Epistle - Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38; Gospel - Jn 17:1-13; Festal Tone

#### **DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**

## Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council, May 24, 2020

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

Pan. + Deceased Veterans of the Parish

Monday, May 25, 2020 - Memorial Day

8:00 AM - Lit.+ Deceased Veterans in our parish

9:00 AM - Panykhida service in the Cemetery

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

9:00 AM - Lit. + Rev. Joseph Shary r/by Tom Dochych Wednesday, May 27, 2020

9:00 AM - Lit. + Helen Diakun Motorney & Theodore Motorney r/by Stelle and Joan Gadek

6:00 PM - May Devotions to the Mother of God

Thursday, May 28, 2020

9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Of Marriage for Alla & Stefan Korostil

Friday, May 29, 2020

9:00 AM - Lit. + Ray Otlowski r/by A. Makar

Saturday, May 30, 2020

9:00 AM - Lit. + Ken Frankel r/by Rozalia Czaban

5:00 PM - Lit. + Joseph Yurechko r/by Ron & Ana Mascenik

Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2020

Epistle - Acts 2;1-11; Gospel - Jn 7:37-52 & 8:12

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

#### TODAY: Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.

This day commemorates the 318 God-bearing Fathers who gathered in Nicaea in 325 at the request of the Emperor, Saint Constantine the Great, to address the heresy of Arianism together with other issues that concerned the unity of the Church. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God. The Fathers composed the holy symbol of Faith, the Nicene Creed that we pray at the each Divine Liturgy.

## Memorial Day Services at the Cemetery

On Monday, May 25, we will celebrate Memorial Day with a Divine Liturgy for Deceased Veterans in our church at 8 AM, and at 9 AM a Panykhida Service followed by the blessing of graves will take place at our cemetery. Parishioners who have loved ones resting in our cemetery are invited to be present and take part in the prayers. However, all the faithful in attendance must practice safe social distancing between individuals, face masks should be worn and everyone should avoid any close personal contact.

#### Church open for private prayer.

We are getting closer to being open but I ask for your continued patience. Since only the priest and his cantor assistants are allowed to enter the church for the foreseeable future, we wanted to give you the opportunity to PRIVATELY pray in the church. Following the Archbishop's directives our Church will be open for private prayer on Saturday, from 10 am to 4 pm. Limited number of visitors at one time (no more than 10) according to NJ state guidelines and social distancing (minimum of 6 feet between visitors) to be observed. Wearing of masks required for all those making visit. Faithful from at risk groups as identified by CDC/NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH should remain at home.

# Father's Day - June 16

Please remember to use your Father's Day Remembrance envelope so that your father's name may be included in the Divine Liturgy. Please write your father's name clearly. Do not put "same as last year." Separate names of living fathers and deceased fathers.

# **Church Donations**

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver their weekly envelopes to the Parish Office when they're unable to come to Divine Liturgy. Even in these times of so many changes, suspensions and disruptions, our bills to run our Parish and School still need to be paid. If you are financially able, please continue to support our us. You may mail your donations, drop them off at the office or put them in the mailbox slot in the front of the Parish Office. Last week we received \$2,908 in donations to support our parish. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Stay well and God bless!

#### **Calling All Graduates!**

2020 has been a challenging year for many people, especially our graduates, who are not able to have a proper graduation, party, and everything else that goes with graduations.

We, at Assumption church, want to do our part to honor our graduates. If you or someone in your family is graduating from High School, College, Grad or Professional School, please email us at <a href="mailto:assumptionchurch@verizon.net">assumptionchurch@verizon.net</a> Your child's name will be published in the bulletin. We look forward to celebrating all of the great achievments of our children this year!

# SCHOOL NEWS: Graduation Class of 2020.

Our daily prayers are with our graduates as they navigate through these uncertain and tough days that have altered the last days of their time here at ACS. Governor Murphy has announced that at this time there can be no in - person graduations, and after consultation with the Diocese we have decided to have a "Drive By" graduation on June 6th at the school playground. The instructions about this graduation were sent to the parents and our local police.

#### IF RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED ON CHURCHES:

Academic/Service/Participation Awards Day, Aug. 1st On Saturday, August 1st we will gather in Assumption Church at 9 a.m. for the academic, service, and participation awards.

## Assumption Catholic School, Perth Amboy, NJ

Give us a call at 732-826-8721 to schedule a meeting. Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 school year. AdvancED accredited, the school provides a Christ-centered, Catholic environment to a diverse population of pre-k (age 4) through 8th grade students. 21st Century Community Learning Centers - FREE for students of grades 3-8. • STREAM focused Curriculum. Pre-K through 8th grade Chromebook and iPad integrated with Google Classroom. • Smartboards, Technology-Media Center, and Science Lab all enhance our academic programs. • After School Extra Curricular Activity Opportunities: Track, Bowling, Drama, Musical Groups, Student Council and many others. • Before Care and After Care are available. You can find the registration information and tuition on our website:

https://assumptioncatholicschool.net/tuition

# How Jesus' presence is still with us after his Ascension

Before Jesus left his apostles, he said to them, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live" (John 14:18-19). While in one sense Jesus was referring to the "Advocate," or the Holy Spirit that he gives to his apostles on Pentecost, Jesus is also referring to other ways he has promised to be "with us."

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Each time we read the Bible, especially the Gospels, Jesus is present with us, though not in a visible way. He is present when we pray, again, not in a visible way, but a real and abiding presence.

Jesus also explained to his apostles that, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40). Whenever we see a poor, sick or imprisoned person, we see Jesus in a special way and our actions are done as if Jesus were that person.

Last, but not least, Jesus is present in the Holy Eucharist. This is the most tangible way Jesus is present, as we are able to accept Jesus inside of our own bodies.

## **Livestreamed Liturgies**.

Join our live streamed Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Facebook at

https://www.facebook.com/ivan.turyk