

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

13th Sunday after Pentecost, August 22, 2021

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

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

Monday, August 23, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Anna & Wolodymyr

r/by Myroslava Tereschuk

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Michael Fedeyko - Legate

6:00 PM - Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Col. Joseph Petronis - Legate

Thursday, August 26, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Charles, Anna, Nick, Olga, Judith Dachishen

Friday, August 27, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Zoriana, Larysa, Stepan r/by Family

Saturday, August 28, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Veronica Nikolay r/by Dennis

5:00 PM - Lit. + Myron Kataryniak r/by Wife, Eleanor

14th Sunday, Beheading of John the Baptist,

August 29, 2021

Epistle - 2 Cor 1:21-2:4; Gospel - Mt 22:1-14

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

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

Our People are our Choir!

We love to hear you sing with us! WELCOME!

We are glad to have you worship with us today!

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!*

2022 Donation Envelopes Deadline

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 by Friday, August 27.** 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.

Donation to School

\$500.00 - Mary Ann Lukich and Family

In memory of + IRENE DOCHYCH

Teachers Needed at ACS

Assumption Catholic School is looking for an energetic, creative, and dedicated elementary school teacher. Grade: 3-8. Good salary, plus medical and dental options available. All interested candidates please call our school at 732-826-8721 or email resume to the school principal: Mrs. Shumny, lshumny@assumptioncatholicschool.net

Blessing of Backpacks

Assumption Church would like to send students back to school with a bag tag and a blessing!

All children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church on Sunday, August 29, 2021, so both they and their backpacks can be blessed at our 9 and 11 a.m. worship service. These backpacks are our children and youths' constant companions as they go about their school days, so Fr. Ivan would like to bless them. After the blessing, he will give each student a tag to put on their backpack to remind them that God is with them in their daily life and that their church family will be praying for them throughout the year. Don't have any students at home? All are invited to be a blessing to other less fortunate students by purchasing a NEW backpack and bringing it to church that Sunday. The new backpacks will be blessed, tagged, and given to students of our parish school.

Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence

This Tuesday we invite everyone for a 6:00 pm Moleben Service in our church followed by the traditional flag raising ceremony at our school. Join Us!

Pastor's Corner

Once a child asked me, "Father, can you tell me about the connection with Mary and doors?" This inquiry came during a lesson on the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God, which we celebrated in our church last Sunday. This young student heard the name of this feast as the, "Dormition". At first, I chuckled to myself, but then it crossed my mind that there just might be a connection. In the Book of Genesis, we read how Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Their disobedience caused them to be expelled from the Garden. At first glance, it appeared that the doors were shut for good. Even though this happened, God still had a plan to open the doors once again. He sent his Son, Jesus, to the world to restore creation to its original beauty. In addition to the original beauty of creation, Jesus would also guide the human race back to the original plan, to share eternal life with God.

On the Feast of Dormition of the Mother of God, we remember not only Mary's earthly passing but more importantly that she now shares eternal life fully with God. God also desires that each and every one of us shares fully in eternal life. The journey to this destination may not always be easy. Some doors may be hard to open if they have been damaged by sin. When we feel fear and anxiety on the journey, Mary can greatly help us to open all the doors that will lead to her Son and eternal life. The following is a prayer that is prayed before the start of each Divine Liturgy. Feel free to pray this prayer often before an icon of Mary. *"Open unto us the doors of mercy, O blessed Mother of God. Let us not perish who put our trust in you, but rather through you be delivered from misfortune."*

30th Anniversary of Ukrainian Independence, Aug. 24

Prayer for Ukraine. *Almighty Father, You said that when two or three are gathered in your name - you would be among them. Remembering Your words and having received the land of Ukraine for our heritage, we ask you today to prove us mindful of this great blessing. Bless our ancestral homeland Ukraine and these United States with honorable works, sound learning, and good manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance. Defend liberty which is an expression of your Divine Will. During this time of difficulty throughout our ancestral homeland Ukraine fill our hearts with gratitude, and grant the people of Ukraine, and all of us the grace to continue to trust in You and Your mercy as we did in previous days of trouble. We ask this for we know that you are a gracious and loving God in whom we are blessed through the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, always now and ever and to the ages of ages. AMEN.*

ATTENTION PARENTS How quickly time passes by. Seems like only yesterday that we were looking forward to these beautiful long hot days of summer. School doors will soon be opened to welcome thousands of eager students. Also our Catechism classes will be resuming in October and we wish to remind you to register your children for our Catechism program. More information on registration will be in the next bulletin.

Question about Our Faith

- *What does the Catholic phrase "world without end" mean?*

Many Catholic prayers in the English language conclude with the phrase, "world without end," or alternatively with, "forever and ever." The "Glory Be" is one prayer that concludes in this way.

The phrase is repeated so much that many Catholics may not even notice it. Yet, for some it is a confusing phrase, especially when considering the idea that this world will end, paving the way for a new Heaven and a new Earth.

This phrase is an English translation of the Latin words, "in saecula saeculorum." It appears in the Latin Vulgate a number of times and also has a Greek equivalent in the New Testament.

According to A Dictionary of the Bible, the phrase refers to "A certain specified period of the history past or to come ... More frequently it signifies indefinitely long period of time, eternity or to come; 'unto the ages' being equivalent to 'forever' or 'for evermore.'" In Eastern Orthodox prayers it is translated as "unto ages of ages."