

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**12th Sunday After Pentecost, August 27, 2017**

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

11:00 AM Lit. + Myron Kataryniak r/by wife, Eleanor

Monday, August 28, 2017

8:00 AM Lit. + Vera and Marie Glowa

Tuesday, August 29, 2017

8:00 AM Lit. Special Intention Oleg Sugery

r/by Olga Yurechko

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

8:00 AM Lit. + Helena Tuly's r/by Senior Citizens Club

Thursday, August 31, 2017

8:00 AM Lit. + Steve, Mary Melnykevich r/by Family

Friday, September 1, 2017

8:00 AM Lit. + Marguerite Labadessa

r/by Charles & Glenys Biloholowski and Family

Saturday, September 2, 2017

8:00 AM Lit. + Elena Iacuzio r/by Rina Granato

5:00 PM Lit. + Joyce Schurzky r/by Ann Marie Stek

13th Sunday After Pentecost, September 3, 2017*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. + Barbara Nelson r/by Nancy & Kenny

School Students are Invited to Bring their School Bags & Back Packs Filled with School Supplies

As we prepare to welcome back the staff and pupils to our parish school for the new academic year, we ask that ACS students and all children of our parish who attend different schools to bring their schoolbags to Divine Liturgies on Sunday, September 3rd at 9:00 am or 11:30 am to have them blessed for the new school year. Fr. Ivan will offer children's homily and all young people are invited to bring their school bags to the special gathering.

2018 Donation Envelopes

We are now in the process of ordering envelopes for 2018. IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES TO NAME OR ADDRESS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH SECRETARY. If you did not receive envelopes and wish to be a **registered parishioner, please FILL OUT THE NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM** in the church vestibule and give it to Fr. Ivan or send it to the rectory. Anyone wishing to act as a sponsor for a baptism, confirmation, etc., must be a registered parishioner. Any person turning age 18, in order to be considered a registered parishioner, should ask to receive donation envelopes.

Liturgy Schedule

On Sunday, September 3, 2017 we will return to our regular Liturgy Schedule, Sundays at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM.

Children's Bible Summer Camp

Bible Summer Camp for the youth of our parish children Grades 1 to 5 has been scheduled for Mon.-Wed., August 28-29-30, 2017, 9:00 a.m-4:00 p.m. 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 this FREE camp. Lunch provided, activities, games, crafts.

We have a sign-up sheet and a registration form in the vestibule. If your child is planning to go, 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 than Sunday, August 27.

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to the following upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist:

MAXIM PETER

Son of Viktor Peter and Iana Kovach Peter

Indiction, Beginning of the Liturgical Year

On September 1st we begin the new Ecclesiastical Church Year. It is called the beginning of the "indiction" - meaning "to impose." It was first applied in imposing taxes in Egypt. The Roman Emperor Diocletian extended the system of taxing conquered people to the whole Roman Empire. The first official worldwide indication originated with the Emperor Constantine in 312 A.D. when he saw a miraculous vision of the sign of the Cross in the sky. The Church picked this day to begin its calendar for various reasons. Before the Julian Calendar the Romans began their year on September 1st. Once the Julian Calendar was written, the year began in January and ended in December. Many years later the Gregorian Calendar took its place, because the Julian Calendar was thirteen days behind; today we use the Gregorian Calendar. According to Holy Tradition it was on September 1st that our Lord first entered the Jewish Synagogue (Luke 4) to preach his mission to us.

The Chandelier

If we look up in any Easter Catholic church we will often see a chandelier hanging from the dome or ceiling. A chandelier is a beautiful collection of lights placed in the midst of cut glass and crystal. Together they sparkle with great beauty. They remind us of the glorious beauty of the heavens with the sun, the moon, the planets, and the countless stars. The chandelier reminds us that the heavens speak to us. They tell us of the greatness of God. If the stars came out only once every one thousand years, we would stay up all night to see them. We would never forget what we saw. But they come out every night to remind us of God's presence. We should not take them for granted. They tell of God's greatness. They show forth His glory. Someone once called the moon "God's night light." Every time we see the chandelier, it reminds us of how great God is. He is the One who placed all those beautiful stars in the heavens. He is the One who guides them. He is also the One who loves and guides us when we place our lives in His hands. O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all (Psalm 104:24).

Using Your Potential

The story is told of two men who were caught stealing sheep. Their punishment was to be branded on the forehead, "ST" (sheep thief). One of the branded men, unable to deal with his brand, immediately moved to another area to live. The one who stayed in the locality decided that he would show his townfolk that he could change.

As the story is told, many years later a newcomer in town, seeing the branded man, asked another person, "What does ST mean?" "I don't know," he replied, "but knowing the man I think it stands for 'SAINT'."

We are called not to be afraid of small beginnings, but also not to fail to begin. What we have done, or what we have let ourselves become is of little concern to the Lord. What we decide to do with our God-given potential is the only concern. We have the potential, however small we may perceive it to be, to call to life the power of God's Holy Spirit within our lives; that His light and life may shine through our words and actions.

Religious Education For Children

First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes will be held starting in October for our parish children (6-7 years old) preparing to make their First Confession and receive Solemn Holy Communion. 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.