

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 9, 2015**  
9:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:00 AM Lit. + Nicholas, Olga Koval r/by Linda Coyne  
**Monday, August 10, 2015**  
No Liturgy Scheduled  
**Tuesday, August 11, 2015**  
No Liturgy Scheduled  
**Wednesday, August 12, 2015**  
7:00 AM Lit. health and blessings for Andriy, Ivan and Ivan  
**Thursday, August 13, 2015,**  
8:00 AM Lit. + Joseph Petronis - Legate  
**Friday, August 14, 2015**  
8:00 AM Lit. + Mary Perski r/by Glenys Biloholowski  
**Saturday, August 15, 2015**  
**Dormition of the Theotokos**  
9:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
5:00 PM Lit. + Eudokia Zenchuk r/by Daughter, Helen  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 16, 2015**  
*Epistle - 1 Cor 15:1-11; Gospel - Mt 19:16-26*  
9:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:00 AM Lit. + Arthur Kara - Legate

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.

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.

Sincere Sympathies

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the families and friends of the following, who were recently called to their eternal reward:  
  
+ JOHN W. ADAMSHICK and + MARY PATULAK

Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund

\$50.00 - Joan Zaleski, in memory of  
+ JOHN ADAMSHICK

Childcare help needed

A parish family seeks part time childcare help for early weekday mornings. The caregiver must drive their own car to transport two children to school. Call 610-704-2445 for information.

Epistle Readers Needed!

Thank you to all volunteers who read the Epistle during the Divine Liturgy. Readers of the Epistle have the privilege of helping to proclaim the word of God in worship with clarity, dignity, care and attentiveness. We would like to extend our list of readers to the young members of your parish. If your child is interested in becoming a Saturday or Sunday Epistle reader, please contact Fr. Ivan by phone or at aphinagor@hotmail.com We are looking for both English and Ukrainian readers!

Marriage Banns

Alexandra Kachala and Matthieu Bouadana desire to receive the the Sacrament of Marriage in our church on Saturday, August 22. If anyone knows of any reason why this couple should not be joined in Holy Matrimony, they are bound in conscience to make the reason known to the parish priest, Fr. Ivan.

Let’s Take A Walk Through Our Church

If we look up in an Eastern Catholic Church we will often see a chandelier hanging from the dome or ceiling. A chandelier is a beautiful collection of lights placed in the midst of cut glass and crystal. Together they sparkle with great beauty. They remind us of the glorious beauty of the heavens with the sun, the moon, the planets, and the countless stars. The chandelier reminds us that the heavens speak to us. They tell us of the greatness of God. If the stars came out only once every one thousand years, we would stay up all night to see them. We would never forget what we saw. But they come out every night to remind us of God’s presence. We should not take them for granted. They show forth God’s glory. Someone once called the moon “God’s night light.” Every time we see the chandelier, it reminds us of how great God is. He is the One who placed all those beautiful stars in the heavens. He is the One who guides them. He is also the One who loves and guides us when we place our lives in His hands. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all (Psalm 1 04:24).

Divine Liturgy 133rd Supreme Convention

The Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, celebrated by Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States, at the 133rd Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Philadelphia can be view at the following link:  
[www.catholictv.com/shows/knights-columbus/divine-liturgy-133rd-supreme-convention](http://www.catholictv.com/shows/knights-columbus/divine-liturgy-133rd-supreme-convention)

Reminder for families of individuals who are admitted to hospital -

If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call the rectory to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given to him by the hospital.

Vibrant Parish Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as You once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be Your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News.

Strengthen us with Your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom.

Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Savior, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.