

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross,
September 10, 2017**

9:00 AM Lit. + Kornylo Halushka r/by Nick Lyszyk

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

Monday, September 11, 2017

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

7:30 AM +Paraskevia and Peter r/by Anna

Wednesday, September 13, 20177:30 AM + Stella Siluk (39th Anniv.) r/by Helen Duda**Thursday, September 14, 2017****Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

7:30 AM Lit. + Kaythryn Alzamora r/by Michael Raab

7:00 PM Lit. + Helena & Michael Tulys r/by Family

Friday, September 15, 2017

8:45 AM Lit. + Jean Mattei r/by Mary Ann Makar

Saturday, September 16, 2017

8:00 AM Lit. + Nastia Yurechko r/by Stacey Lecuire

5:00 PM Lit. + William Adamshick r/by Wife & Sons

Sunday er the Exaltation of the Cross,**September 17, 2017***Epistle - Gal 2:16-20; Gospel - Mk 8:34-9:1*

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Maryann Smereka

r/by Stanley Stempinski

Religious Education For Children

First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes will be held starting SUNDAY, October 1, 2017 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 or simply bring your child to the parish school for the first day of catechism. Lessons are held Sundays in the school from 10 to 11 AM.

St. Ann Society

The Rosary will be recited in church on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7:00 PM, followed by a meeting in the church hall. Calendar Party tickets will be distributed. Plans for 2018 will be discussed. Hostesses are as follows: H. Cheloc, A. Fizer, M. Frankel, J. Galetta.

Senior Citizens Club

A meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14 2017 at 12:00 noon in the church hall.

ACS Students Celebrate Their First Day of School

On Wednesday, 135 students were welcomed by their teachers and a new principal, Mrs. Lissette Shumny, who started her first year as ACS principal. An energy of excitement and anticipation buzzed on the school grounds as the students, fresh-faced in their crisp uniforms reunited with friends and shook off any lingering first-day jitters. We are proud and excited to launch the 2017-2018 school year with our incredibly talented and dedicated teaching staff and ongoing support and partnership of Assumption parish.

Employment Opportunity at Assumption School

Ukrainian Language Teacher - ACS is seeking a part time Ukrainian Teacher. An ideal candidate will be fluent in English and Ukrainian. Candidate may send letter of interest and resume to Mrs. Shumny, principal at accschooloffice@gmail.com or call 732-826-8721.

Reception Of Holy Communion

Parishioners who have canes or walkers or are a bit unsteady on their feet, are invited to come up and stand inside the first pew on Mary's side of the Church to receive Communion. Father will come down to you. Perhaps a good time to come up to the first pew would be right after the Our Father, so you will be in place inside the first pew when Communion time arrives. And to ALL parishioners: please do not close your eyes when you receive communion. Just tilt your head back, open your mouth wide as though your are yawning, and do not touch the spoon or close your mouth or lips on the spoon.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is celebrated each year on September 14. The Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine.

Early in the fourth century St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman. The cross immediately became an object of veneration and remains so till today.

NEVER FORGET

9/11. For years, those numbers simply meant a call for help. Now they also remind us of Sept. 11, 2001, the date of the worst terrorist attack on the United States of America and one of the deadliest days ever on American soil. Those whose lives were lost on September 11 will remain in our thoughts and prayers forever.

The Blood Of Christ And The Skull Of Adam

The Mount of Calvary or Golgotha means in Hebrew the "place of the Skull." Some biblical scholars have erroneously attested that it was called this name because the rock formations there resembled a skull. Yet, the actual reason for the name comes from an ancient Jewish tradition that the skull of Adam was brought on the Ark by Noah, and then buried under Calvary. At the moment of Christ's death, the earth quaked and the rock was split in two, thus allowing the atoning Blood of Christ to literally flow over the bones of Adam. This is why in our church iconographical depictions of the Crucifixion, we see a skull and crossbones at the base of the Cross.

About The Three-Barred Cross

The Three-barred Cross is common to most Slavic Orthodox lands. The three bars distinguish the Holy Cross as the Cross of Christ, as opposed to other crosses used by the Romans. The smaller upper bar represents the sign placed above the Lord's head, which read, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews". The slanted lower bar reflects the fate of the thieves crucified on either side of the Lord: one side pointing up to Paradise, the other downward to Hades. On either side of the Cross are often pictures the spear used to pierce the Lord's side, and the pole with the sponge used to give Him sour wine to drink.

Question About Our Faith

Where in the Bible can one find and read that the Roman Catholic Church is the true Church of Jesus Christ?

The Bible doesn't mention the Roman Catholic Church because that name was given it after the death & Resurrection of Jesus. The Bible does mention that Jesus established a Church & made Peter its head. He also said that this Church would exist & that He would be with it for all time, and that He would send The Holy Spirit to keep it from all error. Therefore, Jesus did establish a Church and that Church exists today. Hence, the big question is which is the True Church of Jesus Christ? Is it one of the protestant churches which started 1500 years later? Is it one of the fundamentalist sects that began in the 20th century? If so, Jesus was wrong and His Church didn't exist from all time, but was missing for 15 centuries. But Jesus was not wrong and the Church He established exists in the Catholic Church (not just the Roman Catholic Church which is the Western branch, but also the Eastern Churches). Only the Catholic Church can trace itself in the unbroken line through It's Bishops to the Apostles & only the Bishop of Rome traces himself back in an unbroken line to Peter. No other Church can make this claim. Jesus meant His Church for all peoples and so commissioned His Apostles to go to the whole world. This universal (Catholic) aspect of the Church is how Its Name arose in popular usage. It was Jesus (Matthew 28:19) who made it Catholic (universal) and thus did in effect give it "Its Name".