

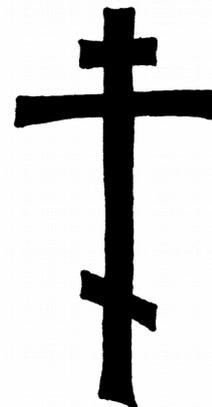
Announcements

- Please return pledge cards to Dave Vorkapich by December 3rd.
- Prospora bakers NEEDED! Prospora Making Workshop, October 28, 10am. RSVP to Mary-Ann Frischkorn (mmfkorn@gmail.com).
- 100th Anniversary of St. Nicholas in Mogadore. Deadline for reservations is October 29th.
- Tune into our services on 102.5, care of Neopa Radio.
- Pierogi's are plentiful, please consider stocking up for winter!

<p><u>Birthdays</u> Scott Haywood 10/5 Pam Vorkapich 10/5 Jacob Huba 10/14 Cindy Fedorko 10/17 Stacey Manos 10/21 Joanne Mailat 10/25 Albertina Mathewson 10/28 Zane Blanchard 10/30</p>	<p><u>Coffee Hour</u> Oct. 22, <u>Mathewson</u>, Mudrak, Powell Oct. 29, <u>Monahan</u>, Kisha, Kisha-Wise, Wagster Nov. 5, <u>Hoffman</u>, Manos, Manos, Vorkapich Nov. 12, St. Ann's Guild Nov. 19, <u>Gates</u>, Gates, Wescott Nov. 26, <u>Brandon</u>, Archer, Romano, McClellan</p>
<p><u>Upcoming</u> Wednesday, October 25th 6:30pm Daily Vespers Saturday, October 28th 10:00am Prospora Workshop 5:00pm Great Vespers Sunday, October 29th 9:10 Hours 9:30 Divine Liturgy</p>	<p><u>Fr. John's Parish Wishlist</u> -Refinishing of 2nd chalice (approximately \$300) [Ask Father why it should be refinished!] <i>When writing the check, please make note of the item you wish to sponsor on the "memo" line. If you wish to contribute to this fund generally, please write, "Fr. John's Wishlist."</i></p>

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church Diocese of the Midwest (OCA)

*To Know and Love Christ,
Sharing His Love with Others*



October 22, 2017
20th Sunday after Pentecost / Tone 3
Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Abercius
The Holy Seven Youths of Ephesus

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[Continued from Last Week’s Bulletin]

At that same moment the priest falls down and fervently begs God. He beseeches that the gifts he has before him may receive His all holy and almighty Spirit and be changed; on the one hand, the bread into the holy Body of Christ itself, on the other hand, the wine into His immaculate Blood itself.

After these prayers, the divine sacred service was completed! The gifts were sanctified! The sacrifice took place! The great victim and slaughter which was sacrificed for the sake of the world, is found before our eyes, on the Holy Altar Table! Because the bread is no longer a type of the Master’s body. It is the all holy Body of the Lord itself, which accepted all those insults...the slaps, the spitting, the wounds, the gall, the crucifixion. The wine is the Blood itself, which sprang forth when the body was being slaughtered. This is the Body, this is the Blood, which took on composition from the Holy Spirit, which was born from the Virgin Mary, which was buried, resurrected on the third day, ascended to Heaven and sat at the right hand of the Father.

Now, we believe that it is thus because the Lord Himself said, “This is My Body...this is My Blood” (Mark 14:22,24.) Also because He Himself commanded the apostles and the whole church: “Do this in remembrance of Me” (Luke 22:19.) He would not have ordered them to repeat this mystery if He did not intend to give them the strength to perform it. And what is this strength? The Holy Spirit. It is this Holy Spirit which performs the mysteries with the priest’s hand and tongue. The liturgist is the servant of the grace of the Holy Spirit, without offering anything of his own self. For this reason it is not important if perhaps he himself is full of sins. Something like this does not falsify the offering of gifts, which are always pleasing to God, just as medicine constructed by a person unrelated to medical science does not lose its therapeutic effect, so long as it was constructed according to the doctor’s directions.

So once the sacrifice is completed, the priest, seeing the pledge of divine philanthropy, the Lamb of God, before him, thanks and begs. He thanks God for all the saints, because in their person the Church found that which she is seeking, the Kingdom of Heaven. Particularly —“especially”—he thanks for the most blessed Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, because she exceeds every holiness. The priest beseeches for all the believers—those reposed and those living—because they have not yet reached perfection and have need of prayer.

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let the heavens rejoice! / Let the earth be glad! / For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. / He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. / He has delivered us from the depths of hell, / and has granted to the world // great mercy.

Tone 5 Troparion (Abercius)

You emulated the zeal of the Apostles / and shone forth like a morning star, / and your works showed your God-given power: you guided the erring to God, // O hierarch Abercius.

Tone 4 Troparion (Holy Seven Youths)

Your seven holy martyrs, O Lord, / through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God. / For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries, / and shattered the powerless boldness of demons. // Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Tone 3 Kontakion (Resurrection)

On this day You rose from the tomb, O Merciful One, / leading us from the gates of death. / On this day Adam exults as Eve rejoices; with the Prophets and Patriarchs // they unceasingly praise the divine majesty of Your power.

Tone 8 Kontakion (Abercius)

The whole Church honors you as a great hierarch / and as a companion to the Apostles. / By your prayers keep the Church unconquered and unshaken by heresy, / glorious Abercius.

Tone 4 Kontakion (Holy Seven Youths)

The Seven Holy Youths renounced the perishing comforts of this world, / preferring the eternal things of Heaven. / They were incorrupt after death and rose from the dead / and buried the snares of the devils! / O Faithful, let us then honor them, singing a hymn of praise to Christ!

Epistle

Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel

Luke 16:19-31.

Visitors, please know that Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by fasting, prayer, and Confession. We sincerely welcome you. If you have any questions, please speak with one of our greeters, or with Fr. John after the service.