

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday Before the Exaltation, September 12, 2021**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Ivan Kosinsky r/by Petro & Mariia Kichula

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

Monday, September 13, 2021

No Liturgy scheduled

Tuesday, September 14, 2021**Exaltation of the Cross**

8:00 AM - Lit. for Living and Departed Members of the Parish

6:30 PM - Lit. + Margaret and Muchailo r/by Iryna Kuzychyn

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. Deceased members r/by Galyna Skrypnyk

Thursday, September 16, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Richard Keller r/by Biloholowski Family

Friday, September 17, 2021

8:45 AM - Lit. + Maryann Smereka r/by Stanley Stempinski

Saturday, September 18, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph Neubauer - Legate

5:00 PM - Lit. + Harold & Olga Lawley - Legate

Sunday After the Exaltation, September 19, 2021*Epistle - Gal 2:16-20; Gospel - Mk 8:34-9:1*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Rose Ann Rudy r/by Nancy Bialkowski

Coffee Social

Thank you for your flexibility, patience and understanding over the past 18 months. Your faith and faithfulness has helped bring us to this turning point. While the pandemic is not fully behind us, we are excited to return to many of the things we treasure most about at Assumption. One of them is our Coffee Socials that will resume on September 19 following the 9:00 am. Divine Liturgy. All are welcome. It's a chance to meet parishioners you may not know, and to visit with old friends.

A SOLEMN FEAST

Tuesday, Sep. 14, we celebrate the Great Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross. Divine Liturgies will be held at 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM with Procession and Elevation of the Cross. This is a day of strict fasting in remembrance of our Lord's death for our sakes. We honor Him and the Cross upon which He won our salvation for us. That's why we decorate, elevate and bow before the Cross. *"Before Thy Cross, we bow down in worship, O Master, and Thy holy Resurrection we praise and glorify!"* sung instead of the Trisagion and as we venerate the Cross

Teacher Needed.

Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ is looking for a dedicated elementary 3rd grade teacher. Good salary, plus medical and dental options available. All interested candidates please call our school Principal Mrs. Shumny at 732-826- 8721 or Fr. Ivan at 202-368-2408.

- *Запрошує на роботу вчителя 3 - класу. Вимоги: Освіта, Знання англійської мови, Комунікабельність, любов до дітей. Добра заробітна плата - медичне страхування*

School News

The first week is off to a fantastic start! We are settling in for a GREAT school year with 177 students! The first day of Pre-K and K can be bittersweet for parents and their children, but there were a lot of smiles and YES a lot of crying as teachers welcomed Pk/K through 8th grade students into classrooms. Looking ahead to 2021-2022, we know there will be many challenges. But we are so excited for what this new school year will bring. The teachers and I are full of enthusiasm and anticipation for the new school year and look forward for the opportunities to serve the students, parents and many our parishioners at Assumption Catholic School.

Religious Education For Children.

Attention all parents! The Church School will begin October 11th. Please sign your kids up using the the yellow form at the back of the church or contact Fr. Ivan at 732-826- 0767. Drop this form, completed, in the collection basket.

Donation to Church

\$111.00 - Stanley Stempinski, in memory of
+ MARYANN SMEREKA

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

We should not neglect to mention the need for us to sign ourselves with the Cross when we begin our prayer. We should do this properly and not like those who are ashamed of the Cross of Christ and weave it before their face and chest not even placing their fingers in the appropriate place. Crossing ourselves carelessly saddens our Lord and is taken as a sin of the person of prayer. Such a Cross is not only powerless but it also gives joy to the demons, for then it is not the most terrible weapon against them. The sinner is less afraid of the place of punishment than the demons are of the Cross, for they tremble and flee in fear from the Cross, afraid to even look at its power (for the power of the Cross is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself) which burns them like fire. Armed with the Cross, the holy martyrs went to the most horrible tortures. The saints healed the sick, raised the dead, fearlessly drank poison, passed through fire and water by the power of the Cross of Christ. One of the old Christian writers, from the first centuries of the Christian Church, testifies that the Christians of that era, following the Apostolic constitutions and traditions, at the beginning of every task or journey signed themselves with the Cross. They did this at departure, putting on robes, putting on shoes, at washing, before and after meals, making fires, before lying in bed, sitting after a journey, in one world: at the beginning of every task, journey or event. Today's Christians, however, taken over by some sort of a shame, even when they visit the home of a friend at their birthday or names day, upon sitting for the meal won't even think to cross themselves as if they don't know the words of the Lord: *"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when he comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels"* (Mark 3:38). Translated from the Church Slavonic Catechism.

"What does it mean to take up your cross?"

It means the willing acceptance, at the hand of Providence, of every means of healing, bitter though it may be, that is offered. Do great catastrophes fall on you? Be obedient to God's will, as Noah was. Is sacrifice demanded of you? Give yourself into God's hands with the same faith as Abram had when he went to sacrifice his son. Is your property ruined? Do your children die suddenly? Suffer it all with patience, cleaving to God in your heart, as Job did. Do your friends forsake you, and you find yourself surrounded by enemies? Bear it all without grumbling, and with faith that God's help is at hand, as the apostles did."

Back to School Fun.

