

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**10th Sunday After Pentecost, August 9, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. Good Health and God's Blessings for Ichor on his Birthday r/by Parents, Grandmother, Sisters

11:00 AM - Lit. + Stefania, Steve Palyla 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. + Michailo Navrotskiy

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 Ann Marie Stek

11th Sunday After Pentecost, August 16, 2020

Epistle - 1 Cor 9:2-12; Gospel - Mt 18:23-35

9:00 AM - Lit. + Katarzyna 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 for 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. I had a great honor to pray with my new friends, bless their bikes and was promised a ride next time to experience the thrill of the open road and the marvel of the motorcycle. Thanks to our Family School Association and its President Mrs. Milene Palhais for organizing this special event. Our thanks also goes to our Principal, teachers and parishioners for cooking and welcoming our special guests. Thank you to Investors bank who donated \$1,000 and for their ongoing support of ACS. A motorcycle run and BBQ was a great way to support Catholic education, raise funds and to bring awareness of Assumption Catholic School in the city of Perth Amboy, NJ

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. In this extraordinary time, please use of face coverings and hand sanitizer.

Let us remember to pray for those who are sick in our families and in the parish, and for those whom we promised to keep in our prayers.

To everyone who is currently enjoying their summer vacations, we wish you a good rest. May God bless everyone in our parish celebrating their birthdays, anniversaries, and jubilees this week.

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.ssmi-us.org

- **Sunday Schedule, August 9th**

9:00 am Akathist - Fr. Bohdan Tymchyshyn, Rector of St. Basil's Seminary

10:00 Pontifical Divine Liturgy - Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch 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 - Moleben to Mother of God - Fr. Andriy Dudkevych, St. Nicholas Parish, Passaic, NJ

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 remember the departed.*
- When you see or hear an Ambulance... a. *To strengthen the sick or dying.*
- When you pass an accident... a. *To comfort those in peril.*
- When you pass a police car... a. *To protect them.*

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.