17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Epistle - 2 Cor 6:16-7:1; Gospel - Lk 6:31-36, Tone 8

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Children's Divine Liturgy

Today, Sunday, October 5 at 9:00 a.m. a Children's Divine Liturgy will be celebrated for the new school year. After the Divine Liturgy a special blessing of children will take place. Parents with children who are going into Religious Class this year and all children of the parish are invited for the blessing.

Calendar Dinner Dance

St. Ann's Society will sponsor its annual Calendar Dinner Dance on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, in the school auditorium. Enjoy a night of dining and dancing: a lavish buffet by Pantagis Diner and DJ music. Doors open at 6:00 PM and dinner is at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased by calling the church office at 732-826-0767, or after liturgies from members. Get your tickets by Oct. 12.

Cemetery News

The days are getting shorter, the leaves are starting to fall, the weather is getting cooler and our thoughts turn to cleaning and sprucing up and preparing for winter. We should not neglect our cemetery! Those who have loved ones interred in our cemetery should take a trip to Assumption Cemetery and clean up the dead flowers and debris that has accumulated from your summer planting. Removing the debris, dead flowers, artificial flowers, etc. will help our groundskeeper with his initial task of fertilizing and lawn cutting early next spring and make it much easier for him to trim around the headstones later in the year. All of this is done to make your cemetery look clean and beautiful. Remember this is your cemetery. We are certain that all of us want a neat and clean place for the repose of the remains of our loved ones. Please make every effort to help us maintain the cemetery grounds.

Sincere Sympathies

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + WILLIAM ADAMSHICK who was recently called to his eternal reward.

Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund

In Memory of + WILLIAM ADAMSHICK:

- \$50.00 Joanne Kara
- \$50.00 Anton & Marcella Massopust
- \$25.00 Mary Ann Makar
- \$20.00 Ann Marie Stek

"WHY DO I COME TO CHURCH" DVD

A young man approached a wise and pious older man with the question, " If God is present everywhere, why is it then that we have to go to church? We can worship God anywhere since He is everywhere." The

wise man replied, " $% \left({{{\rm{You}}} \right)_{\rm{A}}} \right)$ You know that water can be found

everywhere – in the air, trees, grass, our bodies, etc. However, when we are thirsty, we always go to a well, the source of water. In the same way, God is everywhere, but the fullness of His presence is in church."

Nowadays we get thirsty, symbolically speaking, for many things in life – good education, peace, fame, justice, civil rights, comfortable living, etc. When we quench our "thirsts," what happens

then? We find a new goal we are "thirsty" for, followed by another one and another one, ad infinitum.

Once Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14) The water that Jesus is offering, is the Gospel, the Good News, that we hear when we are in church, in His Divine presence. There, we do not only acknowledge God's majesty, but we are able to do more - we receive His grace through the Sacraments celebrated in Church. Our spiritual lives get watered abundantly and we satisfy our primary thirst to know God better. Our faith gets stronger and deeper, and our love for Him grows immensely as the Scriptures say, "Rivers of living water will flow from within him." (Jn 7:38)

Please pick up a copy of our new DVD, "Why I Come to Church" in the vestibule of our church. The DVD is a compilation of testimonials from parishioners like you on why it is important for them to come to Church. Watch it with your family. Share the DVD with anyone who has not been coming to Church lately. While viewing this DVD it will help remind them of the reasons and benefits of going to Church. Invite them to our church for Divine Liturgy next Sunday! And "I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord'" (Ps 122:1)

<u>Holy Name Society</u> will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. in the church hall.

<u>Senior Citizens Club</u> will meet on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014 at 12 noon in the church hall.

Join our Parish Seniors Club

Seniors - Tired of sitting in the house? Looking for some fun? Assumption Parish Seniors Club can fix you right up! Please join us for coffee, sweets, monthly meetings and fellowship. The Ukrainian Assumption Seniors have been active in the parish since 1980. The organization provides physical and spiritual support to our senior community. Ukrainian Assumption Seniors offer prayers for the sick and shut-in's send birthday cards and visit members in nursing homes. At monthly meetings, presentations inform seniors concerning relevant issues such as health, finances and estate planning. Current activities include: Mother's and Father's Day Luncheon, trips to Atlantic City and a Christmas party.

The Seniors have given donations of food and flowers for the Generations of Faith Programs and the Easter Dinner. Two Community Awards sponsored by the Seniors are awarded to graduates of Assumption Catholic School. Donations sponsored by the Seniors are given to the Ukrainian Festival and the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God and other events sponsored by the Parish. Members must be 55 years young and members of Assumption Parish. Please join us at our next meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2014, 12 noon at the Church Hall. Hope to see you there!