

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 21, 2016

9:00 AM Lit. + Barbara Grausam r/by Family  
11:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners

Monday, August 22, 2016

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

8:00 AM Lit. + Michael Fedeyko - Legate

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

8:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Independence of Ukraine  
6:30 PM Moleben to Mary, Blessed Mother of God

Thursday, August 25, 2016

8:00 AM Lit. + Stefania Palya r/by Family

Friday, August 26, 2016

8:00 AM Lit. + Rose Baginsky r/by Family

Saturday, August 27, 2016

8:00 AM Lit. + John Melnyk (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
r/by Donna Pankulics  
5:00 PM Lit. + Myron Kataryniak r/by Wife, Eleanor

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 28, 2016

Epistle - 2 Cor 4:6-15; Gospel - Mt 22:35-46  
9:00 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:00 AM Lit. + Joan Bigos r/by Ron & Irene Bigos

2017 Donation Envelopes

We are now in the process of ordering envelopes for 2017. 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 2017 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.

Children’s Bible Summer Camp

Our First Bible Summer Camp for the youth of our parish children Grades 1 to 5 has been scheduled for August 29-30, 2016, 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m. If you want your child to learn about God’s love for them, please register your child for this FREE camp. We have a sign-up sheet and a registration form in the vestibule. Put your name on that 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 21st. The chairperson for this year’s camp is Mrs. Melanie Fedynyshyn and helpers.

Memorial Donation

\$250.00 - Donna Pankulics, in memory of  
+ JOHN MELNYK (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Liturgy Schedule

On Sunday, September 4, 2015 we will return to our regular Liturgy Schedule, Sundays at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM.

RENT in ELIZABETH, NJ

If you or your friends are looking to RENT a house or rooms in an apartment, St. Vladimir Parish in Elizabeth, NJ can offer you a special deal. Two furnished rooms available for rent:

- 1) Room 90 square feet for \$300 including all utilities.
- 2) Room 170 square feet for \$500 including all utilities.

The parish is also offering a 2 FLOOR HOUSE FOR RENT. This is a 3 bedroom, 1 ½ bathroom, single family home, located at Grier Ave., Elizabeth, NJ. Recently renovated and freshly painted, LR, DR, Front Porch, Deck, and backyard. The full basement is clean and recently painted. Basement provides ample storage. Tenant responsible for gas, electric, snow removal. The house is located in a very nice quiet street, close to Turnpike, and Garden State Parkway, US 1, short Commute to NYC. Feel free to contact the Pastor by phone, 215 360 7163.

+Bishop Richard Seminack Falls Asleep in the Lord

With sadness, Metropolitan Stefan informs you that +Bishop Richard Seminack, bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Nicholas in Chicago, fell asleep in the Lord, Tuesday afternoon, August 16th. The Funeral Divine Liturgy for the newly reposed Bishop Richard will be at 10:30 a.m. at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with the internment immediately following Divine Liturgy at St. Mary Cemetery, Elkins Park, PA 19027. Please remember Bishop Richard in your prayers. May his memory be eternal!

25th Ukrainian Independence Day Celebration

On August 24th the worldwide Ukrainian community will be marking a major milestone in Ukraine’s history - the 25th anniversary of Ukraine’s restored independence. On this day in 1991, the Parliament of Ukraine overwhelmingly approved the Act of Declaration of Independence of Ukraine, freeing the nation from the clutches of the Soviet Empire. On Wednesday, August 24, 2016 we will celebrate an 8:00 a.m. Liturgy marking the 25th Anniversary of the Restoration of Ukraine’s Independence and at 6:30 p.m. we will celebrate Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God followed by a flag-raising ceremony at our school. All are asked to participate.

QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR FAITH

*Why is the phrase "Lord, have mercy" repeated so often?*

The Liturgy is responsive prayer, with the priest leading and the choir and people echoing agreement. So phrases like "Lord, have mercy," "Grant it, O Lord," and "Amen" respond to the different specific petitions offered by clergy on behalf of the community and the world. When "Lord, have mercy" is repeated three times following each petition, it emphasizes the urgency with which we pray -- "Lord, please have mercy."

*Why is Mary called "Ever-Virgin?" What does "Theotokos" mean?*

Mary is called Ever-Virgin because our Church continues to teach that she remained a virgin following Jesus' birth. When the Bible speaks of Jesus' brothers, the cultural context allows for cousins and distant relatives to be referred to as brothers. Moreover, "Ever-Virgin" refers to the ongoing purity of she who consented to be the vessel through which God became Man.

"Theotokos," a Greek term that means "Birth-giver of God," was given to the Mary by the Third Ecumenical (All-Church) Council in A.D. 431, which refuted a heretic who denied Jesus' divinity. So the title "Theotokos" is applied to Mary only in reference to Christ.

*Why does the choir sing a capella?*

The teaching of the Church Fathers explains the use of musical instruments in Old Testament worship as a concession to the Israelite's inability to give up that aspect of ancient culture. New Testament worship, on the other hand, has always emphasized sober and spiritual worship. Musical instruments were not used in early Christian worship because they were associated with the loud, chaotic, and immoral pagan rites and parties of the ancient world that Christians were encouraged to leave behind. So, our Church continues to employ purely vocal music.

*What is that smoking metal vessel?*

Why does the priest swing it at times during the service? The vessel is a censer in which fragrant incense is burned during church services. The twelve bells attached to the chain represent the teaching of the Twelve Apostles. The priest swings the censer during the service -- sometimes toward the icons, sometimes toward the people -- to direct smoke heavenward with the prayers of the Church.