



Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

V. Rev. Archpriest Andrew Bartek, Rector Parish Council President: Ron Royhab



NOVEMBER Bulletin Sponsor:

Fr. Andrew in memory of his mother Dorothy

Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, November 6

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

Sunday, Nov. 13

9:10 am: Hours / Liturgy / Memorial Sunday /
70th Ann. Potluck of Ed & Irene

Sunday November 6, 2022

Gospel: Luke: 8:41-56

Epistle: Galatians 2:16-20

Tone 4. 21st Sunday After Pentecost. Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople. Martyrs Tecusa, Alexandra, Claudia, Matrona, Polactia, Euphrosyne, and Athanasia, of Ancyra. Ven. Luke of Sicily. Ven Varlaam of Khutyn. Ven. Luke, Steward of the Kiev Caves. Repose of St Herman, Archbishop of Kazan.

LETTER FROM THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA / DIOCESE OF THE MIDWEST

Dear Fr, Andrew - Christ is in our midst!
Effective December 1, you are hereby relieved of your assignment as Rector of Holy Assumption Church, Marblehead, OH. Thank you for your blessed labors and pastoral love for the faithful there over the years.

Effective the same date, you are hereby assigned Rector of St. John the Baptist Church, Campbell, OH. I pray that God Give you many years of fruitful ministry in your new assignment.

In Christ,
+Daniel Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest

Note from Father Andrew regarding December 1 Transfer

Someone nominated me for the position at St. John the Baptist Church. That nomination was accepted by His Eminence Archbishop Paul, of blessed memory, and then by His Grace Bishop Daniel. I did not seek it out.

In consultation with my Spiritual Father and much prayer, I accepted the transfer.

For those who wish it, December 1st my new address will be:

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church
301 Struthers-Liberty Rd
Campbell, OH 44405

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Chandelier: (\$50) From Basil in memory of his sister Marian

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Candles @ the Cross: (\$15) : Laura Birthday blessings to Madelyn & Amaanda / From Diane in memory of her Marian Glovinsky & Norm Glovinsky

Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon: (\$15) For the safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice and her unborn baby

Diocesan Chancellor Addresses Clergy 2023 Cost of Living Adjustment

In a letter to parish Rectors and Parish Councils dated October 31, 2022, the feast of the Hieromartyr John of Chicago, Archpriest Paul Jannakos, Chancellor of the Diocese of the Midwest, provides information with regard to the 2023 cost of living adjustment for diocesan priests.

“This letter serves to inform all of our parishes that the Cost of Living Adjustment for the Priests of the Diocese of the Midwest is set at 8.7%. This is in agreement with our Diocesan Clergy Compensation Policy, which may be accessed in full on the web at [http://domoca.org/files/DOCUMENTS/clergy-](http://domoca.org/files/DOCUMENTS/clergy-compensation-policy.pdf)

[compensation-policy.pdf](http://domoca.org/files/DOCUMENTS/clergy-compensation-policy.pdf). All parish budgets for the 2023 calendar year should reflect this COLA. The 8.7% figure is taken directly from the Social Security Administration COLA which can be found at their website, <http://www.ssa.gov/cola/>.”

“The mandatory COLA adjustment for the parishes of the Diocese of the Midwest was presented, discussed, moved and passed and ratified by the 47th Diocesan Assembly of the Diocese of the Midwest, October 2008, Burr Ridge, Illinois,” the letter continues. “It is to be paid on the total cash compensation of Salary, in the event there is a parish rectory, or Salary + Housing if the priest receives a housing allowance.

“We thank all of you for responding and acting on this as you prepare your budgets for the year 2023. May our Lord bless you all abundantly and preserve you in peace, health, and everything pleasing to Him,” the letter concludes.

