

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- *The Nativity Fast* began **Nov 15th** and goes through **Christmas Eve**. Fr. Aaron will have “drop-in” confession hours 3:30-5pm this Saturday and next.
- Greening the Church will be **TODAY** after Fellowship
- Beautification Committee Meeting Tuesday **Dec. 10th 6pm**
- We’ll have a Church School Nativity Retreat **Sat. Dec. 14** at **10am**.
- Our Yolka Nativity Pageant will be performed during Coffee Hour on **Dec. 22nd**.
- Pledge forms for **2025** are in mailboxes, please return to Erin Haywood by Dec 22. Additionally, Ministry Leaders should send budget proposals to Jared.
- Donate to our parish online via PayPal (QR links below). We also pass around a collection plate shortly after the Sermon each Sunday.



Regular Giving —>



Designated Giving —>

### **December Birthdays:**

Elena Russin(12/6); Ashley Mohler(12/14); Aleksy Russin(12/21);  
Eric Eisenmann(12/22); Scott Condo(12/22); Anna Kisha(12/23);  
Alexis Boston (12/24); Steve Demmer(12/27); Fr. Aaron Rutz(12/31)

### **Father’s Wishlist**

Incense for the various Feasts of the Church Year: \$225  
Proskomedia Cutting Board w/ Cross Inlay \$200  
New Cameras to allow video streaming of Divine Services \$1250

## MINISTRY SCHEDULES

### READERS.

Dec 8: (Hours) Jared,  
Rdr.Theophan  
(Epistle) Rdr. Anthony  
Dec 15: **Matins**  
(Epistle) Shawn

### PROSPHORA BAKERS.

Please bake again by Dec 29

### COFFEE HOUR

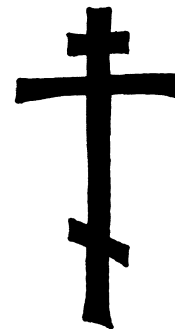
Dec 8: Eisenmann, Oliver-Tipper,  
Condo  
Dec 15: Hookway, Frischkorn,  
Burock, Fedorko

### TITHE COUNTERS

Dec 8: Rdr. Anthony, Brenton  
Dec 15: Jeff, Pete

# HOLY ASSUMPTION

Orthodox Church in America  
Diocese of the Midwest



December 8th,  
2024

24th Sunday  
after Pentecost,  
Tone 7

Ven. Patapius  
of  
Thebes

*To know and love Christ, sharing His love with others.*

## UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday: Daily Vespers, 6:30pm  
Saturday: Great Vespers, 5pm  
Sunday: Byzantine Matins, 8:30am  
Sunday: Divine Liturgy, 9:30am

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**Visitors, We sincerely welcome you.** Please know that Orthodox practice for receiving Holy Communion is that only those who are confessing Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves with prayer, fasting since midnight, and a recent confession come to receive from the Chalice. If you have any questions, please speak with one of our greeters, or with Fr. Aaron after the service. Contact Fr Aaron during the week at [fraaronrutz@gmail.com](mailto:fraaronrutz@gmail.com), or 234-257-9725. Please call, text, or email Fr. Aaron for all parish needs.

## TROPARIA AND KONTAKIA

### **Tone 7**      **Troparion**      *(Resurrection)*

By Your Cross You destroyed death.

To the thief You opened Paradise.

For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.

And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,

to proclaim that You are risen,

granting the world great mercy.

### **Tone 8**      **Troparion**      *(Ven. Patapius)*

The image of God was truly preserved in you, O Father,

for you took up the Cross and followed Christ.

By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh for it passes away;

but to care instead for the soul, for it is immortal.

Therefore your spirit, venerable Patapius, rejoices with the angels.

### **Tone 7**      **Kontakion**      *(Resurrection)*

The dominion of death can no longer hold men captive,

for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.

Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:

“The Savior has come to those in faith;

enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

### **Tone 3**      **Kontakion**      *(Ven. Patapius)*

Your temple is found to be a source of healing,

and the people flock to it eagerly, O saint.

They seek the healing of their diseases

and the forgiveness of their sins,

for you are a protector for all those in need, venerable Patapius.

## FOR OUR EDIFICATION

“My sheep hear My voice. (Jn 10:14)’ This is just another way of saying ‘They obey My words & keep My commandments.’ Obeying the commandments, the saints draw near to God; the more they draw near to God, the better they know Him.”

+ St. Dorotheus of Gaza

## PRAYER REQUESTS

	Sam
Archbishop Peter (newly departed)	Kathy
Raymond (departed)	Stacey
Bishop Matthias (departed)	Treva
Stefani (departed)	Frederick
Theodore ( departed )	Tammi
Rdr. Brendan (departed)	Phil
Charles & Joanne ( departed)	Fr. Jan and St. Theodosius Community
Archbishop Paul (departed)	Vasilike
Fr. Stacey (departed)	Archimandrite Joseph
Jason (departed)	Mary
Betty (departed)	Catherine, Grahame and Unborn Child
	Erin, Paul and Unborn Child
	Gabriella, Shawn and Unborn Child
	Eleni
	Aaron, Jasmine and Anastasia
	Fr. Andrew
	Hamze