

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, September 4, 2016**

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

11:30 AM Lit. + John Sr. and Rose Patulak

r/by John M. Patulak

**Monday, September 5, 2016 - Labor Day**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

8:00 AM Lit. Mykola Vovchuk r/by son, Roman

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

No Morning Liturgy

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

**Thursday, September 8, 2016****Birth of the Theotokos**9:00 AM Lit. + Michael Duda (24<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) r/by Wife**Friday, September 9, 2016**

8:45 AM Lit. + Nicholas DeCarlo r/by Pickering Family

**Saturday, September 10, 2016**

8:00 AM Lit. + Mary Perski r/by M/M Thomas Rogan

5:00 PM Lit. + George Yacykewycz

r/by Putykewycz Family

**Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross,****September 11, 2016***Epistle - Gal 6:11-18; Gospel - Jn 3:13-17*

9:00 AM Lit. + Nastia Yurechko r/by St. Ann Society

Pan. + Victims fo September 11 Attack

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Happy Labor Day!**

*On this weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, Loving Father, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living. We thank You, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of Your Name.*

*We lift up to You all who long for just employment and those who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere. May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our Church and our world by our prayers and deeds of charity. May our working and our resting all give praise to You until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in Your Kingdom as You live and reign Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.*

**2017 Donation Envelopes**

If there are any changes to name or address, or if you are moving, contact 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. Any young person who does not have envelopes, must register when turning 18, in order to be considered a parishioner.

**GETTING MARRIED IN 2017 OR 2018?**

If you are considering getting married at our parish in 2017 or 2018; please contact Fr. Ivan.

**Banns of Marriage**

Banns of marriage are announced for KAITLYN E. MASCENIK, daughter of Ronald and Ana Mascenik, a member of our parish and JOSEPH DUARTE, son of Antonio and Laura Duarte, a member of Our Lady of Fatima, Newark. If anyone knows of any reason this marriage should not take place, please contact the parish office.

**Holy Name Society**

A meeting will be held in the church hall on Tuesday, September 6 at 8:00 PM.

**Senior Citizens Club**

A meeting will be held in the church hall on Thursday, September 8 at 12:00 noon.

**Summer Bible Camp - Thank You!**

Our first parish Summer Bible Camp was a huge success. We had 22 children (2nd -5th grades) join us for two amazing days. The children played games, made crafts, heard stories, ate some delicious snacks! The first day was a day filled to the brim with fun. It started out at our church hall where children offered prayer to Almighty God. Then a day was filled with variety of fun activities that included a visit to St. Michael Archangel in our church after art project about angels. Strawberries, whipped cream, & "angel food" cake for snack after lesson about angels. Craft project with butterflies during discussion on the beauty of creation. The children also learn how to create their designs by watching their pastor create his.

Throughout the second day of camp the children took part in many different fun activities like playing in the bounce house and participating in "Leaping for the Lord" potato sack races. In addition to activities children listened to stories and heard teaching that all clearly spoke to the power of the Gospel! The campers also worked on "Abraham mobile" and "Baby Moses" projects and composed their own version of a "Genesis Mural". For lunch campers ate a delicious barbeque prepared by Fr. Ivan at the church rectory.

There were lots of amazing projects and lots of new friendships made. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen. Melanie Fedynyshyn did a great job as the organizer and instructor for children's camp! She and her husband John have been pivotal in the success of camp. We could NOT do this without their help! A special thank you to the children who attended and the families who shared their children with us! Please view images from the camp in the church vestibule. We hope to see you next year at Summer Blast!

**"Freedom or Death!"**

NEXY SUNDAY, September 11, 2016 after Ukrainian Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. in our church hall, the American filmmaker of Ukrainian origin Damien Kolody will present to our parishioners and guests the documentary film "Freedom or Death" about the events on the Maidan during the Revolution of Dignity. Damien Kolody ventures to the frontline of the rebels to explore its origins and its potential consequences for the people of Ukraine. This film documents the chronology of recent events, how peaceful pro European demonstrations have escalated into Ukraine's current military conflict with Russia. Many people in the West have a vague understanding about these events. "Freedom or Death" is designed and geared towards an English speaking audience. The film in both languages is free and the director will personally present a picture, and answer the questions after the show.

**Religious Education For Children**

First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes will be held starting SUNDAY, October 2, 2016 for our parish children (6-7 years old). Please contact Sister Yosaphata at 732-826-9165 or Fr. Ivan to register your child for the program. Lessons are held Sundays in the school from 10 to 11 AM. The date for the First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion will be on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM there will be a special wedding anniversary celebration for all married couples. This event will take place at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia with an 11:00 Divine Liturgy followed by a banquet for the couples honoring Married Life. Archbishop Stefan invites all married faithful to this special celebration of the Holy Mystery of Crowning (Matrimony) and its witness in our society today. The cost is \$50.00 per couple and \$30.00 for guests. If you are interested in attending, please see Fr. Ivan for a registration form. Deadline for registration is September 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR FAITH.**

***Why do the clergy and servers proceed among the people at times during the service? What are they carrying?***

Those circular processions of clergy and servers are called "entrances." During the Small Entrance, which follows the antiphons, the priest elevates the Gospel book, symbolizing our approach in Christ to the throne of God and our preparation to hear His Word. During the Great Entrance, which follows the Gospel reading and homily, the priest elevates the chalice and paten, symbolizing our offering of our whole selves to God as Christ offered himself for us. In the chalice, a large, long-stemmed gold or silver cup, are the wine and water that will become the Blood of Christ used to celebrate the Eucharist. On the paten, a small gold or silver plate, are the Lamb -- the bread that will become the Body of Christ used to celebrate the Eucharist -- and other smaller pieces of bread commemorating saints.

***Why does the priest frequently proclaim, "Wisdom..."?***

"Wisdom..." is a call to pay attention to the important things that follow. Why are the readings chanted? This practice continues from the Old Testament synagogue tradition. Chanting offers a number of advantages over simple reading. It aids in the memorization of passages to be recited, projects the voice farther than does normal reading aloud, permits the reader to emphasize certain words to enhance meaning, and brings an enhanced aesthetic character beyond that of simply the spoken word.

***Why does the priest say, "The doors, the doors?"***

In the early Church, non-Christians and catechumens were excused at this point and the church doors were closed. Only baptized Christians were permitted to participate in "the Liturgy of the Faithful" that followed. This call commemorates that era when being a Christian was a capital offense, and it continues to express the seriousness of the commitment required of the faithful.

### **Nativity of the Theotokos**

On Thursday, September 8th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God. To honor and celebrate the birth of our Lady, Divine Liturgy will be celebrated Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and on the Feast itself at 9:00 a.m. Please come to celebrate one of the most ancient Feasts from the 6th century in honor of our Lady.

### **The Nativity of the Mother of God**

*We extol you, O Most Holy Virgin, and we venerate the holy ancestors of God, and we celebrate your glorious Nativity!*

The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however, this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion. According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.