

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**Sunday of the Man Born Blind, May 29, 2011**  
9:00 AM Lit. + Deceased Veterans of the Parish - Legate  
11:30 AM Lit. + Anna & John Sawchuk r/by Olga Hunchar  
**Monday, May 30, 2011**  
7:30 AM Lit. + Philomena Beale r/by Makar Family  
**Tuesday, May 31, 2011**  
7:20 AM Lit. + Katherine Melnyk r/by Helen Tulys  
7:00 PM May Devotions to the Mother of God  
**Wednesday, June 1, 2011**  
7:20 AM Lit. + Joseph Schott  
r/by John and Irene Kozak  
7:00 PM Lit. + Ivan Vatsytsiak r/by St. Ann's Society  
**Thursday, June 2, 2011 - Ascension of Our Lord**  
9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners  
**Friday, June 3, 2011**  
7:20 AM Lit. + Lillian & William Henderson; + Mary & Michael Wawerczak - Legate  
**Saturday, June 4, 2011**  
9:00 AM Lit. Special Intention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation  
5:00 PM Lit. + Konikewich Family  
r/by Frances Konikewich  
**Fathers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ecumenical Council, June 5, 2011**  
*Epistle - Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38, Gospel - Jn 17:1-13*  
9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:00 AM Lit. + Wolodymyr Janiw  
r/by Joyce & Bill Adamshick

LITURGY SCHEDULE CHANGE

During the months of June, July and August, the 11:30 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy is moved to 11:00 AM. Coffee hour will be suspended for the summer.

Epistle Readers, 11:30 a.m. Liturgy:

Joan Zaleski	5/29/11
Kenneth Bialkowski	6/5/11

May Devotions

The month of May is devoted to our heavenly Mother, Mary. A Moleben service will be offered on Tuesday, May 31, at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to the following, who received the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation - Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist, last weekend:

OLIVIA JOAN NOLAN and  
MAXXIMUS ANTHONY NOLAN,  
Daughter and son of Frank and Lori Ann Nolan

NICHOLAS JOSEPH BACHORIK  
Son of Edward and Lydia Bachorik

First Friday Sick Calls

The sick and aged of the parish will be visited this Friday, June 3, following the morning liturgy. If you know of someone who cannot attend church and would like to receive the sacraments at home, call the rectory at 732-826-0767.

Father's Day Remembrance

The 9:00 a.m. liturgy on Sunday, June 19 will be offered for the living fathers of the parish, followed by a panachyda service for all the deceased fathers. The names of fathers will be listed in the bulletin if submitted by June 12.

**Important note:** please add your own name on the envelope to show who it is from; due to a problem at the printer's the father's day envelopes were not printed with your name, address or envelope number.

Holy Day of Obligation

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord will be observed on Thursday, June 2. Divine Liturgies are scheduled for 7:00 PM on June 1, and 9:00 AM on Thursday, June 2. There will be Myrovannia following each liturgy.

Memorial Day Services at the Cemetery

Our traditional visit to the cemetery will take place on Monday, May 30. Requiem services, panachydas on individual graves, will follow the 9:30 a.m. American Ukrainian Veterans Service.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with Bingo on Wednesday and Friday evenings, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Please consider helping with this important fundraiser, if even for a few hours as a substitute. More help is essential during the summer months.

Memorial Day

This week we'll celebrate the Memorial Day weekend, a national holiday established to remember all those men and women who have died while in service to our country. The first commemoration to our fallen soldiers was made at the end of the Civil War on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. Then in 1971, Memorial Day was shifted to the last Monday in May to ensure a 3-day weekend for most workers. Sadly, over the years, the observance of Memorial Day has diminished to the point where many Americans have forgotten the meaning of the Memorial Day holiday. The graves of many of our fallen soldiers are ignored and neglected and many don't even fly the flag on that day.

Fortunately, some organizations, like the Holy Name Society, and our Parish continue to organize a Memorial Day Service at our parish cemetery, so that we can come together to pray and reflect on the supreme sacrifice that fellow American men and women made to preserve our country's safety and freedom. The Monday memorial service at our cemetery will fill us with gratitude and appreciation for the price that others paid to preserve our freedom and way of life. It's a moving ceremony and a great way to keep alive the memory that our freedom came at a price ... others sacrificed dearly so that we could live and be free. This is the very wisdom of gathering together each week in Church ... so we remember the great price that Jesus paid to free us from sin and death; He also died so that we could live.

Please keep these memories alive. And may God bless America!

Love, Fr. Ivan - Pastor

"Come Meet Your 100 Year Old Neighbor"

As part of the yearlong Centennial celebration of their arrival to America, the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great are hosting an Open House on the grounds of their Motherhouse. The Open House with the invitation to "Come Meet your 100 Year Old Neighbor" will take place on Saturday June 18, 2011 from 2-5 PM at the Sisters' Motherhouse at 710 Fox Chase Road, Fox Chase Manor, PA. There will be tours of each of the buildings on the Sisters' grounds, including the building where Betsy Ross lived with her daughter after her retirement. Refreshments will be served. All are invited! More information about the Sisters can be found on their website at [www.stbasils.com](http://www.stbasils.com), or by calling the Sisters' Development Office at 215-379-3998, extension 17.

How Happy Are You With Your Vocation?

