

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

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JUNE 16, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PASCHA
 FATHERS OF THE FIRST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Happy
 Father's
 Day



A FATHER'S IMAGE IN STAGES OF LIFE:

- 4 years:** My Daddy can do anything!
- 7 years:** My Dad knows a lot ... a whole lot.
- 10 years:** My father does not know quite everything.
- 12 years:** Oh well, naturally Father does not know that either.
- 14 years:** Oh, Dad? He is hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 21 years:** Oh, that man - he is out of date!
- 25 years:** He knows a little bit about it, but not much.
- 30 years:** I must find out what Dad thinks about it.
- 35 years:** Before we decide, we will get Dad's ideas first.
- 50 years:** Wonder what would Dad have thought about that?
- 60 years:** My Dad knew literally everything!
- 65 years:** I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.

- *Writer Unknown*



1st Ecumenical Council – Nicaea 325

EPISTLE: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also, from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

GOSPEL: John 17:1-13

At that time, Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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39, Middle Bass, OH 43446; **Diane Tryon**, 109 Joslyn Street, Arcadia, OH 44804; **Ed & Irene Vangeloff**, 454 Strouse Lane, Sandusky, OH 44870



JUNE REPOSED

Mike Mazur (1923) No date provided; Anna Mazur (1923) No date provided; **4-** Alex Sennich (1994); **4-** Victoria Guzy (1965); **6-** Matthew Gould (2020); **8-** Mary Hunt (2003); **9-** Cristina Rindfleisch (2006); **9-** Charles Hagmaier (2018); **16-** Verona Pich (2010); **17-** Archimandrite Luke Sirkun (1956) Former Pastor; **17-** Mitered Archpriest John Gratson (1965) Former Pastor; **20-** Jean Frances Glovinsky (2016); **20-** Dan Karens Cousin 2019; **21-** Mary Elchisco Migala (1983); **22-** Archpriest Kyrill Hartman (2010) Former Pastor; **23-** Ruth Benya (1995); **26-** George Millie (1974); **27-** Anna Ignatenko- (1969); **29-** Stephen Millie (1988)



JUNE 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:** Diane Tryon, In Loving Memory of Uncle Tig (**\$50**); **Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** Fr. Peter & Mat. Michelle, For God's Blessings for Archpriest Ján Čižmár and the parishioners of St. Theodosius Cathedral (**\$25**); **Candles at the Cross:** Laura Kovach, Birthday blessings to Stephanie and in memory of John Kovach (**\$20**); **Candles at St. Tikhon Icon:** For Safety and Health of Nicholas, Tikhon, Gleice, Sophie & Chloe (**\$20**)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MON. June 17	Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ismael, of Persia; Acts 21:8-14, Jn 14:27-15:7
TUE. June 18	Martyrs Leontius, Hypatius, and Theodulus at Tripoli in Syria; Acts 21:26-32, Jn 16:2-13
WED. June 19	Apostle Jude the Brother of the Lord; Acts 23:1-11, Jn 16:15-23
THU. June 20	Hieromartyr Methodius, Bishop of Patara; Acts 25:13-19, Jn 16:23-33
FRI. June 21	Martyr Julian of Tarsus, in Cilicia; Acts 27:1-44, Jn 17:18-26
SAT. June 22	Memorial Saturday , Martyrs Zeno and his servant, Zenas, of Philadelphia; Acts 28:1-31, Jn 21:15-25
7:30 AM	DIVINE LITURGY
4:00 PM	VESPERS
SUN. June 23	PENTECOST, FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY, Tone 7
9:10 AM	HOURS
9:30 AM	DIVINE LITURGY Followed by Coffee Hour



VIGILS FOR June 2

Laura Kovach 3 For health and/or healing of Debby P., David M., Patti O., Margi H., Jim K., Ron R., Diane T., Ruth S., James W., Tony M., Hannah S., Barbara D., Pauline O., Betty K., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Sharon D., John D., Karen D., and Kathie J.

Birthday blessings and many years to Stephanie and Norma.
Safe travels for family.

