

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**13th Sunday After Pentecost, August 30, 2020**

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Joan Bigos r/by Ron & Irene Bigos

Monday, August 31, 2020

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, September 1, 2020*Beginning of the Church New Year**(7529 in Byzantine Time)*

8:00 AM - Lit. + Steve & Mary Melnykevich r/by Family

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

No Liturgy Scheduled - first day of school at ACS

Thursday, September 3, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit for Special Intention - Cheloc family

Friday, September 4, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Geraldine Mele r/by Tom Dochych

Saturday, September 5, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit for Health and Blessing of Mariya

5:00 PM - Lit. + Anthony Kuzmiak r/by Ana & Ron Mascenik

14th Sunday After Pentecost, September 6, 2020*Epistle - 2 Cor 1:21-2:4; Gospel - Mt 22:1-14*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Joseph Yurechko r/by Helena Blyskun

ACS preparing for full student return.

As many NJ school districts shift to an all-remote academic start, our parish school will safely welcome 146 students back to school on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020. With small class sizes and a sensible approach, ACS is ready to welcome back our students and continue to educate them in faith and academics. I pray this school year brings back the joy of a family atmosphere that our school is known to foster in our community. As we continue to plan for September 2020 reopening, we want to reassure all parents that all plans are based upon information we have presently received from the Diocese, never looking to compromise the health and safety of all. We will continue to work and plan, accepting changes with patience and common sense. Our Principal Mrs. Shumny and I thank all of you, parishioners of Assumption church, for your continued support through these unpredictable times and continue to ask for God's blessings. Sincerely,

Fr. Ivan - Pastor

HOW DOES OUR PARISH RATE?

A reporter recently visited 18 different churches on successive Sundays to find out what each community was really like. In every instance, he dressed neatly and stood near the front. After services, he walked slowly to the rear of the church, then returned to the front, and then went back to the foyer, using another aisle. He smiled at everyone and asked others for directions to specific places - the parish hall, the office, the rest rooms, etc. He remained for coffee, if served. Using the following scale, the reporter awarded points to each community on the following basis:

* 10 points for a smile from a worshipper. * 10 points for a greeting from someone nearby. * 100 points for an exchange of names. * 200 points for an invitation to have coffee. * 300 points for an invitation to return. * 1,000 points for an introduction to another worshipper. * 2,000 points for an invitation to meet the pastor.

The reporter discovered that, using this scale, 11 of the 18 churches visited earned less than 100 points! Five actually received less than 20 points! The conclusion: The doctrine may be sound, the singing inspirational, and the sermon uplifting - but, when a visitor finds nobody who cares whether he or she is there, he or she is not likely to return!

Church New Year - September 1st

On this day the Church of Christ observes the Indiction or proclamation of the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The term derives from the practice of the Roman Emperors, who used to impose a tax every year at this time for the maintenance of the army. With the coming of the Church New Year, we are presented with an opportunity for a new beginning, both personally and as a parish community. Let us not just evaluate the way we passed this past year but let us also look to the future. Where is God leading me in my spiritual life? Where is God leading us as a parish community? What practical changes must I make in my life so that I can better answer Christ's call to "Come and follow me"? What changes must we make as a parish so that we can better fulfill Christ's command to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation? If you have interest and/or experience with any of the following ministries, please speak with Father Ivan: serving at the altar, singing in the choir, reading in the church; greeting visitors, sending out or writing press releases and articles about our church events for our parish websites, cleaning the church building for Christmas and Easter, providing transportation to those in need, or any other vocation/ministry which would be of benefit to the Church.

SICK CALLS (first Friday of the month).

Any time of day or night. Please call the Rectory. Let us pray for the sick, for outcasts, for the poor, for the hungry, for those in jail and for all who are suffering in any way!

WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to Bishop Andriy Rabyi, auxiliary bishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, who is celebrating Divine Liturgies in our parish this weekend.

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 are staying home, and are able to still send any amount, it would be a blessing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MESSAGE

Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst". Religious Education For Children First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes led by Mrs. Nancy Bialkowski will start in October. This year again, we will try to offer classes for children who already received First Penance and Communion. Please contact Fr. Ivan at 732-826-0767 to register your child for the program. More info is coming in future bulletins. Enjoy the rest of your summer, be safe and we are looking forward to October!

Divine Liturgy Intentions.

Liturgy Intentions may be offered for those who are deceased, ill or for family, friends and special occasions for loved ones. I noticed that many people in our parish often order the Liturgy for their loved ones on Saturday or Sunday but NEVER come to church for the requested Liturgy, while there are people who are asking for Liturgies on a weekend and want to come but those days are already taken by someone who called at the beginning of the year and preordered Liturgies for the entire year. Starting from September, no more than 2 Intentions from a family will be accepted for the weekend Liturgies per year. You are always welcome to offer intentions for a weekday Liturgy.

Condolences

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + LYDIA CHRISTINA (KOSSAK) KERNITSKY, who was recently called to her eternal reward.

Liturgy Schedule

Please note that as of Sept. 1 we are back to our regular schedule, Sunday masses at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM; weekday masses at 8:00 AM. Saturday evening stays at 5:00 PM.

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to STAS MAKARIY KOMUNITSKYI, son of Vitalii Komunitskyi and Khrystyna Matvichuk, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.