

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, August 1, 2021**

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Carolyn Terefenko

r/by Bernadette Zavorsky

**Friday, August 6, 2021****Transfiguration of Our Lord**

7:00 PM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

*Myrovania after Liturgy***Saturday, August 7, 2021**

5:00 PM - Lit. + Dolores Peles r/by Rozalia &amp; Joe

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, August 8, 2021***Epistle - 1 Cor 9:2-12; Gospel - Mt 18:23-35*

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Olga Kanuschak r/by Stelle and Joan Gadek

**Outfitting of the convent!**

Colette Baginsky has volunteered to coordinate the effort to outfit the Convent for the newly arriving Sisters from Ukraine. A list has been compiled and is posted in the vestibule of the NEW items that are needed. If you would like to donate the item or donate cash to sponsor a particular item please sign your name on the line next to the item. For the monies that are donated a shopping trip will be planned to obtain the rest of the needed items. Please send your monetary donations to the rectory or drop in the collection basket labeled "For the Convent." It would be appreciated that all donations be made by August 15 to give us time to shop for other needed items.

Boxes and baskets have been placed in the church basement for any paper products and nonperishables that you would like to donate. St Ann's, Holy Name, Seniors, FSA, Assumption School and Soyusz Ukrainok have already pledged funds towards this effort.

Let us show the incoming Sisters the spirit of the Assumption Parish Family. Thanks to all for your continued generosity!

**Donation to Church**

\$2,500.00 - Ann Marie Stek, in memory of  
+ STEK and PIKUS Families

**2022 Donation Envelopes**

It is that time of year when we prepare a list for next year's church donation envelopes. If there are any changes or corrections to your name or address, please contact the rectory office by phone or email. If you do not have envelopes and wish to be considered an active registered parishioner, please contact the office.

Any envelopes that were not picked up for 2021 will not be renewed, but will be put out for use in 2022.

**ON VACATION** - Our Pastor, Fr. Ivan Turyk will be on vacation through August 18. Fr. Volodymyr Prokopchuk and Deacon Paul Makar are substituting for him. There will be no weekday morning services, only Saturday evening and Sunday morning, and any funerals.

**On the feast of the Transfiguration** we bless fruits and vegetables as a beautiful sign of the final transfiguration of all things in Christ. It signifies the ultimate flowering and fruitfulness of all creation in the paradise of God's unending Kingdom of Life where all will be transformed by the glory of the Lord. Parishioners are encouraged to bring baskets of fruit to be blessed after the EVENING Liturgy on Friday.

**67th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage**

On August 14-15, 2021, Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate at St. Mary's Villa - Sloatsburg, NY will hold the 67<sup>th</sup> Holy Dormition Pilgrimage. "Mary, Mother of the Savior and Joseph, Righteous Spouse, sustain us in God's Providence." Celebrating the 50th Episcopal Consecration of Bishop Basil Losten. For more info contact: 845-753-2840 or srkath25@gmail.com.

**Church Office**

Summer office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Mornings, 9 to 12. Please call ahead.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Dearly Beloved Faithful in the Lord,

In today's Holy Gospel reading, we hear of the miraculous healing of a demon-possessed boy.

His father begged the Lord to have mercy on his son and to heal him. The Lord replied, "*O Faithless and perverse generation! How much longer must I be with you?*" The father tried to blame the disciples as they could not heal his son. WE, as God's people, should not try to blame others for our own ineptness in managing our spiritual lives and in maintaining our faith. Some of us even go so far as to say "*I prayed in front of the miracle working icon but my family member is still sick. I went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem but I did not get a job yet or get a promotion.*" Why didn't God answer my prayers? Has God forsaken me?"

In truth, it is usually that we do not have enough faith so that our prayers can be heard. We may pray without sincerity! We may go through the motions of prayer but not really believe that God can perform miracles in the modern world, in our life. This is sad. I recall the words of the Apostle St. Paul who taught that "Christ is the same today, yesterday and unto ages of ages." This is precisely why we must all pray. In doing so, the Lord gives us faith. We must self-reflect and open our hearts to the Lord and be like the man in the Gospel reading and say with our whole heart, "I believe, Lord, help my disbelief!" It is by such a prayer with great sincerity that we call upon the most Merciful Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. In our hearts, we recognize that the Church always offers us new hope. The Church offers us a new start from the very beginning. Let us follow this example, and begin to have the awe-inspiring faith that will allow us to be in Communion with our Lord. Have a faith that is so inspiring that, even as much as the grain of a mustard seed can move the mountain of disbelief before us!

In His service, prayerfully yours, Fr. Ivan.

**Questions and Answers about Our Faith**

- ***At the Transfiguration, the apostles seemed to know that the persons conversing with Jesus were Moses and Elijah. How?***

The Gospels do not explain how the disciples were able to recognize Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration, so any answer is a guess. Possible ways the disciples were able to recognize Moses and Elijah:

Jesus referred to them by name in his conversation with them, and the disciples overheard it.

The disciples overheard the conversation, and the context informed them with whom Jesus was speaking.

They had something unique about their appearance that made them readily recognizable (Exodus 34:29; 2 Kings 1:8).

There was some sort of heavenly announcement that wasn't recorded in the Gospels.

Jesus explained to the disciples who they were.

They were divinely inspired to recognize them, similar to God's revelation to Peter that Jesus is the messiah.

- ***Is the penitent bound by the seal of confession?***

No, a penitent is not bound by the seal of confession. One should be prudent when discussing one's sins, but it's possible another person might benefit from the advice a penitent received in confession. A priest who celebrates the sacrament or anyone who deliberately or inadvertently hears a confession is bound to uphold the seal (Code of Canon Law, can. 983).

In addition, while a priest may not break the seal, if a penitent brings up the same subject outside of confession, then the priest could prudently talk about that conversation. But the seal remains even after a penitent's death.

**THANK YOU!**

Fr. Ivan would like to express his gratitude to Joseph Britton for all the work he provides for our church with the renovation of the new school parking lot. "*Sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.*" May God bless!