

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Exaltation of the Cross, September 14, 2014**

9:00 AM Lit. + Ihor Herych r/by Helen Cheloc & Family

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Friday, September 19, 2014

8:45 AM Lit. + Maryann Smereka

r/by Stanley Stempinski

Saturday, September 20, 2014

8:00 AM Lit. + Joseph Neubauer - Legate

5:00 PM Lit. + Harold & Olga Lawley - Legate

Sunday After the Exaltation, September 21, 2014*Epistle - Gal 2:16-20; Gospel - Mk 8:34-9:1*

9:00 AM Lit. + Maria Tadayle r/by Olga Yurechko

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

September Clothing Drive!

During the entire month of September, Assumption Parish will hold a clothing drive for the families of deceased and living Ukrainian soldiers. We will be accepting CLEAN, gently used men's, women's, and children's clothing, all ages outerwear, shoes, socks, boots, first aid supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and toys. You can either drop off in the church basement or bring to the rectory during office hours. Jesus said: *"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me"* (Mt 25:40) Let's continue to pray for an end of the war in Ukraine and for diplomatic efforts to succeed in bringing a swift, peaceful and just end to the crisis in Ukraine. Remember the land of our ancestors at this very difficult time. Many thanks.

Religious Education For Children

First Confession and Solemn Communion instruction classes will be held starting October 5 for our parish children (6-7 years old) preparing to make their First Confession and receive Solemn Holy Communion. Please contact Sister Yosaphata at 732-826-9165 to register your child for the two-year program. Lessons are held in the school from 10 to 11 AM.

A New Year for Our Ladies

We warmly welcome back all the members of our St. Ann's Society, as they resume their activities for our parish in this New Church Year. Before the summer break, the president of St. Ann's Society, Mrs. Melanie Fedynyshyn presented Fr. Ivan with a check for the church in the amount \$12,000 from their fundraising activities. The ladies had their first meeting last Tuesday on which they discussed the plans for the upcoming year and especially for the Calendar Dinner Dance that will take place on October 18, 2014. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this wonderful event. We all wish our St. Ann's Society a very blessed and productive year ahead, with prayers and hopes that more women of our parish will join their ranks. May the Good Lord hear and answer our prayers!

Annual Spiritual Clergy Retreat

This week, Monday, Sept. 15 to Thursday, Sept. 18, Fr. Ivan will be away on Spiritual Retreat, together with the priests and deacons of our Archeparchy. During this time, if there should be any emergency requiring the immediate sacramental ministry of a priest, please contact the nearest available Byzantine Catholic or Roman Catholic priest. During these days, please pray for the spiritual renewal of all our priests, that they may be good, holy, and dedicated servants of God's altar and His people.

Communication Policies

The purpose of the bulletin board and the church vestibule tables is to provide information to the parishioners concerning matters relating to our church religious and charitable/fundraising purposes. Recently we noticed that a lot of flyers and materials from different churches/organizations are posted in the church vestibule or left on tables without the pastor's permission. In order to prevent this, certain policies have been made about materials that can be posted. The church cannot participate in or appear to sponsor any program that's major purpose is to espouse a political viewpoint. The church reserves the right to refuse to post anything in conflict with the religious and charitable purposes of the church. Signs and posters from other churches may only be displayed on the bulletin board downstairs of our church. Nothing may be taped, stapled, glued, pinned or otherwise attached to walls, windows, doors, or other unapproved surfaces without the express permission of Fr. Ivan. Notices posted or left on tables without authorization will be removed and discarded.

Altar Servers

All those younger members of our parish who are interested in becoming Altar Servers, are asked to let Father Ivan know that they would like to become involved. We invite boys who already went to First Confession and received First Holy Communion. It is a very awesome and sacred honor to be able to serve the Divine Liturgy as an Altar Server next to the Altar where the Liturgy is offered.

UGCC Official Website

If you would like to obtain more information about our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) in Ukraine and worldwide, read different articles on our Church, listen to the radio "Resurrection," and get up to date news, please visit the UGCC website: <http://news.ugcc.org.ua/en/news>

Humanitarian Aid For Ukraine

Our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia has set up a fund to provide help to victims of terrorist actions in Ukraine. The fund will be used directly for emergency shelters and medical supplies, as well as for food and water. Donations are to be sent directly to the Archeparchy Administration Office (Attn: Fund for Ukraine) at 827 N. Franklin St., Philadelphia, PA 19123. Please pray for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, and especially for all those who are being persecuted for their faith.

The List...

Museum, Zoos, Galleries, Libraries, Sporting Events -- these are places where one goes to see, to view, to look. But notice that Church is not on the list... Why? It is because when one goes to Church, one is NOT to be a spectator. One is to be an ACTIVE participant. The Liturgy in our church is celebrated by all who are present and not just the priest. It is a dialogue between the congregation, the priest and our Lord. So, don't be quiet at the church service, use the Liturgy book, participate and make a joyful noise for the Lord.

Sisters of Saint Basil the Great Pilgrimage

The Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, 710 Fox Chase Road, Fox Chase Manor, Pa 19046, will hold their 83rd annual Pilgrimage on Sunday, October 5, 2014. At 11:00 am a procession will begin from the Basilian Spirituality Center to the Faculty House Auditorium for a bilingual Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, celebrated by Most Rev. Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka. Food service will be available from 1:30 to 5:00 pm

For more information call 215-379-3998.