

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, July 22, 2018**

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

11:00 AM Lit. + Joseph Andrusezko r/by Rozalia

**Tuesday, July 24, 2018**

8:00 AM Lit. Special Intention Archbishop Stefan Soroka r/by Deacon Paul &amp; Anna

**Thursday, July 26, 2018**

8:00 AM Lit. + John Adamshick r/by John M. Patulak

**Friday, July 27, 2018**

8:00 AM Lit. + John Ilek r/y Helen and Jeff

**Saturday, July 28, 2018**

8:00 PM Lit. and Pan. + Stephen Lahola r/by Family

5:00 PM Lit. + Margaret Zakanycz r/by Blyskun Family

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, July 29, 2018***Epistle - 1 Cor 4:9-16; Gospel - Mt 17:14-23*

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

11:00 AM Lit. + Mary &amp; Ray Otlowski r/by Galetta Family

**Festival Committee Meeting**

To everyone who helped make this year's parish Festival an overwhelming success, THANK YOU! This is our largest fundraiser of the year and we could not have done it without your dedication to the parish, and willingness to volunteer your precious free time. A wrap-up meeting of the 2018 Festival Committee will be held on Monday, July 30, at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

**Children's Bible Summer Camp.**

Bible Summer Camp for the parish children Grades 1 to 5 has been scheduled for Mon.- Wed., August 27-28-29, 2018, 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m. in our church hall. We want to reach and teach your children in such a way that they have the greatest opportunity to become devoted followers of Jesus. Every day, we'll pray, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, make new friends and discover the God who gave us what we need to succeed in life's Big Game.

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 Monday, August 20. The chairperson of the camp is Mrs. Melanie Fedynshyn.

**Holy Tradition vs. Local Customs in Catholic Churches.**

In our Church there are those things which belong to "Holy Tradition" and those things which are simply "traditions" (or, perhaps, better called "customs"). In essential matters—doctrine, sacraments, worship, etc.—there are no differences. In minor things—the style of vestments, the exact order of services, customs associated with various feast days—there is a wide variety of customs which may be found, as developed in various times and various places based on a wide variety of circumstances. Furthermore, these customs are not, nor were they ever intended to be, that which brings about unity within the Church. For example, in some places, the iconostasis is a rather high, solid wall, consisting of several rows of icons; in other places, the iconostasis is low, perhaps only one or maybe two rows high. The important thing is that the icons are properly displayed and employed and venerated; of secondary—and here quite inconsequential—importance is how many rows any given iconostasis may or may not have. Another example: Among many Catholic churches there is a custom of blessing food in conjunction with the celebration of Holy Pascha; in other places this practice is unknown. This does not indicate a "difference" in anything essential in the faith or in the life of the Church; rather, it is an expression of Paschal joy developed in some places for specific reasons but perhaps not in others. In no way does the blessing of Paschal food, or the lack thereof, make one's celebration "better" or "worse." What is critical—and what is absolutely the same among all Catholic Christians—is the centrality of the celebration of the Holy Pascha, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Blessing food may be a wonderful aspect of this celebration, but it surely is not essential to obtaining eternal life.

**Do Not Stay Away From Church**

Because it rains - You go to work in the rain;

Because it is hot - So is the golf course;

Because it is cold - It is warm, cozy and friendly inside;

Because you are poor - Did you know that there is no admission charge;

Because you are rich - That can be cured overnight;

Because no one invites you - People go to the movies without being asked;

Because you have children - God loves them too;

Because they are hypocrites - You associate with them on a daily basis;

Because you have company - They will admire your loyalty if you bring them along, or ask them to wait till you get back;

Because your clothes are not expensive or up to par -

Churches are not supposed to be fashion shows;

Because the church always wants money - So does your grocer or utility company;

Because you have plenty of time to go later ...

**ARE YOU SURE OF THIS?****Patriarch Sviatoslav to make Marian Pilgrimage in USA**

The desire to be a pilgrim is deeply rooted in human nature. Since the earliest times, pilgrimages to holy places have been made as acts of devotion, penance or thanksgiving, or to seek blessings or miracles. A pilgrimage is a sacred journey in which God is encountered through the places, people and situations a pilgrim meets. This physical journey coincides with an inner spiritual journey that reflects the concept of life itself as a pilgrimage.

This year, 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. His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan will also be an honorable guest and main celebrant.

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 is available in the church vestibule.

**Mark your Calendar.**

Please note, that because of the Dormition Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY on Sunday August 12, 2018 there will be ONLY ONE 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy in our church.

**Bishop Andriy Rabyi to Lead Pilgrims at Assumption Church, Centralia, Pa.**

All are invited to join Bishop Andriy Rabyi and clergy on a Pilgrimage at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Centralia, Pa. on Sunday, August 26th. The pilgrimage begins at 12:00 noon with the celebration of the Divine Liturgy with Bishop Andriy as the main celebrant. Bishop Ronald Gainer will give a reflection and lead the praying of a Living Rosary at 2:00 PM before the historic and jeweled 18th century copy of the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv. At 3:00 PM Akafist to the Mother of God will be sung. At 4:30 PM a candlelight procession to the church for the celebration of a Moleben to the Mother of God with Bishop Andriy as main celebrant and homilist. At the conclusion of the Moleben, prayers for healing and the anointing with holy oils for the healing of soul and body will take place.

Confessions will be available throughout the day at various locations on the church grounds. There will be religious goods for sale, which will be blessed at the conclusion of the Living Rosary in the outdoor chapel. Food service will be provided from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

This is a Rain or Shine event. Handicap parking will be provided on the church grounds.

The church is located 2 Blocks North of Route 42 in Centralia, Pennsylvania, at the following mailing address 1130 Summit Hill Rd. Aristes, PA 17920.