DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

4th Sunday After Pentecost, June 28, 2020

Epistle - Rom 6:18-23; 1 Corinthians - Mt 8:5-13
9:00 AM - Lit. God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:30 AM - Lit. + Helena Tulys, r/b by Sr. Yosaphata

Welcome Back!
Please share this news with your family and friends!
We have resumed our regular Saturday and Sunday Liturgy Schedule. Please keep in mind all protocols that were set out for us, with the blessing and guidance of our Metropolitan Borys and Bishop Andriy. These will be followed for the foreseeable future, given that the Covid-19 pandemic is not over. Social distancing applies. The faithful must wear a mask to enter the church and during the celebration of Liturgy, except for the brief moment while receiving Holy Communion. Sit in designated pews and respect social distance between others of 6 feet or more unless you are one family unit. Sanitize your hands as you go in and out of Church. No handshakes, hugs, kissing of icons, etc. Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well. The obligation to attend Sunday Liturgy remains lifted until further notice, especially if you are part of a vulnerable population and/or have an underlying health condition. While these protocols are intrusive, they are necessary as they allow us to celebrate the Sacraments in person while doing our part to help stop the spread of coronavirus. Once again, this Saturday morning our church have been thoroughly cleaned and disinfected by a professional cleaning company.

FSA Executive Board Meeting.
Another successful school year came to an end and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Family School Association executive board, which is responsible for much of the school's fundraising efforts.

Friday, June 26, 2020

Epistle - Rom 10:1-10; 1 Corinthians - Mt 8:28-9:1
9:00 AM - Lit. God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:00 AM - Lit. Birthday blessings of health for Jerry Myron Rajsz, r/b by Festival volunteers friends

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Liturgy Schedule
For the months of July and August the Sunday schedule will be 9 AM Ukrainian, 11 AM English.

Flowers from the Garden
During these warm months, we enjoy the beauty of God’s nature that surrounds us. Flowers are part of that beauty and often the faithful will bring them to the Church as a prayerful offering, either for the health or repose of a loved one or simply in thanksgiving to God and as a way to add beauty and fragrance at the Divine Services. If you would like to bring flowers to Church, please bring them to the sacristy where we do have vases available for use. These flowers will then be placed before the icons or on the tetrapod during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

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Help Affected by Flood in Western Ukraine

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Reverend Fathers, Venerable Monastics and Beloved Faithful of the Philadelphia Archeparchy!

As you may already know, parts of western Ukraine are under water due to strong torrential rains that have been falling for several days earlier this week. Two regions, Ivano-Frankivsk and Chernivtsi, were affected the most. In the Ivano-Frankivsk region, over 4600 houses are lost or flooded, 550 kilometers of roads are damaged or washed away and 90 bridges are gone. In addition, at least three people lost their lives. Thousands of people had to be evacuated leaving their homes and properties behind. Many have lost their belongings and savings.

This is the time when our brothers and sisters in Ukraine need help. Patriarch Sviatoslav has sent a letter of appeal asking us, “to show Christian solidarity and social service, so that those who are suffering might receive assistance as soon as possible. Therefore, I call upon our church institutions: eparchies, religious communities, and especially our network of the charitable organizations “Caritas” to organize collections for those who cry for help. I appeal to all communities of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the world, to act in the spirit of the Good Samaritan of the Gospel, to support those who are deprived of their homes and have come face-to-face with misfortune.”

In response to our Patriarch’s request and in the spirit of Christian love and fellowship, we are announcing a campaign to raise funds for people who lost everything due to the floods and now need food and basic necessities. We ask you, dear Fathers, that every parish have a special collection taken on Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28, and July 4-5. Please remit the funds as soon as possible, so that we can wire them to “Caritas” organizations in the Archeparchy of Ivano-Frankivsk and Eparchy of Chernivtsi. They will be purchasing and distributing food, clothing and other necessary items. Please act now since time is of the essence.

If you would like to make a donation, you may do so

- by making a check out to “Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia” and send it to the chancery office of our Archeparchy located at 810 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia PA 19123. Please mark your check “Flood in Ukraine”;
- by leaving your donation in your parish collection basket, which will be sent to the chancery office along with other donations;
- you may donate on the Archeparchial FACEBOOK page, where a special fundraising campaign will be set up.

No donation is too small or too large. However, your donation will change someone’s life and God will repay a cheerful giver hundredfold. Please keep people of the affected areas in your prayers!

May God bless you always!

Sincerely Yours, in Christ,

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

Most Rev. Andriy Rabiy
Auxiliary Bishop for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia
Повінь у Західній Україні

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Дорогі Всечесніші Отці, Преподобне Монашество та Возлюблені Вірні Філадельфійської Архиепархії!

Як Ви вже знаєте, частини Західної України є затоплені через страшні сильні зливи, які падали декілька днів цього тижня. Івано-Франківська та Чернівецька області найбільше постраждали. Тільки в одній Івано-Франківській області більше ніж 4600 будинків є знищені або підтоплені, біля 550 кілометрів доріг змило або пошкоджено і знесло водою 90 мостів. Крім того, троє людей загинуло. Тисячі людей були евакуйовані. Вони залишили свої маєтки та втратили заощадження.

Саме тепер є час допомогти нашим братам і сестрам в Україні. Наш Патріарх Святослав звернувся до нас з проханням використати цю нагоду «до вияву християнської солідарності та соціального солідарності та соціального служіння, щоб якомога швидше допомогти постраждалим.»

Тому закликаємо всі наші церковні інституції: єпархії, спільноти богопосвяченого життя, а особливо мережу організацій фонду «Карітас» - організувати порятунок тих, хто волає про допомогу. Звертаємо до всіх громад нашої Церкви в Україні та світі в дусі євангельського самаранства підтримати тих, хто тепер позбавлений свого дому та опинився вічно-вічно з бідою.

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Якщо Ви бажаєте зробити пожертву, Ви можете зробити так:

- виплатити чек на "Ukrainian Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia" та вислати до канцелярії за адресою 810 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia PA 19123. Просимо написати на чеку "Flood in Ukraine";
- залишити Вашу пожертву у парафіяльному кошику, яка потім буде передана до канцелярії з іншими пожертвами;
- Ви можете пожертвувати на Архиспратушівські сторінці FACEBOOK, де є створена збірка на цю ціль.

Немає пожертви малої або завеликої. Але Ваша пожертва може змінити життя когось на краще. Господь Бог відплатить щасливому жертводавцю стократно. Помоліться за людей у постраждалих районах!

Нехай Господь благословить Вас і наших братів і сестер в Україні!

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