

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, July 24, 2016**  
9:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:00 AM Lit. Sp. Int. Health of Ray Nicholas Rudy  
r/by Nancy Bialkowski  
**Monday, July 25, 2016**  
No Liturgy Scheduled  
**Tuesday, July 26, 2016**  
8:00 AM Lit. + John Patulak r/by John M. Patulak  
**Wednesday, July 27, 2016**  
8:00 AM Lit. + John Ilek r/by Helen & Jeff  
**Thursday, July 28, 2016**  
8:00 AM Lit. + Olena Kuch r/by Cathy & Ralph Iacuzio  
**Friday, July 29, 2016**  
8:00 AM Lit. + Charles Patulak r/by John M. Patulak  
**Saturday, July 30, 2016**  
8:00 AM Lit. and Pan. + Stephen Lahola  
r/by Ron & Irene Bigos  
5:00 PM Lit. + John Adamshick r/by Joyce, Mike, Bill  
**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, July 31, 2016**  
*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. + Maria Rodriguez r/by Mascenik Family

Registration Form

If you want your child/children to learn about God’s love for them and meet other youngsters from our parish, please register your child for our first Children’s Bible Summer Camp scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, August 29-30, 2016, 9:00a.m-3:00p.m. Sign-up sheet, registration forms are in the vestibule. If you plan for your child to go, put their name on the sign-up sheet and also take home the yellow registration form, fill it out and then return it to the rectory office or give it to Fr. Ivan no later then Sunday, August 24.

82nd Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day

Minersville, PA.--The 82nd Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day will be held Sunday, July 31st at St. Nicholas Church Picnic Grounds in Primrose (just outside Minersville), Schuylkill County, Pa. This annual event is sponsored by the 12 parishes and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery under the leadership of their respective pastors. The theme for this year’s event is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Josaphat Seminary and the celebration of all who have discerned their vocation to the priesthood through the seminary. A Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka and clergy of the deanery at 11 a.m. in the air-conditioned St. Nicholas Hall. The Divine Liturgy will conclude with a healing service and anointing and the veneration of the relics of Blessed Sister Josaphata Hordashevska, S.S.M.I. and Blessed Bishop-Martyr Mykola Charnetsky, C.Ss.R. Visitors will also have an opportunity to view the Vatican-authorized full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin, which will be on display throughout the day. A concert and dance program by the Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, will be presented in the open air band pavilion in the afternoon from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Polka music will be provided by the John Stevens’ Doubleshot Orchestra from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A theme basket auction, a variety of vendors selling traditional Ukrainian and Eastern European items, a Pysanky demonstration with classes for the youth in attendance and exciting games for the kids will be part of the day’s festivities. Pyrohy, holubtsi, kobasa, halushki, home-made soups, home-made cakes and pastries, together with traditional American fare and beverages will also be available to whet the appetites of young and old alike. Admission and parking are free. St. Nicholas Picnic Grove and Hall are located on Route 901 one mile north of Minersville in the village of Primrose, Schuylkill County, Pa. (GPS locator: 855 Sunbury Road, Pottsville, Pa.)

PASTOR’S CORNER  
Church Bells

Traditionally every Church has its bell tower. But did our Churches always have bells? No, history tells us. During the years when the Christians were persecuted there were no bells. When they had to be notified that they were to congregate some place to worship Almighty God, they were informed by other means, they were notified secretly. In the Christian East, bells appeared for the first time in Constantinople in the year 865 AD. A certain nobleman from Venice, Italy, sent Emperor John twelve bells as a gift for the Church of the Holy Wisdom (Hagia Sophia). They were called “campanes” because they were made from certain metals from the mines of Campania, a district in Italy. When the bells were first rung in Constantinople, the pious people felt a great joy. They thought that the angels had come down to earth and were sounding the trumpets, calling people to Church. Church bells are useful. Just as soldiers are called by the trumpet, Christians, who are called and should be soldiers of Christ Our Savior, are called by the Church bells. They are called to Church to fight the demons with the most powerful spiritual weapon, prayer. The Church bells call us to worship on Sundays and to celebrate the great Holy Days of Christianity. It is true that the Church bells are connected with our whole life: when one is baptized the Church bells ring, when a couple is married they ring, but also to announce with a sad tone when one is being led in a funeral procession for burial. During my travels to Eastern Europe and especially Ukraine, I have witnessed how the faithful, when they would hear the bells ringing, would cross themselves in a pious way. This is a very good and healthy tradition that we should also practice in our lives. We must be reminded of the fact that there are those who dislike the ringing of Church bells. They blaspheme when they hear them ringing. Sadly, we also have in our midst indifferent and cold Christians who are not moved at all when they hear the Church bells ringing. We must pray for them and ask Our Lord to open there hearts to the ringing of our Church bells that call us all to a life of sanctification-divinization, to Divine Worship and Christian fellowship which we can all experience in our Holy Churches. **Congratulations** Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to the following upon recently receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation - Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist: KSENYA VOICHAK Daughter of Taras and Ganna Voichak GEORGE DANIEL PAULIE Son of Michael and Natalie (Shevchuk) Paulie Многая і благая Літа! Many Blessed Years! **Last Sunday’s Bulletin** If you haven’t yet picked up last Sunday’s bulletin, it is available on the side table in the church vestibule, or on our website, <http://www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net> **Food For Thought** The churchgoer who never misses Sunday liturgy may spend as much as 78 hours per year in corporate prayer to God. Sound like a lot? An average American spends more than 2900 hours per year in front of some kind of screen. So for every hour we spend praying with God’s people and getting to know Him better, we spend more than 37 communing with rectangles with moving pictures. It’s no wonder that we know far more about politics, sports, fashion, soap operas and science fiction than we do about God.