Sandy Martin 2 In loving memory of my dad on his birthday 6/12, Special intentions

Diane Tryon 4 In loving memory of my dad, Blessings to Uncle Bill, In loving memory of my mom, In loving memory of my Godfather, Uncle George on his anniversary

Natalie Twarek 8 Birthday blessing to Lily 6/7, Birthday blessings to Brooks 6/10, Health and recovery of Debbie Pinta, For the health and recovery of Carol, Kayla, Bill, 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, special intentions

Fellar Michael Fay For the health and recovery of Michael Fahle



JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

19 – Ryan Stamp; **25** – Fr. Peter; **26** – Jim & Laura Kovach Anniversary (48)

PRAYER LIST

Parishioners & Family: Jennifer Heffernan / Tom Hileman / 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 / Clifford / Gleice, Sophie & Chloe / Carol / Debbie & Marco / Nora.

Other Requests: Amy / 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 Ján Čižmár / Archpriest David Lis / Archpriest Emilian & Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan / 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



PRAYER FOR FATHERS

O Lord our God, the Infinite Father: we beseech You to attentively hear our supplicating voices which we, Your humble sons and daughters and lowly children, offer today in behalf of all of our fathers. To our youthful fathers, may You give the wisdom of Your advice and counsel; to those of our fathers in the prime of life, may You give strength and inspiration, reassuring them with that spiritual joy that comes from having experienced mature fatherhood; to our elderly fathers, may You grant them Your preservation, sustaining them with Your comfort and spiritual tenderness; and to those of our fathers whom You have already called to Your heavenly abode, may You graciously favor them by generously rewarding them. Kindle within our hearts that same dedicated love and faithful devotion that Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ showed toward fulfilling Your divine will. O Almighty Father, on this festive day as we especially pay tribute to all of our fathers, we beseech You to receive our petitions and to quickly hear us and show all of them Your mercy.



READERS LIST

Sunday Jun 16 – Joe
 Sunday Jun 23 – Natalie
 Sunday Jun 30 – Jake
 Sunday Jul 7 – Tim



ATTENDANCE

06/08 Vespers, 7 attending (1 guest); **06/09** Divine Liturgy, **54** attending (26 guests);
06/12 Vespers, **11** attending (2 guests); **06/13** Divine Liturgy, **20** attending (6 guests)



COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR LIST

June 16 – Sandy
 June 23 – Tina
 June 30 – Natalia
 July 7 – Jake
 July 14 – Bobbie
 July 21 – Tina

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



CHARITY OF THE MONTH

“St. Tikhon Seminary” is the charity we donate to for the month of May.



CLEANING SCHEDULE

June 10, Angela
 June 17, Angela
 June 24, Angela
 July 1, Angela



SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, June 2, 2024

Tithe	\$1,907.00
Candles	\$ 54.00
Vigils	\$ 145.00
Anonymous Donations	\$ 120.00
Donations	\$ 123.00
Holy Day Donation	\$ 165.00
St. Tikhon Seminary (June)	\$ 160.00
Altar Candles	\$ 50.00
Eternal Light & Icon Screen	\$ 25.00
St. Tikhon Icon	\$ 20.00
Candles at the Cross	\$ 20.00
Total:	\$2,789.00

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



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:00 PM in our Social Hall. Attendance of all council members is kindly requested.

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



- June 17th** Baking Day 8:00 AM (*Monday*)
- June 18th** Baking Day 8:00 AM (*Tuesday*)
- June 19th** Parish Council Meeting 6:00 PM (*Wednesday*)
- Jun 22nd** 5th Memorial Saturday, Market Day (*Saturday*)
- Jun 23rd** PENTECOST
- June 24th** Baking Day 8:00 AM (*Monday*)
- June 25th** Baking Day 8:00 AM (*Tuesday*)



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

We would like to remind you that the Annual Baby Bottle Campaign ends today. Please return the Baby bottles with your donations at your earliest convenience. May the Lord reward you abundantly for your generosity!



MARKET DAY!

Our next Market Day will take place next Saturday, June 22nd 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!

3M's Corner

Following is Matushka's Michelle favorite prayer:

PRAYER OF THE OPTINA ELDERS

O Lord, grant unto me that with Thy peace
I may greet all that this day is to bring.