The old saw “money can’t buy happiness” apparently holds true when it comes to work. Highly paid professionals like doctors and lawyers didn’t make the cut when researchers set out to find the most satisfied workers. Clergy ranked tops in both job satisfaction and general happiness according to the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. Physical therapists and firefighters were second and third ranked in job satisfactions, with more than three quarters reporting being “very satisfied.”



Other occupations in which more than 60 percent said they were very satisfied included teachers, painters and sculptors, psychologists and authors. “The most satisfying jobs are mostly professions, especially those involving caring for, teaching and protecting others and creative pursuits,” said Tom W. Smith, director of NORC’s General Social Survey, a poll supported by the National Science Foundation. For the most satisfied workers, intrinsic rewards are key, the study suggests. “They’re doing work they’re very proud of, helping people,” Smith said, Clergy ranked by far the most satisfied and the most generally happy of 198 occupations.

- *Most priests are extremely happy in their vocations! The life of a priest is a very rewarding life, both in this world and in the next. A number of men who think God may be calling them to the priesthood put off seriously discerning this vocation, saying, “I’ve got my whole life ahead of me, I’ll think about it later.” Isn’t it time you let your life begin? If you feel God is calling you to the priesthood, talk to Fr. Ivan and he will help you discern God’s call on your life.*

Ready to Topple Over

In December 2001, the “Leaning Tower of Pisa” was finally reopened to the public after having been closed for almost a dozen years. During that time, engineers completed a \$25 million renovation project designed to stabilize the tower. They removed 110 tons of dirt, and reduced its famous lean by about sixteen inches. Why was this necessary? Because the tower has been tilting further and further away from vertical for hundreds of years, to the point that the top of the 185-foot tower was seventeen feet further south than the bottom, and Italian authorities were concerned that if nothing was done, it would soon collapse.



What was the problem? Bad design? Poor workmanship? An inferior grade of marble? No. The problem was what was underneath. The sandy soil on which the city of Pisa was built was just not stable enough to support a monument of this size. The tower had no firm foundation.

- *What is your life built upon? Are you ready to topple over? We must build our lives upon Christ and His Word. As the hymn says, “On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand!”*

Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.



Fr. IVAN’S CORNER

Starting from June 5th, Fr. Ivan will stop publishing his additional page to the bulletin. The publication of the additional page to the bulletin will be resumed in September.

- **Question:** Could you tell me a bit about the funeral service Parastas?

Parastas is a solemn service for the repose of departed as a memorial to them, longer and more complete than the "Panichida," In our Church, we typically celebrate the funeral with the Parastas at the funeral home the night before the funeral. Panachida is sung after the funeral Liturgy when the Liturgy is celebrated for the intention of the deceased and for the souls on the Mother's and Father's Day Sundays, and after the Sorokousty services during the Great lent.

- **Question:** Would you please tell me what is the Church's position regarding the image of God the Father?

Traditionally it is incorrect to depict God the Father as an old man with a long beard, or in any other human form, even though under heavy western influence, in more recent times, western-style images of the Holy Trinity, in which the Father is portrayed as such and the Holy Spirit is portrayed as a dove, crept into our world. While it is possible to depict Christ in human form, since He took on the human nature, it is incorrect to portray the Father as such.

- **Question:** What is the significance of the placement of the fingers of the right hand I notice in icons of Christ and certain saints?

The fingers are arranged to form the following letters -- IC XC -- which are the first and last letters of "Jesus" and "Christ" in Greek. Hence, the index finger points upward, forming an "I." The middle finger is curved to form a "C." The fourth finger crosses over the thumb to form an "X," while the little finger is curved in a manner similar to that of the middle finger, thereby forming another "C."

- **Question:** Is it against the Bible to drink alcohol?

What the Bible teaches is moderation in all things. There is no Biblical against drinking in itself. The teaching is always against excess. Wine was a proper drink in Bible times and used at the family table.

- **Question:** What is an ascetic?

An "ascetic" is a person who leads a pious and austere life. Typically, the person renounces material comforts as an act of spiritual devotion.

- **Question:** What is appropriate Clothing for Church?

There are two descriptors that always apply to appropriate dress for Church are: Modest and Nice! Dressing for Liturgy should be special ... it should mean wearing your “Sunday Best”! A good number of you dress up to go to work every day. And that’s just to meet customers and co-workers. Well, it makes every bit of sense that you’d also want to dress up on Sunday because then you’re going to have an intimate encounter with the Living Lord!

- **Question:** Why do some of the Women wear Veils?

Similarly to how the wedding ring functions in modern society, the veil, an ancient symbol of holiness or dedication, was worn in ancient Israel by married women whenever in public as a sign of their marital status (Gen 24:65). Christians have continued with this practice since the apostolic era (1 Cor 11:1-16). The modern remnant of this in American culture is the ‘wedding veil’ worn during the wedding service. Ironically enough, the ‘nun’s veil’ has this same origin. From the beginning, the early Church began to swell with myriads of unmarried women dedicating their lives to the work of the Church and local community (1 Cor 7:8, 32-38; 1 Tim 4:9-16). They eventually took to wearing the marriage veil as a sign to the single men of the community that they were ‘married to Christ’ and were thus ‘unavailable.’

The practice eventually became so widespread within Christianity that even unmarried girls who had not taken a vow of celibacy began to wear the veil as well. Today, in American culture, the veil is still regularly worn by nuns. However, there are still many dedicated Christian women of various ecclesial traditions who were a veil when attending church services.

- **Question:** What is the Feast of the Holy Ascension of Our Lord?

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday. The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.