

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, July 26, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners  
 11:00 AM - Lit. + Katherine Melnyk (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
 r/by Daughter and Family

**Tuesday, July 28, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + John Ilek r/by Helen and Jeff

**Wednesday, July 29, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. for Good Health of Krystyna

**Thursday, July 30, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Lesya Kovalchuk  
 r/by Roma & Stan Popewny

**Friday, July 31, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Kevin Mahony r/by Wife

**Saturday, August 1, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention Iryna Kuzychyn  
 5:00 PM - Lit. + Carmine Mele r/by Tom Dochych

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 2, 2020**

*Epistle - 1 Cor 3:9-17; Gospel - Mt 14:22-34*

9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners  
 11:00 AM - Lit. + Steve Daisak (40<sup>th</sup> Day) r/by Family

**Donation**

\$20.00 - Maria Chaniewycz in memory of  
 + PETER CHANIEWYCZ

**Good Wishes**

Welcome to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. God bless everyone who celebrates their birthdays, anniversaries, and jubilees this week. Let us also pray to God for peace in our homeland and for people to respect themselves, their neighbors, and their environments. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

May you all have an enjoyable week!

**2021 Donation Envelopes**

We are now in the process of ordering envelopes for 2021. 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.

**Communications Office of the Archdiocese**

Below is a message from Bishop Andriy, expressing his gratitude for the help with the flood victims:

*Dear Archbishops, Bishops, Clergy, Venerable Sisters, dear faithful, all Brothers and Sisters in Christ!*

*As of this moment, you raised \$103,186!!! CONGRATULATIONS!*

*FACEBOOK donations - \$43,718; parish collections in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia - \$32,225; private and organization donations - \$27,243!*

*We would like to continue providing financial assistance to the three Caritas eparchial organizations in Ivano-Frankivsk, Kolomyia and Chernivtsi! There are still many people that need our help! May God bless you for your kindness and generosity!*

**Dormition Fast**

Dear parishioners and friends, we begin the Fast of the Theotokos on Aug. 1. This fast prepares us to celebrate the feast of the Assumption - Dormition of the Mother of God (Aug 15). As a part of this preparation I ask you to dedicate your fasting and prayer for the intention of peace. In the face of the daily reports of violence, suffering and death, hope in God is our solace and our strength. May our prayer and fasting be received as fragrant incense before God and may His Peace be among us.

**Know any shut-ins?**

Please give the names and addresses of any shut-ins from our parish to Fr. Ivan. He would like to visit these folks who are unable to join us on Sundays and for other church events, but we need to know who and where they are!

**Pastor's Corner****Glory to Jesus Christ!**

It's hard to believe that we are beginning the last week of July! Summer goes by so quickly. Time goes by so fast. It's important that we take advantage of every hour we have and use it in the best way we can. It is good habit to regularly bring gifts to Church, a love offering to God. When we go out to a friends for dinner we usually bring a bottle of wine or desert or some flowers, or at least ask what we can bring. It is the same when we come to the Liturgy, bring some flowers to beautify the temple or food cards to help the poor. Donate for Assumption School that is facing a difficult time during this pandemic and preparing to reopen in September. Purchase some candles and light them as prayers for others. Bring some canned goods for the food bank or an extra donation above your regular giving for a special project or need.

Bringing something as an offering of thanksgiving will always be a blessing and will help us to cultivate an attitude of thanksgiving. It is a great privilege to come to worship our Creator and the Source of all life. This is the most important work we can do, not just for ourselves, but for the entire world.

We come to participate with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Who gave Himself up "for the life of the world." May He ever lead us into all that He has prepared for each one of us, through uniting with Him and the entire Church of all eternity, through partaking in His very Body and Blood.

**Prayers needed.**

We join all Christians of the Byzantine tradition in outrage over the "return" of the Great Church of Constantinople to public prayer as a mosque. We ask the intercession of the Theotokos to protect and defend her City, the Christians who remain there, and all Christians who suffer persecution for the faith around the world. Hagia Sophia (Holy Wisdom) is the mother Church of all Christians of the Byzantine Tradition. From Constantinople, Ss. Cyril and Methodius evangelized the Slavs and emissaries brought the Faith to Prince Vladimir of 'Rus'.

*"And we went into the Greek lands, and we were led into a place where they serve their God, and we did not know where we were, on heaven or on earth; and do not know how to tell about this. All we know is that God lives there with people and their service is better than in any other country. We cannot forget that beauty since each person, if he eats something sweet, will not take something bitter afterwards; so we cannot remain any more in paganism."*

St. Vladimir was impressed by this account of his envoys and that is how Christianization of the Kiev Rus took place. Built in 537 by the Emperor Justinian, it was converted to Islamic worship after the fall of Constantinople to the Ottoman Turks in 1453. After the foundation of the Turkish Republic, it was converted to museum status to make its magnificent Christian iconography, covered over for centuries, visible once again. The president of Turkey currently faces stiff opposition around the world for his imperialist policies abroad and his disregard for human rights at home. The "restoration" of Hagia Sophia to Islamic worship is a sop thrown to his Islamist supporters for purely political motives and a distraction from the corruption of his government. With some 3,000 active mosques in Istanbul, Hagia Sophia was not needed as an additional worship space for Istanbul's Muslims. In solidarity with the Patriarchate of Constantinople, Pope Francis has called for a day of mourning on Friday, July 24. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops specifically recommended the praying of the Akathist Hymn, which expresses the Virgin's special protection of Constantinople as "her" city.

**Websites**

Check out our Eparchial and Parish Sites to see what is happening in the Eparchy and other parishes. There you will find much good educational material.

<http://ukrarcheparchy.us/>

<http://assumptioncatholicchurch.net/>