

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**18th Sunday After Pentecost, October 4, 2020**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Stefania Janiw r/by Ron & Ana Mascenik

Monday, October 5, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Betty Lantman r/by Retalis/Sasala Family

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

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

Wednesday, October 7, 20208:00 AM - Lit. + Tekla & Wolodymyr Lewkowicz
r/by Ann & Roger Allen**Friday, October 9, 2020**8:45 AM - Lit. + Deceased Members of
Maria Salamakha Family**Saturday, October 10, 2020**

8:00 AM - Lit. Special intention - r/by Ivan Sytar

5:00 PM - Lit. + Archbishop Stephen Sulyk
r/by Kwiecinski Family**Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council, October 11, 2020***Epistle - 2 Cor 11:31-12:9; Gospel - Lk 7:11-16*

9:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention - r/by Alla Korostil

11:30 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Memorial Donations**In memory of + LYDIA KERNITSKY:**

\$100.00 - George & Margaret Putykewycy

\$100.00 - Olga M. Yurechko

In memory of + OREST KALNI:

\$100.00 - mother, Lubomira Kalni

Donations to School for Chromebooks

\$1,500.00 - Ann Marie Stek

\$300.00 - Holy Name Society

\$30.00 - Olga Kobryn

Religious Education For Children.

Please register your children for the 2020-2021 First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion classes. The Catechetical classes will be led by Mrs. Nancy Bialkowski starting SUNDAY, October 11, 2020 at 11 am for our parish children (6-7 years old). Classes will be held at the downstairs church hall from 10 -11 am. We need the total enrollment for each class so we can order books and supplies as soon as possible for the upcoming school year. Please, register your child on the yellow form at the back of the church or contact Fr. Ivan at 732-826- 0767 if you need further assistance.

Did you know? Religious education doesn't end when you walk out of your final ECF class. It's our responsibility to not only educate our children in the Faith, but to always seek to learn about God and deepen our relationship with Him. God With Us Publications is an excellent source for catechetical material for children and adults alike. In addition to online videos and article, God With Us publishes books for every age. Adults looking to know more about Eastern Catholic spirituality and worship should check out the Light for Life series of books. Visit God With Us to get started - or continue - on your Faith Pilgrimage! <http://www.godwithusbooks.com/>

Celebrating First Penance and Holy Eucharist .

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the celebration of First Sacrament of Reconciliation and Solemn Holy Communion was delayed throughout parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Not wanting our parish children to think they have been forgotten, last Saturday eight children participated in these special sacraments, following all liturgical precautions and keeping with social distancing requirements. It was a blessed day, truly a day the Lord had chosen, and we rejoiced in it.

Thank You.

Dear parishioners, I'm grateful for the well-wishes in honor of my 10th anniversary as Pastor of Assumption church. Thanks to choir "Boyan" and to Ukrainian National Women's League of America for their special gifts and presentation after last week's 9:00 am Liturgy. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

What's Happening at Assumption.

I hope this message finds you and your family continuing to stay well during these very challenging times. Since mid-March and the closing of our Church and School due to the Corona Virus, we've all suffered greatly. Our Liturgies continued, celebrated by me privately and streamed to your homes via Facebook. We returned to the public celebration of Liturgy in June and our traditional Liturgy schedule has resumed. Confessions never stopped and other Sacraments are also celebrated. In doing all this, I want you to know that our Church is totally sanitized, and we follow all Government and Archdiocesan mandates in order to keep our Church in as perfect condition as possible. We did take a huge financial hit during all this time, and we thank all those who have been so very generous to our Church Family during this pandemic. Thank you. Please continue to pray for our church and our school at large. And, think about your neighbors, invite them to come with you to Liturgy on Saturday or Sunday, you might just be the spark that ignites their faith!

Fr. Ivan

TODAY: 18th Sunday after Pentecost

The gospel reading of this Sunday starts with what is generally known as "the golden rule of Christianity:" *And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.* Our Lord Jesus Christ came into the world not only "to fulfill the Law" of the Old Testament but also to take it to a new level, based not on revenge but on sacrificial love, which became the "new Law" the Law of the New Testament. In the Sermon on the Mount, which this gospel reading is a part of, Christ explains how the New Law is different from the Old Law (see Matthew 5:21-48). He explains how "an eye for an eye" from the old Law becomes "turn the other cheek" and "love your enemies" in the new Law. By coming into the world, our Lord Jesus Christ reopened the gates of paradise, of the Kingdom of God, which is now the promised reward for those who follow in the footsteps of our Savior: But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.

The New Testament and the Holy Eucharist*by Very Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields*

During this year of the coronavirus pandemic, for many months, clergy, religious and faithful gathered together on the Lord's Day virtually, participating in the Divine Liturgy through the modern technology of livestreaming. While during these liturgical services, the faithful gave praise, glory and thanksgiving to God and were nourished on the Word through the Gospel and the homily, there was something lacking. Suddenly, except for the limited celebrants at the altar, the parish family was not able to partake of the Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the Last Supper account in the Gospel of Matthew, "Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, 'Take and eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.'" (Mt. 26:28)

During every Divine Liturgy, the humble gifts of bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ during the Anaphora, the Eucharistic Prayer.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus clearly teaches us: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." (Jn. 6:53-55).

In several of our Eastern Catholic churches, we are reminded of this belief as the priest prays as he distributes the Holy Mysteries to the faithful, "The servant of God receives the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and live everlasting. Amen."

As our churches are now open and our parish families once again gather together on the Lord's Day, let us with fear of God and with faith receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ; let us taste of the Source of Immortality.