

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Friday, August 1, 2008**

7:30 a.m. Lit. + Wiroslav Lobur
r/by Daughter, Myroslava and Family

Saturday, August 2, 2008

8:30 a.m. Lit. Special Intention Natalie Shevchuk and
Michael Paulie r/by George and Marta Shevchuk

5:00 p.m. Lit. + Nicholas Pryszlak r/by Wife

12th Sunday After Pentecost, August 3, 2008

Epistle - 1 Cor 15:1-11; Gospel - Mt 19:16-26

8:30 a.m. Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Lit. Special Intention
Andrea Basniak and Philip Agosto r/by Family

Epistle Readers, 10:30 a.m. Liturgy:

Kenneth Bialkowski	7/27/08
Peter Baralecki	8/3/08

Choir Rehearsal will be held today. The next rehearsal will be held on August 3.

Jubilee Banquet meeting Tues., Aug. 5 at **6:30** p.m. in the church hall.

Trip to Ukraine

Those who are scheduled to go on the trip to Ukraine August 22, 2008 are asked to attend a meeting on Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to our parishioners NATALIE S. SHEVCHUK, daughter of George and Marta nee Hawryluk, and MICHAEL R. PAULIE, son of Roy and Elisa nee Merlino, who will receive the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on August 2, 2008.

Assumption Pilgrimage

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate invite you to the 54th Annual Holy Dormition Assumption Pilgrimage on August 9 and 10, 2008.

Information about the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (SSMI) Dormition Pilgrimage at Sloatsburg, NY can be obtained from their website at: www.ssmi-us.org

Volunteers Needed

The Annual Dormition Pilgrimage at St. Mary's Villa, Sloatsburg, NY will be held Aug. 9 and 10. Volunteers are needed in the days preceding the celebration, during the weekend and the days following. Volunteers will man the food pavilion. If you would be able to give a day or two, it would be greatly appreciated. Please approach family and friends or fellow parishioners to join you when you come to help. Students that need "community service hours" for credit at school may consider volunteering. Please respond to Marion Hrubec at mc.hrubec@att.net or 201-843-3969; or Sr. Michele at ssminy@aol.com or 845-753-2840.

Sincere Sympathies

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + MARIE ROMANKO who was recently called to her eternal reward.

Church Renovation Fund

\$25.00 - Mr. and Mrs. R. Gordon, in memory of
+ ANNA BOYKO

Ukrainian Festival

St. Stephen Ukrainian Catholic Church, located on 1344 White Oak Bottom Road, Toms River, NJ, will hold it's first Ukrainian Festival on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 12 noon - 7 pm. There will be Ukrainian food and beverages, live music, dancing, exhibits, vendors and lots of family fun. There will also be a 50/50.

No admission, but warm hearts to welcome you. For more information, call 732-505-6053.

July 27th - Feast Day of St. Panteleimon (The All-Merciful)

One of the four Evangelists of the New Testament, St. Luke, was known as the "glorious physician." The Saint whom we honor today was also a "glorious physician," having practiced his noble profession in the ancient and famous city of Nicomedia, Asia Minor. St. Panteleimon was born in the year 275 A.D. His father was an intellectual and a scholar. He was also a pagan who did not believe in the new Christian Faith. His mother was a saintly woman who had become a devout Christian at an early age. St. Panteleimon studied medicine under the most famous physician in the empire, Euphrosinos. He soon became equally as talented as his teacher. The Emperor Maximinian was also fond of Panteleimon and followed his amazing career. Panteleimon spent many hours each day in the Emperor's court.

As young Panteleimon left his home each morning to go about his appointed rounds, he was observed by a pious old man by the name of Ermolaos, who lived just across the street. Ermolaos was one of the most devoted Christians of the Church. He remained in hiding since the purge against the Christians was resumed under the cruel hand of Emperor Maximinian. Ermolaos approached Panteleimon one day and invited him into his sanctuary, where he told him about the meaning of Christianity. Panteleimon soon became a devout Christian and was baptized by Ermolaos. Panteleimon became known as the "great healer" and worked many miracles by invoking the name of Jesus Christ upon those who came in search of assistance. He soon persuaded his father to abandon his beliefs in pagan gods, and both were united by the love of Christ.

The Emperor learned of Panteleimon's Christian Faith and demanded that he swear allegiance to the pagan gods. When Panteleimon refused to abandon his faith, the Emperor ordered that he be tortured until he gave up Christ. He was cast into pits of fire and thrown into a den of ferocious beasts. Yet he escaped unharmed, and the word spread that Panteleimon could not be killed. The Emperor, believing that the young physician was under a spell of witchcraft, ordered a huge stone tied about his waist and then he was tossed into the river. The stone floated, together with Panteleimon, and many hundreds of soldiers watching him from the banks of the river accepted Christ. Panteleimon was then subjected to the henchman's axe. The soldiers refused to take part in the execution, and it was only upon the insistence of Panteleimon that they carried out the Emperor's orders. As the axe fell, a voice was heard from heaven saying, "well done Panteleimon (the all-merciful one)."