Grant unto me grace to surrender myself
completely to Thy holy will.

In every hour of this day instruct and guide
me in all things. Whatever tidings I may
receive during this day, do Thou teach
me to accept tranquilly in the firm belief
that Thy holy will governs all.

Govern Thou my thoughts and feelings in
all I do and say. When unforeseen things
occur, let me not forget that all is sent by
Thee.

Teach me to behave sincerely and reasonably
toward everyone, that I may bring
confusion and sorrow to no one. Bestow
on me, O Lord, strength to endure the
fatigue of the day and to bear my part
in its events.

Guide Thou my will and teach me to pray, to
believe, to hope, to suffer, to forgive and
to love. Amen.



Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

Commemorated on June 16

On the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the holy God-bearing Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.

The Commemoration of the First Ecumenical Council has been celebrated by the Church of Christ from ancient times. The Lord Jesus Christ left the Church a great promise, “I will build My Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Mt. 16:18). Although the Church of Christ on earth will pass through difficult struggles with the Enemy of salvation, it will emerge victorious. The holy martyrs bore witness to the truth of the Savior’s words, enduring suffering, and death for confessing Christ, but the persecutor’s sword is shattered by the Cross of Christ.

Persecution of Christians ceased during the fourth century, but heresies arose within the Church itself. One of the most pernicious of these heresies was Arianism. Arius, a priest of Alexandria, was a man of immense pride and ambition. In denying the divine nature of Jesus Christ and His equality with God the Father, Arius falsely taught that the Savior is not consubstantial with the Father, but is only a created being.

A local Council, convened with Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria presiding, condemned the false teachings of Arius. However, Arius would not submit to the authority of the Church. He wrote to many bishops, denouncing the decrees of the local Council. He spread his false teaching throughout the East, receiving support from certain Eastern bishops.

Investigating these dissensions, the holy emperor Constantine (May 21) consulted Bishop Hosius of Cordova (Aug. 27), who assured him that the heresy of Arius was directed against the most fundamental dogma of Christ’s Church, and so he decided to convene an Ecumenical Council. In the year 325, 318 bishops representing Christian Churches from various lands gathered together at Nicaea.

Among the assembled bishops were many confessors who had suffered during the persecutions, and who bore the marks of torture upon their bodies. Also participating in the Council were several great luminaries of the Church: Saint Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia (December 6 and May 9), Saint Spyridon, Bishop of Tremithos (December 12), and others venerated by the Church as holy Fathers.

With Patriarch Alexander of Alexandria came his deacon, Athanasius [who later became Patriarch of Alexandria (May 2 and January 18)]. He is called “the Great,” for he was a zealous champion for the purity of Orthodoxy. In the Sixth Ode of the Canon for today’s Feast, he is referred to as “the thirteenth Apostle.”

The emperor Constantine presided over the sessions of the Council. In his speech, responding to the welcome by Bishop Eusebius of Caesarea, he said, “God has helped me cast down the impious might of the persecutors, but more distressful for me than any blood spilled in battle is for a soldier, is the internal strife in the Church of God, for it is more ruinous.”

Arius, with seventeen bishops among his supporters, remained arrogant, but his teaching was repudiated and he was excommunicated from the Church. In his speech, the holy deacon Athanasius conclusively refuted the blasphemous opinions of Arius. The heresiarch Arius is depicted in iconography sitting on Satan’s knees, or in the mouth of the Beast of the Deep (Rev. 13).

The Fathers of the Council declined to accept a Symbol of Faith (Creed) proposed by the Arians. Instead, they affirmed the Orthodox Symbol of Faith. Saint Constantine asked the Council to insert into the text of the Symbol of Faith the word “consubstantial,” which he had heard in the speeches of the bishops. The Fathers of the Council unanimously accepted this suggestion.

In the Nicæan Creed, the holy Fathers set forth and confirmed the Apostolic teachings about Christ's divine nature. The heresy of Arius was exposed and repudiated as an error of haughty reason. After resolving this chief dogmatic question, the Council also issued Twelve Canons on questions of churchly administration and discipline. Also decided was the date for the celebration of Holy Pascha. By decision of the Council, Holy Pascha should not be celebrated by Christians on the same day with the Jewish Passover, but on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox (which occurred on March 22 in 325).

