

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 2, 2015**

9:00 AM Lit. + Katarzyna Hnat r/by Sister and Family

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

**Monday, August 3, 2015**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Tuesday, August 4, 2015**

8:00 AM Lit. + Elena Fazio r/by Donna &amp; David Green

**Wednesday, August 5, 2015**

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

**Thursday, August 6, 2015,****Transfiguration of Our Lord**

8:00 AM Lit. + Lech Family r/by Family

**Friday, August 7, 2015**8:00 AM Lit. + Charles, Anna, Nick, Olga, Judith Dachishen  
- Legate**Saturday, August 8, 2015**

8:00 AM Lit. + Peter Dzioba r/by Family

5:00 PM Lit. + Helena Chalupa r/by Daughter

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 9, 2015**

Epistle - 1 Cor 9:2-12; Gospel - Mt 18:23-35

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

11:00 AM Lit. + Nicholas, Olga Koval r/by Linda Coyne

**Archbishop Soroka to Celebrate Divine Liturgy during Knights of Columbus Convention**

On Wednesday, August 5, 2015, the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom will be celebrated at the Pennsylvania Convention Center during the 133rd Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus. The Divine Liturgy will be televised live on EWTN beginning at 8 a.m. Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka, head of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and spiritual leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States will be the main celebrant and homilist at the Divine Liturgy. Concelebrating clergy will include over 100 cardinals, archbishops and bishops, and 125 priests and deacons. Responses to the Divine Liturgy will be sung by the choir of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family, Washington, D.C.

**Baseball Game**

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a Picnic at a Somerset Patriots Baseball Game. Location is the TD Bank Park in Bridgewater, NJ on Saturday, August 29, 2015. The picnic starts at 6 PM. The baseball game starts at 7:05. Fireworks will follow the game.

Altar boys are cordially invited to attend at no charge, but must be accompanied by an adult (ticket is \$26 per person) and transportation is on your own.

Anyone interested in attending, please contact Charlie Boyko at 732-254-3966.

**First Friday Eucharist Visits**

Visitation of the sick and shut-ins will take place on Friday, August 7 during the morning hours. If you or a family member is in need of a home visit and would like to be added to the list, please contact Fr. Ivan at 732-826-0767.

**Parish Pilgrimage**

A day bus for the pilgrimage to the Motherhouse of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, in Sloatsburg, NY will leave from the front of our church on Sunday, August 9 at 8:30 a.m. and will depart from Sloatsburg, NY after the Moleben Service at 4:30 p.m. There are no more seats available on the bus.

**Banns of Marriage**

MATTHEW J BOYLE and CHRISTINA JASINSKI will be joined in Holy Matrimony in our church on Saturday, August 8, 2015. Na Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

**Church Renovation Fund**

\$100.00 - Vera Stek, in memory of  
+ FRANCES STEK

**From the Pastor's Desk**

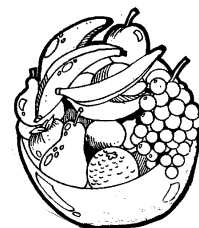
In recent years there has been a concerted effort by some of the "leaders" of our culture to destroy the real meaning of Marriage. God has a plan for Marriage, and many persons in America do not buy into His plan. So it might be a good idea to review the real meaning of Marriage as given to the human race by God. Jesus defines Marriage in Chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel in the following way: "*From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.*" In this definition Jesus teaches us that:

- (1) Marriage is a state in life that is instituted by God;
- (2) Marriage is between a man and a woman;
- (3) One of the goals of Marriage is the unity formed between a man and a woman;
- (4) Marriage is blessed by God;
- (5) Marriage can not be broken apart by any human force on earth.

If we truly want to be followers of Jesus Christ, we should do all we can to stand up for the real meaning of Marriage.

**Dormition Fast**

The fast of the Falling Asleep of the Ever Virgin Mary begins August 1st and ends August 15th. Let us honor the Virgin through a life of fasting, prayer and repentance and service to the Lord. While the observance of this fast today is voluntary, we should practice Simple Abstinence (from meat) on all Fridays and extend the abstinence to Wednesdays during the fast period.

**BLESSING OF FRUIT**

Thursday of this week is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord. It is a solemn Holyday in the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Services will be celebrated on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. On the Feast of Transfiguration, fruit is brought to our Churches to be blessed for eating. Traditional practice includes the blessing of grapes (a reminder that we must abide in the True Vine, Jesus Christ). The blessing of grapes, as well as other fruits on this day is the most beautiful and adequate sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in God's Paradise where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord. There will be a blessing of fruit and Myrovanya at the conclusion of Divine Liturgies.

**BLESSING OF FLOWERS**

There will be a blessing of flowers and herbs at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy celebrated for the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God on Saturday, August 15 and on Sunday August 16. It is a very nice tradition to bless the flowers and herbs during the feast of The Dormition of the Mother of God. Why do we do that? Here are some explanations. The historical origin of this custom seems to have been the blessing of the first fruits of olives by the Patriarch of Constantinople. The Slav texts title is a "Blessing of Herbs," and the intention of the prayer seems to be the blessing of herbs that were used for medicinal purposes in the summer heat which was conducive to many infectious diseases. In more recent times, the tradition concerning the death of the Mother of God, that flowers were discovered in her tomb after her body was taken into heaven has influenced this office and made it a blessing of flowers. Please feel free to bring flowers to church and Fr. Ivan will bless them.