

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 11, 2019**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Katarzyna Hnat r/by sister, Bobbie

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

**Monday, August 12, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Anna Waselyk r/by Ana &amp; Ron Mascenik

**Tuesday, August 13, 2019**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Col. Joseph Petronis - Legate

**Wednesday, August 14, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Geraldine Mele r/by Tom Dochych

**Thursday, August 15, 2019****Dormition of the Theotokos (Obligation)**

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

**Friday, August 16, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Arthur Kara - Legate

**Saturday, August 17, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention

5:00 PM - Lit. + Charles A. Stek r/by Ann Marie Stek

**10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 18, 2019**

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. + Anastasia Kowaluk

**The Feast of the Dormition - Blessing of Flowers**

We will celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God on Thursday, August 15, with Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. Remember that this is a Holy Day of Obligation. We have the custom of blessing flowers on the feast of the Dormition, so don't forget to bring a vase or bouquet of flowers for blessing.

**Statement of Philadelphia Ukrainian Catholic Archbishop-Metropolitan Borys Gudziak on the Massacres in Texas and Ohio.**

*The complex factors which stand behind the hate, racism, rejection of immigrants, the compulsions and addictions, the mental illness, and escalating aggression do not have one common social denominator—other than a spiritual and moral one—the rejection of God, a lack of love for neighbor. The free-for-all in our popular culture, the use of guns as toys or instruments of revenge, the lack of respect for the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death is all in a continuum. So is the vulgar political discourse. I am afraid it will get worse before it gets better. Unless we have a change of heart. Unless we address the root causes. Unfortunately, many political and social leaders are taking us in the wrong direction. Pray, be humble, and do the right thing always and everywhere. That is the best we can do, that is the example of our Lord in the face of injustice and violence. Reread the Passion accounts in the Gospels. Their truth has never been more relevant...*

+Borys Gudziak Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

**Kids Back To School Supplies**

Back to School Supplies for Children in Need project will take place through Sunday, August 25th. Leave supplies in the church vestibule, next to the chapel. Your support of this project will allow children less fortunate to have the necessary supplies to insure a successful start this school year.

**Donation Envelopes**

Please write your name on the envelope if it is not preprinted. If your address is not correct, please cross it out and put the correct address on several envelopes so it can be noted. We need your correct mailing address! Write in or check the amount of the donation. Do not use scotch tape to seal envelope. Thank you!

**Children's Bible Summer Camp.**

Bible Summer Camp for the parish children Grades 1 to 6 has been scheduled for Mon.- Wed., August 26-27-28, 2019, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in our church hall.

**THE DORMITION OF MARY**

After the Ascension of the Lord, the Mother of God remained in the care of the Apostle John the Theologian, and during his journeys She lived at the home of his parents, near the Mount of Olives. The reverence of the Apostles for the Most Holy Virgin was extraordinary. After the receiving of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the Apostles remained at Jerusalem for about ten years attending to the salvation of the Jews, and wanting moreover to see the Mother of God and hear Her holy discourse. During the persecution initiated by King Herod against the young Church of Christ (Acts 12:1-3), the Most Holy Virgin and the Apostle John the Theologian withdrew to Ephesus in the year 43. The preaching of the Gospel there had fallen by lot to the Apostle John the Theologian. The Mother of God was on Cyprus with St Lazarus the Four-Days-Dead, where he was bishop. She was also on Holy Mount Athos. According to tradition, it was about the third hour (9 A.M.), when the Dormition of the Mother of God was to occur. A number of candles were burning. The holy Disciples surrounded her beautifully adorned bed, offering praise to God. She prayed in anticipation of Her demise and of the arrival of Her longed-for Son and Lord. Suddenly, the inexpressible Light of Divine Glory shone forth, before which the blazing candles paled in comparison. All who it saw took fright. Descending from Heaven was Christ, the King of Glory, surrounded by hosts of Angels and Archangels and other Heavenly Powers, together with the souls of the Forefathers and the Prophets, who had prophesied in ages past concerning the Most Holy Virgin Mary. Seeing Her Son, the Mother of God exclaimed: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God My Savior, for He hath regarded the low estate of His Handmaiden" (Luke 1:46-48) and, rising from Her bed to meet the Lord, She bowed down to Him, and the Lord bid Her enter into Life Eternal. Without any bodily suffering, as though in a happy sleep, the Most Holy Virgin Mary gave Her soul into the hands of Her Son and God.

**What Does the Chant "Eternal Memory" Mean at Memorial Services?**

When we chant "eternal memory" (Vichnaia Pamiat) at the end of Memorial Services and Funerals, it is often falsely assumed that this memory of the departed be preserved on earth not only in the minds of loved ones, but even for many generations after. In fact, however, this hymn is not addressed to the loved ones of the deceased, nor is it addressed to the deceased, nor does it have any mortal purpose, but it is addressed as a prayer to God, who is eternal, on behalf of the departed.

One day the apostles came to Christ with joy saying: "Lord, even the demons submit to us in Your name." Jesus replied: "Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in the heavens" (Lk. 10:17-20). In other words, Christ told His apostles to not rejoice over something here on earth that bears nothing on their salvation, but to rejoice over the fact that their names are eternally remembered in the kingdom of heaven. Their names are written in what is commonly known in Holy Scripture as the "Book of Life". This is best illustrated in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man. Poor Lazarus after death is found in God's kingdom, and his name has become eternally remembered, while the miserable rich man lingers in Hades, utterly nameless. The name of a person is their identity.

"Eternal Memory" is equivalent to saying "may you ever be in God's memory." The Church says this prayer so that the deceased "continue" in God's memory. Because if God "forgets" us, if He says "I never knew you" (Matt. 7:23), we are led into spiritual extinction. But if He remembers us, then like the thief on the Cross who asked Christ to remember him, we also will live eternally with Him in Paradise.