

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**13th Sunday After Pentecost, August 19, 2018**

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

11:00 AM Lit. + Stephania Palya r/by Palya Family

Monday, August 20, 2018

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

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Wednesday, August 22, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Richard Mosko r/by M.S.M.G.

Thursday, August 23, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Michael Fedeyko - Legate

Friday, August 24, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Ray Otlowski r/by Joyce Adamshick

Saturday, August 25, 2018

8:00 PM Lit. + Anna Baralecki

r/by Eugene & Rosalie Naumenko

5:00 PM Lit. + Hutnick and Kataryniak Families - Legate

14th Sunday After Pentecost, August 26, 2018*Epistle - 2 Cor 1:21-2:4; Gospel - Mt 22:1-14*

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

11:00 AM Lit. + Joanie Bigos r/by Ron & Irene

A Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all our visitors from near and from far. It's good to have you all here with us! There is a Ukrainian song, kind of sad, that's titled «Останні теплі дні» which basically means, "The last warm days". As we find ourselves in the last two weeks of August, we may wonder if these aren't the last warm days? After these days, the general period of summer vacation will come to a close. It will be time to get ready to go back to school and get back to "regular", but necessary routines at home and yes, our Parish will start gearing up too. But that's the consolation!... We may be passing from the more easy-going summer routine, but the autumn routine with its thrilling new opportunities has a satisfaction and excitement all its own!

There are always new plans for the new church year. We're determined to make the upcoming church year even better than last! There will be new people among old friends with whom to collaborate. New ideas and yet familiar traditions. So, let's start getting ourselves ready for the fall and winter months filled with many exciting events in our parish and school. It is definitely not too early to take a moment to think about the Catechism program and how your children and grandchildren can be involved. How will you and your family more effectively benefit from the Parish, but also contribute in making it a better place? Things to think about and start acting upon. But, Hey.. summer is still on... so don't forget to get outside and enjoy it!

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. 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 in the vestibule.

2019 Donation Envelopes

We are now in the process of ordering envelopes for 2019. 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 blue registration form at the back of the church or contact the rectory. Anyone wishing to act as a sponsor for a baptism, confirmation, etc., must be a registered parishioner.

Religious Education For Children

First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes led by Mrs. Nancy Bialkowski will be held starting SUNDAY, October 7, 2018 for our parish children (6-7 years old). Please contact Fr. Ivan at 732-826-0767 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 parish school from 10 to 11 AM.

QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR FAITH**Why are the Flowers Blessed?**

Holy Tradition tells us that all the Apostles, except Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas, were able to be in Jerusalem in order to be with The Theotokos as she died and to be present at her burial. When the Apostle Thomas arrived the next day, they opened the tomb so that he could say his farewell. They found only an empty tomb filled with sweet-smelling flowers. We bless flowers and aromatic herbs in remembrance of this great sign of her holiness. This Sunday, come to the tetrapod table in front of our church a venerate the Shroud of Mary. Come and experience the funeral procession of our Lady and... "Let us approach the tomb of the Mother of God, and let us embrace it, touching it sincerely with the lips and eyes and forehead of the heart. Let us draw abundant gifts of healing grace from this ever-flowing fount..."

But why must I go to a priest for confession; can't I just confess directly to God?

The first Christians confessed their sins publicly, out loud before everyone in the Church, because we sin against both God and one another; and they received the forgiveness -- the absolution -- from the bishop (or the priest) as directed by our Lord. St James confirms this, saying: "Confess your sins to one another" (James 5:10). Because people unfortunately began to discuss one another's sins, the Church prescribed that the priest (or bishop) would not only individually offer the forgiveness, but would also individually hear the penitent's confession with the promise of confidentiality. Just like we cannot be healed by our doctor unless we tell him where the pain is, we cannot be healed of our sins unless we tell them in the presence of our spiritual father. It is humbling to be sure; but that cures the mother of all sin: pride. St John Chrysostom tells us, "It is difficult to confess to our spiritual father; but I would rather confess my sins to one man and be forgiven, than be disgraced before the whole universe at the Last Judgment for my unforgiven sins."

Assistance To Those Affected By Floods in PA and NJ

The ongoing torrential rains in Pennsylvania and New Jersey this week have affected many of our parishes and parishioners and non-parishioners in these areas. Many people have lost properties and personal valuables. Our Archeparchy is asking for your help and asks for your donations, which will be given directly to the parishioners and non-parishioners who are in need in the North and South Anthracite deaneries in Shenandoah, St. Clair, Mount Carmel, Centralia, Shamokin, Marion Heights, Olyphant, Minersville, Middleport, McAdoo, Hazleton, Scranton, Simpson, Nanticoke, Plymouth, Berwick, Glen Lyon, Wilkes Barre, Edwardsville, Frackville, Maizeville and the Pottsville area as well as the Toms River and Brick Township areas of New Jersey. Help them to rebuild and restore what was lost. Already \$3500 has been approved for payments to those who have experienced flood damage. In your kindness, please drop off your cash or check donation today in the charity box at the back of our church or consider sending a check directly to our Archeparchy - Archbishop's Chancery, 810 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Attention: US Disaster Recovery Fund. Please make your check payable to: Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Thank you for your generosity and consideration!

Holy Dormition Pilgrimage

Last Sunday, 49 pilgrims on the bus and many more in their own cars returned safely after a wonderful trip to the Holy Dormition Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, NY. The highlight of the pilgrimage was undoubtedly the Pontifical Divine Liturgy presided by His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk and celebrated by many hierarchs of our Ukrainian Catholic Church in America and thousands of faithful from other parishes praying together. After a nearly hour drive filled with prayer and the recitation of the Rosary, our bus arrived at Mary's House in Sloatsburg, where we were personally greeted with a smile, handshake and even hugs by the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, who organized this beautiful pilgrimage. It was a day of peace, prayerful reflection, spiritually uplifting and joy filled.

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 townsfolk 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.