

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council, October 11, 2020**

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

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

Monday, October 12, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Nicholas Lyszyk r/by Praski Family

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

No Liturgy - Fr. Ivan at meeting in Philadelphia

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings for Catherine, Roman, and Danielle r/by Olga Kobryn

Thursday, October 15, 20208:00 AM - Lit. + Sr. Mary Ann Botsko, SSMI
r/by Nancy & Kenny**Friday, October 16, 2020**8:00 AM - Lit. + Ken Chordas (40th Day) r/by Family**Saturday, October 17, 2020**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Harry and Marie Fedynyshyn - Legate

5:00 PM - Lit. + George Melnykevich r/by Family

20th Sunday After Pentecost, October 18, 2020*Epistle - Gal 1:11-19; Gospel - Lk 8:5-15*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention r/by Phyllis Kwiecinski

Donations to School for Chromebooks

\$1,000.00 - Nicholas Smolney

\$300.00 - Rozalia Czaban

\$100.00 - Joyce Adamshick

OCTOBER 11th - CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS:

Attention all parents! All parish children (6-7 years old) are strongly encouraged to be involved in the Church School. Please sign your kids up using the signup yellow form in the back of the church. The Catechetical classes led by our catechist Mrs. Nancy Bialkowski and held at the downstairs church hall every Sunday from 10 -11 am. Please call Fr. Ivan at 732-826- 0767 if you need further assistance.

FREEDOM OF WILL

Do you know why God and Adam's fingers don't touch in the famous work of Michelangelo's art on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel of the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican? God's finger will be drawn to the maximum, but Adam's finger is with the last phalanx shortened. The meaning of the picture is to explain that God is always there, but the decision remains behind the person.

If a man wants to touch God, he will need to put out his finger, but also with a finger, he will be able to spend his whole life without trying to find Him. "Adam's last compressed finger phalanga is his free will."

Special Note of Thanks...

We thank those in our parish who share their talents of singing - our choir director, choir members, and chantors... their inspiring ministry helps uplift our hearts and souls. Today we also thank God and celebrate Name Days, Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries, and other special occasions that occurred recently or will occur during the month of October. Congratulations to everyone celebrating their special events today and thanks to all who offered our parish their gifts for God to use and multiply.

Why is the Virgin Mary called "Theotokos"?

"Theotokos" is a Greek word meaning "God-bearer." It is a title that is commonly translated into English as "the Mother of God." Because of Mary's unique role and unique relationship with her Divine Son, she has a special place of honor in the Church. The Church is awed by the mystery that her womb contained the uncontainable God, and the hymns of the church proclaim Mary to be "higher in honor than the cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim."

Sincere Sympathies

Our sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of +ETHEL MELNYKEVICH who was recently called to her eternal reward.

Church Etiquette.

During the reading of the Epistle and Gospel, please refrain from moving or walking so you may not be a distraction to others listening and so you may be properly focused and reverent to the Word of God.

TODAY: The Raising of the Son of the Widow of Nain.

We hear in the Gospel reading today an episode which occurs only in Saint Luke's Gospel. The Raising of the Son of the Widow of Nain [Luke 7:11-16] echoes the closing verse in last Sunday's Gospel, "Be compassionate even as your Father is compassionate" [Luke 6:36]. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the expression of the compassion of the Father in the most visible and direct way. When Jesus beholds the mother of the young man who was being carried in a funeral procession, "He had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep'" [Luke 7:11-16]. The compassion of Jesus brings the boy back to physical life. In this victory for Christ over death we find a foreshadowing of Christ's own Resurrection. Only then would the victory over death be complete. He came and conquered death and rose not simply to restore our natural human life. Rather we are raised with Christ to a new life, a new level of existence.

Do we become angels when we die?

In popular culture, it is common to refer to people who have died as "angels" in Heaven. For many, this simply means that they think of the deceased person as being with God, where the other angels live.

However, sometimes this comforting thought becomes more concrete, with some believing that humans really do become angels when they die.

Is this true? Can a human person die and then come back to life as an angel?

The short answer is no. There is no possibility of a human becoming an angel. When we die, our soul is separated from our body for the moment, but will be reunited with it at the end of time. To become an angel after death would mean that we become a different being entirely.

Catholics believe that angels are unique, unrepeatable spirits. They were created prior to humans; one theory that is an accepted Catholic belief is that on the first day of creation, when God made "light," the "light" he made was the angels (Gen. 1:3). This theory may even be confirmed when it says God "divided the light from the darkness," if that refers to the rebellion of the angels led by Lucifer (Gen. 1:4).

With or without this interpretation of Scripture, what is certain is that Catholics believe that all the angels who were to exist were created before any humans were made and they are different beings than humans.

So when a human dies, he doesn't become an angel; his soul doesn't either. It continues being a human soul, which will be reunited with its body at the resurrection of the dead.

Ten Commandments for a Happy Church

- Speak to people. Speak to everyone, especially to those whom you don't know. There is nothing quite so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
- Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile. Your smile is one of your finest assets. Use it! It doesn't cost a thing!!
- Call people by name. The sweetest music to any person's ears is the sound of his or her own name. If you don't know the person's name, introduce yourself and likely the person will respond with his or her name.
- Be friendly and helpful. If you want friends, learn to be a friend. Everyone needs them. No one has too many.
- Be cordial. Try to speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
- Be genuinely interested in people. Try to like everybody and everybody will like you. Do not limit yourself to a few friends when there are so many likable people about you.
- Be generous with praise. And be just as sparing with criticism.
- Be considerate of the feelings of others. Usually, there are three sides to a controversy: yours, the other person's, and the right one. Try to see them all.
- Be alert to give service. What we do for others counts most in life. Try giving yourself away. It's fun!
- Develop a sense of humor. To this good sense of humor, add a generous dose of patience and a dash of humility. Then get ready to receive many blessings. They're sure to come!