Epistle - Rom 6:18-23; Gospel - Mt 8:5-13, Tone 3

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

4th Sunday after Pentecost, July 6, 2014

9:00 AM Lit. Health of Volodymyr & Natalka Mostova r/by Yosyp Lyudera

11:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Monday, July 7, 2014

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

8:00 AM - Lit. + Steve Romanko - Legate

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

8:00 AM - Lit. + Benjamin Luks r/by Anne Green

Thursday, July 10, 2014

8:00 AM - Lit. + Deceased Members - Kostetska, Ivaniv, Kalyniak Families

Friday, July 11, 2014

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention r/by Nadia Harbatiuk Saturday, July 12, 2014

8:00 AM - Lit. + Mary Blois r/by Mike & Alberta Chaney 5:00 PM - Lit. + Michael & Glenys Romanko r/by Children

Fathers of the Six Ecumenical Councils, July13, 2014

Epistle - Rom 10:1-10; Gospel - Mt 8:28-9:3

9:00 AM Lit. + Barbara Grausam r/by Olga Yurechko 11:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Church Renovation Fund

\$200.00 - Myron & Maria Rajsz

Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund

\$500.00 - Anton & Marcella Massopust, On the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Archeparchy of Philadelphia will be honoring the sacrament of Marriage through the Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Archbishop Stefan Soroka on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at 11:00 AM in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. All those parishioners wishing to celebrate their wedding anniversary during that Divine Liturgy and reception, are invited to reserve that date on their calendars. A formal notice and registration will be sent out in September, 2014.

Holy Dormition Pilgrimage -

Have You Ever Been On A Pilgrimage?

The 60th Dormition Pilgrimage will be held on August 9 - 10, 2014 on the scenic grounds of the motherhouse of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg, NY. This year's theme is: The Holy Family is the Guide for the Evangelization of our Families - "A Joy Ever New, a Joy Which is Shared" (Pope Francis).

A special display and presentation of "The Church of the Catacombs in the 20th Century", conferences, activities for children, our annual teen camp-out, the beautiful services and an opportunity to receive the Mysteries Reconciliation and Eucharist, are part of the schedule for these two days of spiritual renewal for all who attend. The schedule and activities will be listed in the diocesan newspapers, in your parishes, as well as being on the Sisters' website: www.ssmi-us.org.

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate cordially invite you to come to the 60th Dormition Pilgrimage as a family, as a parish family, to come together to show that we want to live our faith more fully in Christ. If you have any questions, please contact Sr. Kathleen at 845-642-6143.

WHY DO WE NEED TO GO TO CHURCH?

Many people who rarely attend church have a kind of consumer's attitude towards church. They come to church, for instance, before a long trip - to light a candle just for the sake of it, so that nothing would happen on the road. They come for two or three minutes, hurriedly cross themselves and, having lit a candle, go on their way. Some, entering a church, say: "I want to pay money so that priest would pray for such-and-such" - and pay money and leave. The priest needs to pray, but these people themselves do not participate in the prayer.

This is a wrong attitude. The Church is not a machine for buying "Snickers": drop your coin and candy falls out. The Church is a place to go to live and study. If you are experiencing certain difficulties or if one of your neighbors has fallen ill, do not limit yourself to going and putting up a candle. Come to church for the divine service, immerse yourself in the elements of prayer, and lift up your prayer for your need along with the priest and the community.

It is important that attendance at church be regular. It is good to attend church every Sunday. The Sunday Divine Liturgy, as well as the Liturgy on great feasts, is the time when we can, by giving up two hours of our earthly affairs, plunge ourselves into the elements of prayer. It is good to come to church with one's entire family, in order to receive Confession and Communion.

If one learns to live from Sunday to Sunday, in the rhythm of the church services, in the rhythm of the Divine Liturgy, then one's whole life will change dramatically. Above all, it will become disciplined. The believer knows that next Sunday he will have to give an answer to God, and he lives differently: he does not allow himself many sins that he would otherwise allow himself if he did not go to church. Moreover, the Divine Liturgy itself is an opportunity to receive Holy Communion, that is, to unite with God not only spiritually, but also physically.

Finally, the Divine Liturgy is a comprehensive service at which the entire church community and each of its members can pray for everyone that troubles or worries him or her. The faithful during the Liturgy can pray for themselves, and for their neighbors, and for their future, bringing repentance for their sins and asking God's blessing for their further ministry. It is very important to learn to participate fully in the Divine Liturgy, because the Liturgy is the center of church prayer, and it should become the center of the spiritual life of every Christian and every Christian family.

Banns of Marriage

On Saturday, July 12, 2014, NATALIE VERA KOSONOCKY and OLEH TOPYLKO will enter into the Sacrament of Marriage in our church. If anyone knows of any impediment to their forthcoming wedding, please inform Fr. Ivan immediately.

On A Lighter Side

A while back a pastor was in his back yard building a wooden trellis for his wife's prize winning roses to climb as they grew. He had out the power tools, the saw, the drill and the hammer. As he was working, the neighbor boy stopped playing in his back yard, and began to intently watch the pastor as he worked. The pastor was pleased that the young boy would want to learn from his craftsmanship, and so trying to be friendly he said to the boy, "I see you watching me there. Are you interested in how to build things out of wood?" "No" the neighbor boy replied, "I'm just waiting to hear what a preacher says when he hits his thumb with a hammer.