating our One Year Anniversary at Holy Assumption. On May 1, 2023, Father Peter was assigned to be the rector of Holy Assumption in Marblehead, Ohio, by the work of the Holy Spirit and God's abundant mercy and Graces under the Omophorion and Fatherly love of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel of Chicago and the Midwest. We arrived to Marblehead with U-Haul on May 18, 2023.

Our journey was a long one, where we were never quite fulfilled, always feeling something huge was missing in our lives, faith, and ministry. Holy Orthodoxy came to us in so many ways, urging us, beckoning us to the One True Faith, time and time and time again. God was opening the way for us for years, but we were to blind to see. We needed Him to shake us to our core, to wake us up and finally have the courage to seek Holy Orthodoxy.

Our very first experience was at Holy Dormition OCA Church in Binghamton, NY, where our dearest friend, Father Illya Gotlinsky, opened wide his arms to us beckoning us into a loving embrace and welcome. We felt like Christ Himself wanted us and embraced us. We knew we were home.

A long journey finally led us to Ohio and, once again, the loving embrace of Archbishop Daniel, where we finally felt the security of a kind, loving and true Father under His Omophorion of protection, only through the Holy Graces of God.

That led us to YOU. The beautiful souls at Holy Assumption. It has been a whirlwind of a year, but so filled with God's Love and Grace. We don't know how to thank you for all you've done for us since our arrival. You have been so patient and understanding with our transition. You have shown love, kindness, strength, and countless virtues that we have not yet encountered in 29 years of ministry. May God bless you always and may you NEVER lose the faith that has brought you where you are today. May God bless the Holy Orthodox faith and Orthodox Christians unto ages of ages. Amen!

“I was once lost, but now I am Found”. Luke 15:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” We all could relate to the times in our lives where we are off track and lost, but Jesus is always there, ready to guide us back to Him, where He is filled with exuberant joy and celebration when one is found!

With abundant gratitude and love in Jesus Christ,

Father Peter and Matushka Michelle



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## The Sunday of the Myrrhbearers – the Soul of the Home

by Fr. Vasile Tudora

Dear Beloved,

We are celebrating today the Third Sunday after Pascha in which we commemorate the brave myrrh-bearer women. Indeed, brave because they were with Jesus in His death and now, after death they are still with Him. As faithful apprentices they were following their Lord beyond death.

As the Lord has died in Holy Friday, they could not do a proper embalming of the body since in a day of Sabbath one was not allowed to work according to the Jewish tradition. So, at the first hours of the morning in the day after the Sabbath, Sunday, they went to finish their duty. and embalm the body of Christ resting in the tomb.

For their great dedication they will receive a precious gift from God, through the voice of an Angel, being the first to know that Jesus Christ is resurrected and see the proof empty shroud lying in the tomb. As one of the verses from today’s morning service says. *“In saying rejoice to the myrrh-bearers, You allayed the lament of the first mother Eve, at Your Resurrection O Christ our God.”* The women we see today are not following in the disobedient footsteps of their grandmother, but in the footsteps of Christ.

Of this holy story there is a detail that I would like to comment on today. The myrrh-bearers were looking for *Iēšoun ton estauromēnon*, Jesus the Crucified. This name of shame will become soon His name of glory. He will not be known just as Jesus of Nazareth, but also as Jesus the Crucified. It is important since many of today’s Christians are looking for a Jesus that fits their needs, that is not crucified. My assistant at work for instance she told me once that she loves wearing crosses but she does not like the ones with Christ on them. She’s scared of those. But what is a cross if Jesus is not on it. A dead symbol. Nothing more.

Why people don’t like a crucified Christ you’ll ask me? Because Jesus from the Cross is demanding. Because they do not want to follow some One that says: pick-up your cross and follow me. They want somebody that will say, yeah you’re doing just fine, carry on in your sins, don’t worry, I’m merciful and will forgive anything you do. A Jesus that is only loving but not just, a Jesus that we can trick without any consequences.

But no, when He came back from the dead, as we saw last week, and showed Himself to the Apostles, the prints of His wounds were there, a testimony of His eternal crucifixion. Saint Apostle Toma felt them with his hands. The marks were there. Jesus Christ will always be the Crucified as the myrrh-bearer women called Him today.

The myrrh-bearers showed today that they can lift the cross of their duty and came to the Lord and served Him even in death. proved to be the kind of women all women need to be; doing their duty to God in the harshest times, carrying their cross through life with bravery.

The Orthodox women have proven to be like this over the centuries, keeping the faith, praying for their husbands gone to war in times of need, raising children in the fear of God, doing memorial services in due time for the loved ones fallen asleep in the Lord and so forth. I don't know why but the men seem always to have more important things to do when these duties come up. Not all of them of course.

God made us different, men and women and different is our mission in the world. I'm not saying with this that the women should all stay at home and cook while the husband reads the newspaper. No. But women have an important role in the family. They are the gentle ones, the bearers of sweet fragrance in their homes; their ways are calmer and can bring peace in the family environment. They are the love that fills all things.

I was discussing with few parishioners on Wednesday about the fact that our homes and our families are like small churches in which we are trying, following the model of the Greater Church to carry on what we learn on Sundays: to pray, to fast, to catechize our children, to live a life in Jesus Christ. However, if in the Church the priest is always a man, in our homes the priest is most of the times the woman.

The woman is making sure her kids know the history of salvation, that they say the daily prayers, that they are well mannered in society, that they confess to her their hearts. She is comforting her husband coming from work, despite the fact that she has her own problems. She literally is the soul of the house, sacrificing herself every day for the greater good of the family. And she does that because of her love, for her family and for Christ.

But as every soul she needs nourishment. And this advice is for the men, because we forget very often that our beloved wives need our attention, a nice word, a flower sometimes is worth more than a hand in the kitchen. (maybe not always).

Men, and women are made for each other, are made to complete each other in salvation, to carry together their cross, following Jesus Christ the Crucified. Together they should bring the sweet fragrance of salvation into their homes.

Let us then pray to our Lord Jesus Christ to give us all the faith, the love, and the sense of duty of the myrrh-bearer women, so we could both, women and men, live a life in Jesus Christ. Amen