

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, August 15, 2021****Dormition of the Holy Theotokos**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Katarzyna Hnat

r/by Sister, Bobbie, and Family

11:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Myrovania after Liturgies****Thursday, August 19, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Arthur Kara - Legate

**Friday, August 20, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Barbara Grausam r/by Family

**Saturday, August 21, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + Stephen &amp; Vera Lahola r/by Family

5:00 PM - Lit. + Joseph Yurechko

r/by Daughter, Olga M. Yurechko

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, August 22, 2021***Epistle - 1 Cor 16:13-24; Gospel - Mt 21:33-42*

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Ed Bishop r/by Joan Zaleski

**SUMMER IS HERE** - and a time for Vacations - much needed vacations! A time to re-create and come back to the pilgrimage of life! It is a time of summer breezes, beautiful flowers, and many times - poor church attendance. We still have a need to gather as God's people and to worship - even if we are on vacation or traveling, there are many opportunities to give time to the Lord! As you leave, have a wonderful, safe and happy time! And when you return, know that you were missed and we are happy to see you back with us - with such renewed life.

**Outfitting of the convent!**

Colette Baginsky is coordinating the effort to outfit the Convent for the newly arriving Sisters.

REMINDER: *Please bring in the items that were pledged for the convent as soon as possible. These items can be left near the pew in the church basement. Thank you so much for your generosity!*

Please send your monetary donations to the rectory or drop in the collection basket labeled "For the Convent."

**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.

**Using Your Potential**

The story is told of two men who were caught stealing sheep. Their punishment was to be branded on the forehead, "ST" (sheep thief). One of the branded men, unable to deal with his brand, immediately moved to another area to live. The one who stayed in the locality decided that he would show his townfolk that he could change. As the story is told, many years later a newcomer in town, seeing the branded man, asked another person, "What does ST mean?" "I don't know," he replied, "but knowing the man I think it stands for 'SAINT'." We are called not to be afraid of small beginnings, but also not to fail to begin. What we have done, or what we have let ourselves become is of little concern to the Lord. What we decide to do with our God-given potential is the only concern. We have the potential, however small we may perceive it to be, to call to life the power of God's Holy Spirit within our lives; that His light and life may shine through our words and actions.

**Bulletin Bloopers**

- You're invited to join the Sunset Club, our church seniors group. Activities include community singing, dancing, dramatic efforts, and table games. The group is composed solely of participating members.

- Members of the Senior's Breakfast Club stretched and strained Thursday morning as John Doe, local physical therapist, demonstrated several exercises during the club meeting. There will be no meeting next week.

**Questions and Answers about Our Faith**

- Is Peter "the Rock" upon which Christ Builds his Church?

There is partial truth here. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* declares: Moved by the grace of the Holy Spirit and drawn by the Father, we believe in Jesus and confess: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." On the rock of this faith confessed by St. Peter, Christ built his Church (424).

It is true that Peter's confession is essential. The Church is built upon St. Peter's confession of faith. The error lies in separating St. Peter from his faith. In so doing, one does violence to the text. It is only after St. Peter's confession that Christ promises the keys to Peter. But he promises the keys and the power of binding and losing to Peter. Peter's faith is crucial, but it is the faith of St. Peter. The *Catechism* completes the picture for us. The rock is both St. Peter and the faith of St. Peter:

Our Lord then declared to him: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it." Christ, the "living stone," thus assures his Church, built upon Peter, of victory over the powers of death. Because of the faith he confessed Peter will remain the unshakeable rock of the Church. His mission will be to keep his faith from every lapse and to strengthen his brothers in it (552).

**Ten Commandments for a Happy Church!**

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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!!
- 3) 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.
- 4) Be friendly & helpful. If you want friends, learn to be a friend. Everyone needs them. No one has too many.
- 5) Be cordial. Try to speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Be generous with praise. And be just as sparing with criticism.
- 8) Be considerate of the feelings of others. Usually, there are three sides to a controversy: yours, the other person's and the right one.
- 9) Be alert to give service. What we do for others counts most in life. Try giving yourself away. It's fun!
- 10) 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!

**LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE**

- A mother gives her son two quarters when she signs him in at the Children's Ministry room at church. One is for the collection plate, and one is for a donut after the service. He is playing with the two quarters during the lesson, and one drops out of his hand and rolls out of reach under the large stage. "Oh, rats," thinks the little boy. "There goes God's quarter."
- One night the church gathered for a special prayer meeting. The evening was a complete blessing, the worship music was sweet, and everyone was glad to have come. The pastor asked one of the ushers to close the meeting with one last prayer. Dave's prayer was so rich, so tender and moving, that the congregation got revved up all over again, and the meeting went on for another two hours. On the way home the pastor said to his wife, "I have known Dave to be a godly man of prayer, a faithful man who studies the Word daily, and a man never to turn down an opportunity to serve the Lord, but today, I learned something new about him." "What's that, dear?" "I learned never to ask him to say the closing prayer again."