The First Ecumenical Council is also commemorated on May 29.



When Is Pity Not a Good Thing?

by Priest Andrey Chizhenko

We need to show mercy to other people, and yet we must be strict to ourselves. Self-pity can easily become an obstacle in our spiritual life and is often rooted in sins like laziness, relaxation, despondency and even despair.

Here are some examples.

The first one begins with a thought like, “Man, it’s been a tough week and I’m tired. Why don’t I miss the Sunday service today and sleep an extra hour instead”. Let’s say, this happens once or twice and then repeats until our heart gradually begins to grow cold to faith. During the Liturgy, especially on Sunday, the grace of the Holy Spirit enters a person, scorches his sins, unites him with God, cleanses and enlightens him. The Holy Fathers write that even looking at the Body and Blood of Christ has a beneficial effect on a person. If we do not go to Sunday Liturgy, our hearts grow insusceptible to spiritual life. Sins accumulate and make it more and more difficult for us to rise and start moving towards God. We all know how difficult it is to confess when you have not been to confession for a long time. It is the same with Communion or any other part of our spiritual life. Breaking out of the material world is as difficult as pulling ourselves out of a swamp. It all starts with self-pity and brings us to the point when a cup of coffee, a TV show or some extra sleep become more important than the Liturgy, and before we know it, we go without church for a half a year, depriving our souls of the special grace of the Holy Spirit and burying them under the rubble of everyday life.

We see a different kind of self-pity when people choose not to fast so as not to undermine their health. I see many people like this in church. They come to me every time in the very beginning of Lent asking to allow them not to fast.

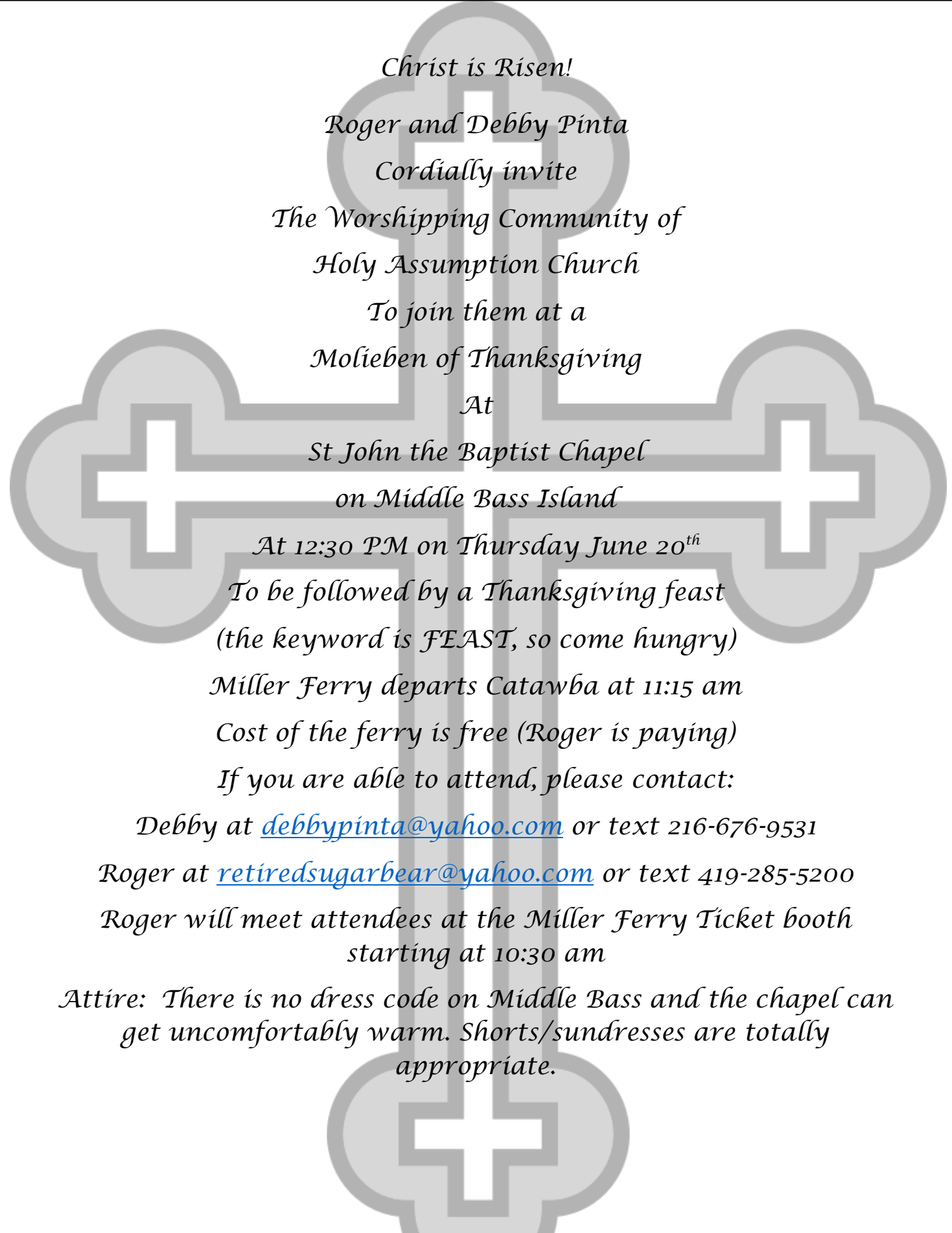
Of course, there are cases when a person cannot fast — a pregnant woman, a cancer patient or a person suffering from a perforated ulcer etc. But often people convince themselves that fasting is harmful to them simply because they feel sorry for themselves for a number of reasons, such as gluttony, fear of death or medical panic.

