

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

12th Sunday After Pentecost, August 16, 2015

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

11:00 AM Lit. + Arthur Kara - Legate

Monday, August 17, 2015

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

8:00 AM Lit. + Elena Fazio r/by Cathy Iacuzio

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

8:00 AM Lit. + Frances Stek r/by Assumption Seniors

Thursday, August 20, 2015,

8:00 AM Lit. + Barbara Grausam

r/by Children and Grandchildren

Friday, August 21, 2015

8:00 AM Lit. Special Intention Richard, Frances r/by N.N.

Saturday, August 22, 2015

8:00 AM Lit. Health for the Family r/by Oksana Helias

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

13th Sunday After Pentecost, August 23, 2015

Epistle - 1 Cor 16:13-24; Gospel - Mt 21:33-42

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**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. Please contact Charlie Boyko at 732-254-3966.

2016 Donation Envelopes

We are now in the process of ordering envelopes for 2016. 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 2014 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.

Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund

\$50.00 - Massopust Family, in memory of
+ MARY PATULAK

Church Renovation Fund**In Memory of + FRANCES STEK:**

\$500.00 - George C. Stek

\$100.00 - Elizabeth Biank

\$100.00 - Stephen Stek

\$50.00 - Natalie Paul Stacy

\$25.00 - Irene Dochych

\$10.00 - Fords-Keasbey Senior Citizens

Celebrating Ukraine's Independence Day

Independence Day and National Day celebrations around the world are important celebrations for those countries, just as the 4th of July is a major holiday in the United States when we celebrate our Independence. A flag raising ceremony and a short program on the occasion of the 24th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence will be held on Sunday, August 23, after the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy in front of our parish school. With the events over the past year in Ukraine, this Independence Day is of particular importance to members of parish community. We will celebrate with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and throughout the Ukrainian diaspora, standing together in remembrance of Ukraine's past struggle for independence and its present and future assertion of its nationhood and proud heritage. Come and be counted!

The Dormition Hymns for today's Liurgy:

Troparion — Tone 1: *In giving birth you preserved your virginity, / In falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. / You were translated to life, O Mother of Life, / And by your prayers, you deliver our souls from death.*

Kontakion — Tone 2: *Neither the tomb, nor death could hold the Theotokos, / Who is constant in prayer and our firm hope in her intercessions. / For being the Mother of Life, / She was translated to life by the One who dwelt in her virginal womb.*

Dormition Of Our Most Holy Lady, The Theotokos

On the Cross, the Lord charged the Apostle John to care for His holy Mother. The Apostle settled her in a house in Jerusalem, where she lived for the rest of her days on earth, praying and offering counsel and encouragement to the Apostles. In her old age, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to her and told her that in three days' time she would enter into her rest. Giving thanks to God, she hastened to the Mount of Olives where she prayed continually, preparing herself to meet the Lord. Meanwhile, the Apostles, scattered in various parts of the earth, were caught up in clouds and miraculously brought by the holy Angels to Jerusalem, so that they might all be with the Theotokos at her repose. After she had blessed them, she gave up her soul to God. The Apostles buried her with all honor, solemnity and joy at Gethsemane. The Apostle Thomas, who was delayed (again!) by God's providence, arrived on the third day and went to her tomb, intending to honor her. But when the Apostles opened her grave, they found her holy body gone and only the winding-sheet remaining. That evening the Theotokos appeared to them surrounded by angels, and said to them, " Rejoice: I will be with you always!" Thus they learned that she had been bodily translated to heaven, anticipating the general resurrection of all. Her age at her repose is not known, but many say that she was about 60 years old.

**Pilgrimage**

Last Sunday, 48 pilgrims on the bus and many in their own cars returned safely after a wonderful trip to the Holy Dormition Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY. The highlight of the pilgrimage was undoubtedly the Pontifical Divine Liturgy celebrated by hierarchs of our Church in America and hundreds of faithful from other parishes praying together. It was an experience that brought us closer together as we came to know one another and to share the adventure of the pilgrimage. Thanks to Melanie and John Fedynyshyn for being in charge of our group.

Parish Hall Renovation

Our newly renovated hall looks wonderful! The renovation work is now complete except for final finishing touches. The renovation to our parish hall will help to sustain and grow our mission by improving our capacity for hospitality, service, worship and Christian formation for children, youth and adults. Five contractor companies submitted their bids for the project and Fr. Ivan with parish trustees (financial officers) selected a company that completed the work. The renovation project cost \$29,000 (materials/labor) and the amount was approved by His Grace, Archbishop Stefan Soroka. Thank you to everyone who made a gift of time, talent and treasure to this project.