Saint Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople Commemorated on November 6

Saint Paul the Confessor, Archbishop of Constantinople, was chosen to the patriarchal throne after the death of Patriarch Alexander (+ 340), when the Arian heresy had again flared up. Many of the Arians were present at the Council which selected the new Archbishop of Constantinople. They revolted in opposition to the choice of Saint Paul, but the

Orthodox at the Council were in the majority. The emperor Constantius, ruling over the Eastern half of the Roman Empire, was an Arian. He was not in Constantinople for the election of the Archbishop, and so it took place without his consent. Upon his return, he convened a council which illegally deposed Saint Paul, and the emperor banished him from the capital. In place of the saint they elevated Eusebius of Nicomedia, an impious heretic. Archbishop Paul withdrew to Rome, where other Orthodox bishops were also banished by Eusebius.

Eusebius did not rule the Church of Constantinople for long. When he died, Saint Paul returned to Constantinople, and was greeted by his flock with love. But Constantius exiled the saint a second time, and so he returned to Rome. The Western emperor Constans wrote a harsh letter to his Eastern co-ruler, which he sent to Constantinople along with the holy exiled archpastor. The threats worked, and Saint Paul was reinstated upon the archepiscopal throne.

But soon the pious emperor Constans, a defender of the Orthodox, was treacherously murdered during a palace coup. They again banished Saint Paul from Constantinople and this time sent him off in exile to Armenia, to the city of Cucusus, where he endured a martyr's death.

When the Archbishop was celebrating the Divine Liturgy, Arians rushed upon him by force and strangled him with his own omophorion. This occurred in the year 350. In 381, the holy Emperor Theodosius the Great solemnly transferred the relics of Saint Paul the Confessor from Cucusus to Constantinople. In 1326, the relics of Saint Paul were transferred to Venice.

Saint Athanasius the Great, a contemporary of Saint Paul, writes briefly about his exiles, “Saint Paul the first time was sent by Constantine to Pontus, the second time he was fettered with chains by Constantius, and then he was locked up in Mesopotamian Syngara and from there moved to Emesus, and the fourth time to Cappadocian Cucusus in the Taurian wilderness.”



Joint Statement of Metropolitan Council and Pension Board

On October 20, 2022, the Metropolitan Council of the Orthodox Church in America, meeting for its Regular 2022 Fall Session, received an extensive report from the Pension Board and engaged in a lengthy discussion about the current state of the Plan and measures to be taken moving forward to ensure its health and stability.

Following the recent 20th All-American Council, the two bodies initiated a closer collaboration fulfilling the resolution passed by the Council in Baltimore. In August, the Metropolitan Council appointed a liaison to the Pension Board, who attends the Pension Board meetings. Similarly, a representative from the Pension Board is welcome to attend meetings of the Metropolitan Council whenever the Pension Plan is discussed, and meetings of the Pension Committee.

Both bodies acknowledged the renewed and constructive spirit of collaboration and stressed that the shared goal is the well-being of the Plan for the benefit of clergy and church employees.

From the report received, the Pension Board noted that the Plan is currently solvent and continues to pay benefits regularly. Nonetheless, there was full agreement that measures must be undertaken urgently to guarantee its future. Presently, monthly contributions are less than the monthly benefits paid, which negatively affects the funding ratio. The increase in parish contributions, coupled with the increase in mandatory participation, will improve this negative situation. To ensure its funding level, the Metropolitan Council made several decisions upon the recommendation of the Pension Board.

The Metropolitan Council and Pension Board agreed that inconsistent compliance levels have had and continue to have detrimental effects on the Plan. Participation in the Pension Plan is a requirement for all eligible clergy and lay employees of the Orthodox Church in America, as mandated by the 4th All-American Council and then again confirmed by the Revised Statute of the Orthodox Church in America approved by the 19th All-American Council. Noting that the ultimate responsibility for enforcing compliance rests with each Diocesan Bishop, the Metropolitan Council approved the following resolution:

The Statute of the Orthodox Church in America provisions regarding the OCA Pension Plan and the mandates of the AACs require that all clergy, other employees, and parishes of the Church participate in the Plan;

There are issues with some required participants not participating,

The non-participation of required participants must be corrected but the Metropolitan Council does not have the ability to do so as this is within the province of the Holy Synod.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Holy Synod is requested to designate a joint committee with the Metropolitan Council to address the problems caused by the failure to comply with the mandate;

If the Holy Synod will establish such a joint committee the Metropolitan Council shall appoint members to work with the Holy Synod to address the issue of the non-compliance with the mandate to participate in the Pension Plan;

That the Holy Synod take action to enforce the mandate to participate in the Pension Plan by all eligible participants and parishes.

