

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday Before the Exaltation, September 11, 2016

9:00 AM Lit. + Nastia Yurechko r/by St. Ann Society
Pan. + Victims of September 11 Attack

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

Monday, September 12, 2016

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. Volodymyr and Ivanna Fediv r/by Family

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM Lit. Health of Victora and Luba
r/by Nadia Kalinichouk

7:00 PM - For God’s Blessings on our Parishioners

Thursday, September 15, 2016

7:30AM Lit. + Elena Fazio
r/by Antonietta and Anna Gianfrancesco

Friday, September 16, 2016

8:45 AM Lit. + Eugene Naumenko Jr.
r/by Sr. Yosaphata

Saturday, September 17, 2016

8:00 AM Lit. + Harold & Olga Lawley - Legate
5:00 PM Lit. + Joseph Neubauer - Legate

Sunday After the Exaltation, September 18, 2016

Epistle - Gal 6:11-18; Gospel - Jn 3:13-17

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Maryann Smereka
r/by Stanley Stempinski

St. Ann’s Society

The Rosary will be recited on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 PM. A meeting will follow in the church hall. Stanley Products catalogs will be available and an order will be placed at the conclusion of the meeting.

Hostesses for the meeting are: Allyson Fizer, Louise Fowler, Oksana Helyas and Caterina Iacuzio.

Memorial Donation

\$111.00 - Stanley Stempinski in memory of
+ MARYANN SMEREKA

Banns of Marriage

Banns of marriage are announced for ALEXANDRA T. LASCHUK, daughter of Andrew and Irene Laschuk, a member of our parish and PHILIP G. CASTIGLIA, son of Philip and Mary Castiglia. If anyone knows of any reason this marriage should not take place, please contact the parish office.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY 2016

Blessing of School Students

Fr. Ivan will bless the school students after Sunday’s Liturgies on September 18, 2016. As the students return to school it is important they do so with the blessing of Almighty God. All students from elementary level through graduate school are invited to come forward to receive this very special blessing upon them.

Ukrainian Festival

Come to the Ukrainian Heritage Festival on September 18, 2016 at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ. Live music and entertainment - Something for everyone. Entrance Fee \$5, Address: 217 President St. Passaic, NJ 07055.

Exaltation of the Cross

On Wednesday, September 14th, we celebrate the Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross. To commemorate the discovery of the Holy Cross, which took place in Jerusalem in the year 326, we will have a morning Divine Liturgy at 8:00 a.m. and evening Divine Liturgy at 7:00 p.m. Please remember that a strict fast is prescribed on this day.

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.

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.

WHEN YOU ENTER CHURCH.

It is customary to first go to the Tetrapod Table up front, in the middle of church — there we are to make the sign of the cross, bow, and kiss the icon and cross displayed there. We then bow and make the sign of the cross again, and then go to light candles or take our place for Liturgy. In our Ukrainian Greek Catholic Churches, we make the Sign of the Cross (holding together the right thumb, index and middle fingers) starting with our forehead, then to our mid-chest, then to our right shoulder first, then the left shoulder. Also in our churches, we do not genuflect (brief bending of the right knee towards the altar) - instead, we make the sign of the cross the Eastern way, and then bow respectfully towards the altar. Let us humbly preserve and promote our own customs, and teach them to our dear younger generations.

+++ We pray that God will grant Blessed Repose to all of those who senselessly lost their lives on September 11, 2001