

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross,
September 9, 2018**

9:00 AM Lit. + Helen Tulys r/by Joyce Adamshick
11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

6:00 PM Lit. + Michailo (1st Anniv.)
r/by Daughter, Iryna Kuzyshyn

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + William Adamshick r/by Ann Starek

Thursday, September 13, 2018

8:00 AM Lit + Elena Fazio r/by Jo & Rocco Ruffolino

Friday, September 14, 2018**Exaltation of the Cross**

8:45 AM Lit. Special Intention M.S.M.G.
r/by Biloholowski Family

Saturday, September 16, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. Blessings for Orest r/by Lubomira Kalna
5:00 PM Lit. + Harold Romanetz r/by Daughter, Nancy

Sunday After the Exaltation, September 16, 2018

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. + Rose Ann Rudy r/by Nancy Bialkowski

St. Ann Society

A Rosary will be recited in the church at about 7:00 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2018, followed by a meeting in the church hall.

Senior Citizens Club

The Seniors will meet on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 12:00 PM in the church hall.

86th Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God

Sponsored by Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, the 86th Annual Pilgrimage honoring the Mother of God will be held on Sunday, September 30, 2018 on the grounds of the Motherhouse in Fox Chase Manor, PA. The theme of this year's Pilgrimage is "A Call to Personal Prayer."

The day begins with the opportunity for confession starting at 9:00 am. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 11:00 am by our Ukrainian hierarchy and clergy. Our parish choir "Boyan" will sing responses at the Liturgy and Moleben. The homilist for the Divine Liturgy and Moleben will be His Grace, Bishop Benedict Aleksyichuk, Eparchial Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Nicholas in Chicago. Lunch will be available afterwards, featuring traditional Ukrainian food. The day will conclude with a prayer service (Moleben) at 4:00 pm at the Grotto.

Special programs on prayer for children and adults! For further information, please call 215.379.3998 x17 or visit the Sisters' website at www.stbasils.com.

Religious Education For Children

We wish to remind you to register your children for our Catechism program at Assumption parish. 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. Sunday, May 5, 2019 is the day of First Penance and Solemn Holy Communion.

Donation to Church

\$111.00 - Stanley Stempinski in memory of
+ MARYANN SMEREKA

Coffee Hour after Sunday 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Coffee Hour is again being held after the Sunday 9:00 AM Liturgy. Coffee and rolls are not free. Please note that the suggested donation for coffee or a roll is \$1.00 per person, including children. Cost of rolls, butter, cream cheese, coffee, tea, sugar, cups and napkins are currently not being covered. If you want the Coffee Hour to continue, please make a donation into the basket at the hall entrance.

HOW DOES OUR PARISH RATE?

A reporter recently visited 18 different churches on successive Sundays to find out what each community was really like. In every instance, he dressed neatly and stood near the front. After services, he walked slow to the rear of the church, then returned to the front, and then went back to the foyer, using another aisle. He smiled at everyone and asked others for directions to specific places - the parish hall, the office, the rest rooms, etc. He remained for coffee, if served. Using the following scale, the reporter awarded points to each community on the following basis:

- * 10 points for a smile from a worshipper.
- * 10 points for a greeting from someone nearby.
- * 100 points for an exchange of names.
- * 200 points for an invitation to have coffee.
- * 300 points for an invitation to return.
- * 1,000 points for an introduction to another worshipper.
- * 2,000 points for an invitation to meet the pastor.

The reporter discovered that, using this scale, 11 of the 18 churches visited earned less than 100 points! Five actually received less than 20 points! The conclusion: The doctrine may be sound, the singing inspirational, and the sermon uplifting - but, when a visitor finds nobody who cares whether he or she is there, he or she is not likely to return!

QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR FAITH***I am visiting Ukrainian Catholic Church for the first time. What should I expect?***

It depends upon your own religious background. If you are Roman Catholic, Anglican, or, to a lesser extent, Lutheran, you will see and hear some familiar liturgics, as these churches draw their worship from the ancient liturgies celebrated in the early church. The same clergy (bishop, priest, and deacon) celebrate, entrances with the Gospel and with the Chalice and Paten occur, the sign of the cross is used often, censing of God's Temple is performed, candles abound, and the Eucharist is always offered during the Divine Liturgy. All divine services are sung in their entirety, as the Early Church celebrated before God. Holy Images, called icons, cover the interior, reminding us of the presence of all God's holy people from all time at each service. Finally, the worship is antiphonal, that is, shared between the clergy, chanters, choir, and people, as one whole out of many parts, with Christ at the head. Even the word "liturgy" has its origins in a Greek word leitourgia, which means "work of the people."

What services are celebrated on a typical Sunday?

The Sunday Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom begins when the deacon, who stands with the people before God, chants "Bless Master" and the priest raises the Holy Gospel and chants "Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.,". The first part of the Liturgy is the Liturgy of the Catechumens (or of the Word). There are three Litanies, or prayers for the world's needs, chanted by the deacon, interspersed with short hymns to the Theotokos and Christ. This is followed by the Little Entrance with the Holy Gospel, the reading of the Epistle by the chanters or laity, and the reading of the Gospel by the priest and deacon. Finally, the sermon usually occurs, marking the end of the Liturgy of the Catechumens, the teaching part of the Liturgy. Then follows the Great Entrance, with the bread and wine, which announces the beginning of the Liturgy of the Faithful (or of the Sacrifice). Following the Creed, the Anaphora, the most sacred prayers of the Liturgy, are offered by the priest and deacon, to call down the Holy Spirit on the bread and wine, to make them into the Body and Blood of Christ. The prayers of the Anaphora also remember and offer thanks (Eucharist means "Thanksgiving" in Greek) for Creation, the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ, and his Second Coming in Glory, as well as repeat His words at the last supper. After this, the faithful partake of the Holy Communion and the Liturgy concludes with prayers of thanksgiving and remembrance.

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.