An essential part of compliance is to ensure that parishes participate in the plan even when no clergy is assigned or when the assigned clergy is not eligible, as provided in article 3.1 of the Pension Document. Ensuring compliance to this extent is critical for the well-being of the Plan.

The Pension Board has begun a review of its administrative costs and vendors to ensure that overall costs are kept to a minimum. To assist with the administrative costs of the Plan, the 2023 Budget approved by the Metropolitan Council includes a monthly contribution of \$9,000 to share in the administrative costs.

The Metropolitan Council and Pension Board acknowledge that there are questions about the investment performance during the last ten to fifteen years. A review of the investment performance, strategies, and actuaries is being undertaken.

Further, upon recommendation of the Pension Board, and in line with the assessments and recommendations

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PRAYER LIST- UPDATED October 26

HIERARCH'S / CLERGY: Archbishop Benjamin from San Francisco; Archbishop Melchizedek of Western PA; His Grace Bishop Matthias; John Duranko (Father's home pastor); James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father); Moses Berry; Emilian Hutnyan; Deacon Paul Gansle ;Deacon Peter Rentsch; Deacon Michael Wilson; Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

MATUSHKII: Pani Patricia Duranko; Pani Helen Shuytak; Virgina Lecko

PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES: James Basala (Fr.); James Bargdill (Schutt); John Beadle (Elchisco); Carole Conaway (Twarek); Maryann Cook (Twarek); Sharon Dietrich (Twarek); Charlie Dietrich (Twarek); Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Elaine Hileman; Bob Holly (Fr.) Joe Kollar (Fr.); Betty Kovach; Helen Lis; Walter Litzie; Sandy Martin; David Martin; David Mazurik; Mark Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); Trisha Monschein; William Pipenur(Hileman); Earl Rindfleisch; Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Stephanie Royhab; Donna Schoonmaker; Valerie Schutt; Joe Schutt; Tom Twarek; Diane Tryon; Ed Vangeloff, Child Bodhi (Cassell); Brittany Lariccia & her newborn Granger (Fr.); Nikki and her unborn child; Gleice & her unborn child; Trisha and her unborn baby.

OTHER REQUESTS: Donny (Jake); Marge Dziama; Child Ezra; Kurt Franck (Royhab); Ben Franklin (Kovach); Dorothy Goldman (Twarek); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Marsha (Rose); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath; Karen Muzyka; Jamie Philpot (Twarek); Robert Piznar (Rentz); Valerie Ritzenthaler (Guzy); William Romanchak; Rick Rowe (Kovach); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); David Warner (Schutt); Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap; Zoland Zile; Ashley and her newborn Colin (Fr.); Elizabeth And her unborn child (Fr.)

MILITARY: Craig Cassell, Cory Deaton , Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Justin Issler; Nicholas & Tikhon

CAPTIVES: Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo), Archbishop John Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo, The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world



NOTE: Please let Fr. Andrew know who can come off the list or be put on.

VIGILS- OCT. 16

Laura Kovach 2 For health of Michael, Margi, Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mary P., Margaret M., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Hattie & Molly K., Kathie J., Joe R., Pete R., Sharon D., Rick & Jill, Ed, Sonya, Paul E., and John D. Safe travels for family

Sandy Martin 3 In loving memory of my dad on his 26th anniversary, In loving memory of Grandma Jane, special intentions

Natalie Twarek 6 Safe Travel for Zach, Health and recovery of Heather, and Don, God's blessing for Nikki and unborn baby, For the health and

recovery of Valerie, Ed, Ron, Mark, Carole, Gary, Sharon and Charlie, Kurt, Leslie & Ed, Health of Amber, Dottie, Joe, Jamie, Jim, Stephanie, Ezra, David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bodhi, Katie, David, Diane, Stella, Jake, Pat, Karen, special intentions



NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS	NAMESDAY
11-1-2008: Retired Metropolitan Jonah (Consecration)	11- Amanda Kovach	11-25: Retired Bishop Lazar of Ottawa
11-12-2008: Retired Metropolitan Jonah (Elected Primate)	16- Valerie Schutt	11-30: His Grace Andrei of Cleveland
11-13-2012: The Most Blessed Tikhon (Elected as Primate)	16- Madelyn (Laura's granddaughter)	
11-15-1980: Archbishop Nathaniel of Detroit	17- Cole Heffernan	
	17- Roddie Mazurik	

Galatians 2:16-20 (Epistle)

knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of sin? Certainly not! For if I build again those things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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Arcadia, OH 44804



Joe & Sonya Rose
4351 East Norma Drive
Port Clinton, OH 43452

Ed & Irene Vangeloff
454 Strouse Lane
Sandusky, OH 44870

40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

Nov. 27: Jane Collins

NOVEMBER CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of 6	Laura
Week of 13	Sandy
Week of 20	Laura
Week of the 27	Bobbie

NOVEMBER REPOSED

Michael Guzy (1927) No date provided	9- Robley Blackford (2021)
Mary Lou Hobson (2015) No date provided	8- Archpriest George Timko (2000) Former Pastor
1- Peter Felenchak (1974)	9- Evelyn Biecheler (2002)
2- Donald Sennich (1994)	9- Orestes Mihaly
3- Marian Glovinsky (2001)	21- Ann S. Ratica (1991)
5- Margaret Pietropolo (2009)	22- Joann Carender No year provided
5- Dan Opritza (2021)	23- George Michael Elchisco (2016)
- Joseph Guzy (1974)	26- Janet Elchisko (2018)
6- William Rentz (2018)	28- Anna Grabonsky (1972)
6- Michael Chemorov (2019)	29- Alexander Mazur (2003)
8- Ann G Stretchberry (2003)	Mary Hritsko (1948)
8- Anne Catherine Glovinsky (2004)	Anna Holodnak (1951)
9- Ann Golob (No year recorded)	John Danchisen (1951)

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indicated in the report by the actuarial firm, Cheiron, Inc, which conducted a recent external review of the Plan, the Metropolitan Council approved the following:

a 2% increase of employer contributions for participants in the OCA Pension Plan effective January 1, 2023 (totaling 12%) and an additional 2% increase effective January 1, 2024 (totaling 14%), subject to review of parish compliance of participation in the OCA Pension Plan at the regular Fall 2023 Session of the Metropolitan Council.

The decision to increase the employer contribution level is in effect only upon the blessing of the Holy Synod, which is convening in the second week of November.

In fulfillment of provision 7 of the resolution approved by the 20th All-American Council, the Metropolitan Council and the Pension Board have agreed to meet for an in-person retreat in October 2023 for an extensive review and a comprehensive assessment of the Pension Plan.

Participating clergy and their employers are urged to make their monthly contributions timely and in the correct amounts, which exactly match the calculated amount in the OCA Pension MARC system. Contributions in lower amounts and missed contributions negatively impact the Plan. Employers and employees are also urged to ensure that the accounts from which checks are mailed have sufficient funds to clear the transactions. Checks that bounce impose bank fees on the Pension Plan. The Pension Administrator strongly suggests that, whenever possible, employer and employee contributions be sent in one check or, at a minimum, be sent together.

The OCA Pension Plan is a defined benefit plan. As such, pausing contributions, withdrawing from the Plan, and incorrect transactions, all negatively impact the entire Plan, that is, all other Plan participants.

Luke 8:41-56 (Gospel)

And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace." While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

CATASTROPHIC RELIEF FUND

Purpose of fund: To provide some small financial assistance to a parishioner, family member or community member who has suffered a catastrophic event.

Funds will be offered at the discretion & blessing of the Rector and the discretion of the Board.

This money can also be used for outreach programs in the parish. Thank you and God