

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**6th Sunday After Pentecost, July 1, 2018**

9:00 AM Lit. + Kateryna Kichula

r/by Petro & Mariia Kichula

11:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Saturday, July 7, 2018

5:00 PM - Lit. + Wasyl Czaban r/by Rozalia

6th Sunday After Pentecost, July 8, 2018*Epistle - Rom 15:1-7; Gospel - Mt 9:27-35*

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

11:00 AM Lit. + Raymond Otlowski r/by Galetta Family

"Friends of the Festival" Donations

\$50.00 - Ed & Carol Bishop

Another Successful Parish Festival!

On Saturday, June 23, 2018 Assumption Parish in Perth Amoy, NJ held its 6th Annual Ukrainian Cultural Festival on the grounds of the parish. The Festival was a huge success, thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, the support of our sponsors, and the joy and energy of everyone who attended. We are truly blessed at Assumption parish to have so many parishioners who give of their time, talent, and treasure to support us. We estimate that well over 1000+ parishioners and guests joined us for a fun-filled day that included delicious homemade Ukrainian food and deserts, Ukrainian beer, a church tour, Beautiful Baskets raffle, 50/50 money lottery and more. This year our parish was honored with the presence of Wilda Diaz, the mayor of the City of Perth Amboy and His Excellency Bishop Andriy Rabyi, the Apostolic Administrator of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, PA who visited the festival for the first time.

The Festival Committee and its chairperson, Mr. Ronald Mascenik, would like to thank everyone who came to the festival, purchased raffle tickets, or made a donation to the event. Thank you to everyone - the Festival Committee who spent many weeks of planning and organizing, volunteers who gave up their valuable free time to prepare our traditional Ukrainian food by working many days in a row cooking in the kitchen, to our parish secretary who handled pre-sales, ordering and so many details, ad booklet organizer, ladies who baked, volunteers who decorated the hall, were in charge of money and gift raffles, organized church tour, set up our big tent, picked up food at stores, vendor's organizer, ticket booths sellers, stage/sound volunteers, security, MC's, setup and cleanup crews, servers at the kitchen and bake table, dancers and singers, volunteers who picked up trash and washed tables and all the forgotten helpers who made the festival a great success. We especially want to thank our main sponsor "Meest-America, Inc" that provides international delivery of packages and all the sponsors whose support was crucial to our success. From a financial standpoint, this year's festival looks very good and the final report will be given in August. Our festival finds success thanks to 'volunteers, volunteers and still more volunteers'. So, thank you again to all who attended and supported the Festival, and we are looking forward to an even bigger and better event next year.

This festival celebration has brought many of our faithful together. We have all worked tirelessly and with much zeal in preparing this event. As your parish priest I thank each one of you, asking Our Lord to continue to bless our parish family on our faith journey.

Fr. Ivan Turyk - Pastor

Patriarch Sviatoslav to make Marian August Pilgrimage

Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, joyfully announce that His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk will preside at the 64th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY on August 11-12, 2018. Our parish will have a bus to go to the Pilgrimage on SUNDAY, AUGUST 12. We will be able to participate at the Pontifical Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m., receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Blessing of the Sick. We will also pray the Stations of the Cross and the Moleben to the Mother of God at 3:30 p.m. The bus will leave from the front of the church at 8:00 a.m. and after completion of all services at 5:00 p.m. return to Perth Amboy. The tickets for the bus are \$20 for an adult person and the money will be collected on the bus. Bus seating is limited and will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. The bus Registration Form will be available in the church vestibule in July-August.

Happy Independence Day!

Heavenly Father, on this holiday we give thanks to You for the gift and blessing of the freedom we enjoy in our great nation. We praise You, Lord, for inspiring and guiding our founding fathers as they struggled to build our country and create a new way of living with the goal of freedom and justice for all. We thank You, Lord, for the courageous self-sacrifice and generous spirit of countless people who have given their life's blood in the defense of freedom and for the pursuit of justice. Keep us faithful to the tradition and example we have inherited; may we leave for the next generation a better world, prepared for the dawning of the Kingdom of Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR FAITH

Why can't we have our Catholic wedding at our favorite inn?

A beach, a lake house, an inn, or your favorite restaurant are all places that hold personal meaning to you. So when it comes time to tie the knot, those places may come up as options for the wedding ceremony. But when planning a wedding, please remember that a wedding is not a private ceremony, but a public act of worship to God.

Why does the Church want the wedding to happen in a church? The Church's clear preference for weddings within familiar churches is meant to stress the interconnection among all the sacraments. For example, years ago many brides celebrated their weddings in the churches where they received Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. In those cases the spiritual connection was abundantly clear. Now of course the mobility of families makes this somewhat rare. However, it is praiseworthy - and beautiful - to have your wedding in the place where you regularly partake of the Eucharist. After all, your 'spiritual home' is your true home. . . your living relationship with the Lord. What a joy to be able to publicly worship God and say your marriage vows in the house of the third person in the marriage - Christ Himself!