Faith is a powerful thing. The Savior said, “... according to your faith be it unto you” (Matt. 9:29). Cases are known when a red-hot coin, replaced by a sleight of hand with a cold one, made such a powerful impression that burnt marks appeared on a person’s skin after contact with a cold coin.

In his remarkable book titled *Ascetic Experiments* St Ignatius (Brianchaninov) writes that observing a fast, albeit a moderate one, is necessary to heal the soul and body; while breaking the fast and indulging oneself caused by self-pity harms both mental and physical health. St Basil the Great wrote, “The bottom line of fulfilling God’s commandments is eternal life; and the bottom line of violating them is eternal death”.

Finally, there is self-pity based on envy, despondency, and despair. A classic example is a teenager looking at his peer and thinking, "She is beautiful, but I am not". This kind of self-pity is mixed with envy and despondency. Older people often have a similar kind of self-pity developing for other reasons. For example, we may think that someone else has a better family, a faster car and a nice summer house while our own life is a struggle. Chronic self-pity causes people to revel in their own pain, developing chronic despondency and looking every day for a new 'dose' of evidence to prove their own misfortunes. The extreme form of this sin is suicide. And the essence of this sin is fighting against God. Metaphorically speaking, a person suffering from it lives under the slogan, "I do not agree with you, God, that created me this way. I reject the life that you gave me because others live much better". But often such a person does not understand that these 'others' have their own sorrows and carry their own crosses, whereas he was given just the cross that was needed for him, and it must be carried with dignity. It is important to love the life that God has given us and steer clear of self-pity.

The Lord wants us to work hard on our way towards salvation before He carries us in His arms into the eternal bliss of the righteous.



Christ is Risen!
Roger and Debby Pinta
Cordially invite
The Worshipping Community of
Holy Assumption Church
To join them at a
Molieben of Thanksgiving
At
St John the Baptist Chapel
on Middle Bass Island

At 12:30 PM on Thursday June 20th

To be followed by a Thanksgiving feast
(the keyword is FEAST, so come hungry)
Miller Ferry departs Catawba at 11:15 am
Cost of the ferry is free (Roger is paying)

If you are able to attend, please contact:

Debby at debbypinta@yahoo.com or text 216-676-9531

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Roger will meet attendees at the Miller Ferry Ticket booth
starting at 10:30 am

Attire: There is no dress code on Middle Bass and the chapel can
get uncomfortably warm. Shorts/sundresses are totally
appropriate.