

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

9th Sunday After Pentecost, August 10, 20149:00 AM Lit. + Katarzyna Hnat (1st Anniv.)

r/by Bobbie Karanevski

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

Friday, August 15, 2014**Dormition of the Theotokos**

7:00 PM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Saturday, August 9, 2014

8:00 AM Lit. + Arthur Kara - Legate

5:00 PM Lit. + Charles A. Stek r/by Ann Marie Stek

10th Sunday After Pentecost, August 17, 2014

Epistle - 1 Cor 4:9-16; Gospel - Mt 17:14-23

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:00 AM Lit. + Joseph Kaczmar r/by Wife, Marie,
and the three Gems**Holy Day of Obligation**

The Feast of the Dormition (Assumption) of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patron of our parish, falls on Friday, August 15. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 PM.

**Blessing of Flowers**

In keeping with the beautiful Ukrainian tradition, flowers will be blessed on the Feast of the Assumption following each liturgy. Bring your flowers and place them on the side altar under the icon of the Blessed Mother before the Liturgy.

2015 Donation Envelopes

We are now in the process of ordering envelopes for 2015. If there are any changes to name or address, please contact the church secretary. If you will be moving from the parish and do not need envelopes please call the church secretary.

*If you did not receive envelopes and wish to be a **registered parishioner**, please contact the secretary at the rectory; call 732-826-0767. Anyone wishing to act as a sponsor for a baptism, confirmation, etc., must be a registered parishioner.*

Ukraine's Independence Day**Flag Raising Ceremony in Perth Amboy, NJ.**

A flag raising ceremony and a short program on the occasion of the 23rd Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall Circle at 260 High St. The raising of Ukraine's flag will take place to show our support for the Ukrainian nation, that is committed to peace, democracy, sovereignty and national unity. This event is open to the public. ALL are welcome! Organizers: Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Ukrainian National Federal Credit Union in Perth Amboy, NJ. Come and be counted!

60th Dormition (Assumption) Pilgrimage

The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate will be hosting the 60th Dormition pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY on August 10-11, 2014. For more information please visit: www.ssmi-us.org or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Sr. Kathleen at 845-642-6143, or Sr. Eliane at 845-499-9721, or ilnitskieli10@yahoo.com.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT OUR FAITH.***Why aren't men allowed to wear hats in church?***

This question refers to I Corinthians, 1:1-16. During Saint Paul's time in Corinth, women wore long hair and covered their heads, or wore their hair tied up in a bun. In Saint Paul's time, head coverings were outward expressions of the differences between men and women - outward expressions commonly recognized in that society at that time. In Saint Paul's time the only women who appeared in public without some kind of head-covering, and with their hair unbraided and hanging down, were prostitutes. (Obviously, this is not true today in America.) During Saint Paul's time in Corinth, men wore short hair. This is not about "hats." It is about Christian men wearing prayer shawls in those days. In the Old Testament times, among the Jews, women were to keep their heads covered out of self-respect and respect for God. In the New Testament times, and until the present day, women keep their heads covered in Church in honor of this old custom. But among the Jews even today, men wear little skull caps in order to keep the Old Testament law, which says that they are to keep their heads covered. In Christian Churches, however, from the New Testament times until the present day, men remove their hats. There are certain 'hats' that priests wear and remove during the liturgical services. But secular hats are not tolerated for men in church.

Is there a service for de-sanctification of a Church building?

No. There are no services for de-sanctification of anything - only services asking God for blessings. When the Church decides to no longer use a building, the only prescriptions are to remove all the sacred vessels and icons, so that the 'former church' is barren inside. As for what to do with icons painted on the walls, they may be left there or have the walls scraped clean.

I had a discussion with a friend recently and we were weighing whether or not Jesus ever ate meat. His position was NO, while I said that He would have at least had to eat lamb at the Passover. Are there or were there any Jewish sects which abstain from eating meat? Is meat "required eating" in Judaism or is there room for vegetarianism?

In the New Testament, when it says Jesus '**sat at meat**', (Mark 2:15,16) this is an old expression which means that Jesus sat down to eat food. It doesn't necessarily mean he ate flesh. The only times we have a menu of what was offered at a meal is the Passover lamb or 'a broiled fish and some honeycomb' and the bread and wine that went with the other food at the Last Supper. It is perhaps pointless to speculate about Jesus' diet. It is most probable that he ate what those around him were eating.

As for dietary regulations for Judaism, this isn't the place for such discussion. It is widely thought that the sect "Essenes" were vegetarians.

Rental needed

A Ukrainian couple is seeking an apartment in Perth Amboy. If anyone knows of any openings, please call the rectory.