- Teacher to student, "What are you - animal, vegetable or mineral?" The boy replied, "Vegetable. I'M A HUMAN BEAN."
- It was the little girl's first day at school and the teacher was making out her registration card. "What is your father's name?" She said, "Daddy." "Yes, I know he's your daddy, but what does your mother call him?" "Oh, she don't call him anything. SHE LIKES HIM."
- A girl student to a boy student, "Too bad you flunked the test. How far were you from the right answers?" Boy, "TWO SEATS."
- A father was examining his son's report card. He said, "One thing is definitely in your favor. WITH THIS REPORT CARD YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE CHEATING."
- Johnny's first day of school the class was to put their right hands over their hearts and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance. The teacher watched the children as he started the pledge, "I pledge allegiance to the flag..." She stopped when she noticed Johnny's right hand over the left side of his rear end. "Johnny, I will not continue until you put your hand over your heart," the teacher said. Johnny replied, "Ma'am, it is over my heart." After several attempts to get Johnny to put his hand over his heart, the teacher asked, "Why do you think that is your heart?" "Because whenever my Granny visits, she picks me up, pats me here, and says, 'Bless your little heart!'"

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

On September 11, 2001, the United States of America experienced the darkest hour in its recent history – the deadly terrorist attack that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 people.

Twenty years have passed, but we still feel the consequences of the tragedy that shook the world and caused profound trauma in the global community. In one day we lost our sense of invulnerability. After September 11, we – our nation and all humanity – became a deeply wounded people.

But this is not where the story ends. After September 11, 2001 we saw suffering and death, pain and sorrow but also courage, sacrifice, unity, and resurrection. During the attacks, evil manifested itself to be conquered by heroic love.

“Here in New York, we just don’t remember 9/11 – we celebrate 9/12,” commented Cardinal Timothy Dolan quoting one of the New York priests. This is our most precious memory – we remember the unspeakable tragedy and we remember what happened next. We remember solidarity, witness, prayer, service, and hope. In his appeal issued right after the attacks Metropolitan Stefan Soroka focuses on hope. “Christians are called to be primary instruments of hope and comfort to our fellow brothers and sisters... as opposed to be avenues of despair”. “Choose to be messengers of compassion and hope,” he asked our fellow faithful of Philadelphia Metropolia. We believe that this call is relevant today. The world has changed but many challenges remained, particularly the struggle for basic human rights and human dignity. Just as 20 years ago, we need peace and justice, which cannot be attained without repentance and forgiveness, faith and sacrifice.

Today the whole world is united in prayer for those who lost their lives during the attacks. We join the global supplication remembering in a special way before God twelve 9/11 victims of Ukrainian descent.

We encourage our priests and faithful to join together in prayer to remember those who died, were injured, or lost loved ones. Let us pray for strength, healing, and consolation. Let us pray for hope that conquers despair, peace that overcomes war, good that is stronger than evil, love that lives longer than hatred, life that triumphs over death. Let us put our hope and faith in Him who trampled death by death and gave eternal life to those in the tombs.

Eternal memory!

Слава Ісусу Христу!

Дорогі Брати і Сестри у Христі!

11 вересня 2001 року Сполучені Штати Америки пережили найжахливішу подію у своїй новітній історії – смертельну терористичну атаку, у якій загинули майже три тисячі людей.

Прошло 20 років, і ми все ще відчуваємо наслідки трагедії, яка струсила світ і завдала глибоких травм світовій спільноті. В один день ми втратили наше почуття невразливості. Після 11 вересня ми – американський народ і все людство – глибоко скалічені.

Проте це ще не кінець нашої історії. 11 вересня 2001 року ми зустрілися зі стражданнями і смертями, болем і скорботою, але водночас побачили відвагу, жертвність, єднання і воскресіння. Під час терористичних нападів зло увиразнилося, лише для того, щоб бути звитяженим героїчною любов’ю.

“Ми в Нью-Йорку не лише памятаємо 11 вересня, ми відзначаємо 12 вересня”, – говорив кардинал Тімоті Долан, цитуючи одного з нью-йоркських священників. І це найцінніше у нашій пам’яті – у ній глибоко закарбовані невимовна трагедія і все те, що відбулося потім. Ми памятаємо солідарність, свідчення, молитву, служіння і почуття надії. У своєму зверненні відразу після нападів Митрополит Стефан Сорока зосередився саме на надії. “Християни покликані найперше бути зняряддями надії і розради для своїх братів і сестер... а не бути каналами відчаю і зневіри”. “Будьте посланцями співчуття і надії”, – він просив вірних нашої Митрополії. Віримо, що цей заклик залишається актуальним і сьогодні. Світ змінився, але чимало викликів залишилися, зокрема боротьба за основні людські права і людську гідність. Як і 20 років тому, ми потребуємо миру і справедливості, яких неможливо досягти без прощення і каєття, без віри і жертви.

Сьогодні весь світ єднається в молитві за тих, хто загинув під час терактів. Наша спільнота до неї приєднується, особливо поминаючи перед престолом Божим 12 жертв українського походження.

Заохочуємо наших священників і вірних збиратися разом, щоб молитовно згадати тих, що загинули, були покалічені та втратили рідних і близьких. Молімося за внутрішню силу, потішення і зцілення. Молімося за надію, яка долає відчай, за мир, який перемагає війну, за добро, яке значно сильніше аніж зло, за любов, яка триваліша, ніж ненависть, за життя, яке тріумфує над смертю. Наша надія і віра у Тому, Хто смертю смерть подолав і тим, що в гробах життя дарував.

Вічна пам’ять!

+ Borys Gudziak

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