DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

10th Sunday After Pentecost, August 9, 2020
9:00 AM - Lit. Good Health and God’s Blessings for Ihor on his Birthday r/ by Parents, Grandmother, Sisters 11:00 AM - Lit. + Stefania, Steve Polajla r/ by Family Monday, August 10, 2020
9:00 AM - Lit. + Helena Kawanka (40th Day) r/ by Family Tuesday, August 11, 2020
No Liturgy - consultants meeting in Philadelphia Wednesday, August 12, 2020
9:00 AM - Lit. + Col. Joseph Petronis - Legate Thursday, August 13, 2020
9:00 AM - Lit. + Michael Navrotsky Friday, August 14, 2020
9:00 AM - Lit. + Steven Zalick r/ by Family Saturday, August 15, 2020
Dormition of the Theotokos 9:00 AM - Lit. God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners 5:00 PM - Lit. + Charles Stek r/ by Marie Stek 11th Sunday After Pentecost, August 16, 2020
Epistle - 1 Cor 9:7-12; Gospel - Mt 18:23-35 9:00 AM - Lit. + Katarynya Hnat r/ by Sister and Family 11:00 AM - Lit. God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners

Special Visitor
Welcome to our parish Fr. Roman Mirchuk, former pastor of St. John the Baptist church in Whippany, NJ who fo the past 5 years, have been ministering as an administrator of the a small church at the outskirts of Odessa, the south of Ukraine.

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. THE DEADLINE FOR CHANGES TO NAME OR ADDRESS IS AUGUST 15, 2020.

Blessing of Fruits
The blessing of the first-fruits of the harvest took place in our church on the Feast of Transfiguration. This costume is both as a giving back to the Lord what is His and has come from Him (1 Chronicles 29:14) and as a celebration of the promise of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. Please take one blessed apple from the basket located in front of the church.

The Feast of the Dormition – Blessing of Flowers
The Feast of the Dormition (The Falling Asleep of Our Lady, the Most Holy Theotokos) will be commemorated on Saturday, 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.

Bike Run
The 1st Annual Bike Run, which benefited Assumption Catholic School, took place last Saturday. Thirty bikers rode from Perth Amboy, NJ around the city for the end of the rally and a raffle and barbecue at our school’s ground.

6 Times to Make the Sign of the Cross in the Car
• When you get in the car… a. For safe travels.
• When you pass an Orthodox Church… a. To honor your God and Savior.
• When you pass a Cemetery or Funeral… a. To comfort those departed.
• When you see or hear an Ambulance… a. To strengthen the sick or dying.
• When you pass an accident… a. To protect those in peril.
• When you pass a police car… a. To protect those

Why fold hands during prayer?
Religious historians trace the gesture back to the act of shackling a prisoner’s hands with vine or rope: joined hands came to symbolize submission. In ancient Rome, a captured soldier could avoid immediate death by joining the hands together. Just as waving a white flag today, the message was clear, ‘I surrender.’

Centuries later, subjects demonstrated their loyalty and paid homage to their rulers by joining their hands. In time, clasping the hands together communicated both an acknowledgement of another’s authority and one’s own submission to that authority.

This type of joining hands to profess loyalty is still evident in the liturgy of ordination. A bishop will clasp the hands of the priest he is ordaining and say, “Do you promise respect and obedience to me and my successors?”

Another aspect of the folding of hands includes crossing the thumbs, which many have been instructed to do in the form of a cross. All of this results in a gesture that represents loyalty to God, pointing our prayers to heaven and being reminded of the cross of Christ. While Christians are not bound to pray with hands folded, it is a meaningful option, with ancient roots and profound symbolism.

THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support our parish financially in our weekly collections. I realize that the economic impact hurts some households greatly, and please know of my prayers and genuine offer of any support the parish can provide for you. Please don’t worry if you can’t contribute. Trust in God and know of my prayer. If you staying home, and are able to still send any amount, it would be a blessing.

Dormition Pilgrimage will be a VIRTUAL pilgrimage.
Due to the pandemic, our 66th Annual Holy Dormition/Assumption Pilgrimage will be a very different experience for you, our pilgrims, as well as for our Sisters and Clergy. Although physically separated from one another, we will remain “united” under the Omophor of the Mother of God, who we honor each year at this time. The Sisters Servants hope to fill that “pilgrimage void” by coming into your homes through live-streaming the Divine Liturgies and other services throughout the Pilgrimage week on our website: www.ssmit-us.org

Sunday Schedule, August 9th
9:00 am Akathist - Fr. Bohdan Tymchynsh, Rector of St. Basil’s Seminary
10:00 Pontifical Divine Liturgy - Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Bishop of Stamford, CT choir: Seminarians from Stamford, CT Blessing of Flowers, Blessing of the Sick
1:30 Stations of the Cross - Basilian Fathers
3:00 pm - Moleden to Mother of God - Fr. Andry Dudkevych, St. Nicholas Parish, Passaic, NJ

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