

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday After the Exaltation, September 19, 2021**

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

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

Monday - Thursday, Fr. Ivan on Retreat**Friday, September 24, 2021**

8:45 AM - Lit. + Ted Seredocha r/by Melanie Lawrence

Saturday, September 25, 20218:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + George & Maria Tulnew
r/by Nick and Olga Tulnew

5:00 PM - Lit. + William Adamshick r/by Joyce, Bill, Mike

18th Sunday After Pentecost, September 26, 2021*Epistle - 2 Cor 9:6-11; Gospel - Lk 5:1-11*

9:00 AM - Lit. + Bohdan Podoliuk r/by Ulana Wowk

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

Coffee Social

Our Coffee Socials will resume this Sunday 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.

Appreciation is Expressed to those who prepare the coffee hour social after an almost two-year break. Your labors are much appreciated and worthy of emulation!

Teacher Needed.

Assumption Catholic School 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.

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.

Orchid Flower Donation

The lovely orchid flowers we see this week on the side altars of our church were recently donated by Irene Kuzychyn. The bright colors remind us of God's beauty. What better way to lift our spirits and remember nature's beauty than to include some of that beauty in our own church worship.

Throughout the year, please buy orchids, bring them to our church as donation and place them before the side altar. On a piece of paper, you may designate that you are placing flowers in honor a friend or family member, to remember a loved one, to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or for any reason you wish. Give that note to Fr. Ivan or leave it with the flower and in the next week's bulletin we will list your name and purpose of your donation.

Annual Spiritual Clergy Retreat

This week, Monday to Thursday, Fr. Ivan will be away on Spiritual Retreat, together with the priests and deacons of our Archeparchy.

Donations to Church

\$2,000.00 - Kernitsky Family

Divine Liturgy Intentions

It is a holy act to remember individuals in Divine Liturgies. We remember our living loved ones on birthdays, baptism and wedding anniversaries, health needs and any intention. We should remember our deceased family and friends on the anniversaries of their death or any other time we wish. Offertory stipends are traditionally given to the priest for these services but no one is ever denied a Divine Liturgy intention based on a stipend. To pray for one another is directly from Our Lord and His holy church. "Pray for those who love us and pray for those who hate us". See Fr. Ivan to schedule Divine Liturgy intentions or call the parish office.

Welcome to Assumption Church.

We are a Byzantine Catholic Community that is in Communion with Pope Francis and the other Catholic Churches. If you remain until the end of the Divine Liturgy; you will fulfill your Sunday Obligation. We welcome to Holy Communion only Catholic Christians. In the Byzantine Catholic Church we give Holy Communion to infants and young children. If you bring your child forward at Communion time he or she will be given Holy Communion. If you do not wish your child to receive Holy Communion, please do not bring the child forward at Communion time. This Sunday, after the 9:00 am Liturgy, join us in our parish hall downstairs for our Coffee Social. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord.

On September 10, the Assumption Catholic School students, faculty and teachers excitedly gathered for their first Divine Liturgy together. Upon entering, much to their delight, the new students discovered the splendour and beauty, majesty and magnificence of the parish church. As sunlight filtered through the beautiful stained-glass windows, the atmosphere of prayer was magical and very spiritual. Fr. Ivan blessed rosaries and encouraged all students to pray to Blessed Mary who is the patron of ACS. At the end of worship, the Principal, Mrs. Shumny, recognized students who helped around the school during the summer break.

Altar Servers needed!

As we return to normal parish life, there is a need for more men, young and not-so-young to assist during the liturgical celebrations, especially for English Liturgies. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Ivan or Fr. Deacon Paul.

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST AND THE SKULL OF ADAM.

The mount of Calvary or Golgotha means in Hebrew the "place of the Skull." Some biblical scholars have erroneously attested that it was called this name because the rock formations there resembled a skull. Yet, the actual reason for the name comes from an ancient Jewish tradition that the skull of Adam was brought on the Ark by Noah, and then buried under Calvary. At the moment of Christ's death, the earth quaked and the rock was split in two, thus allowing the atoning Blood of Christ to literally flow over the bones of Adam. This is why in iconographical depictions of the Crucifixion, we see a skull and cross-bones at the base of the Cross.

About The Three-Barred Cross.

The Three-barred Cross is common to most Slavic lands. The smaller upper bar represents the sign placed above the Lord's head, which read, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews". The slanted lower bar reflects the fate of the thieves crucified on either side of the Lord: one side pointing up to Paradise, the other downward to Hades. On either side of the Cross are often images of the spear used to pierce the Lord's side, and the pole with the sponge used to give Him sour wine to drink.

In Everything Give Thanks.

How well we remember the instruction our Sunday School teachers gave us. After you receive Holy Communion, go back to your place with eyes downcast. Stand or kneel, say prayers of thanks to Jesus for the great gift you have received. Times have changed and, unfortunately, so have the traditions. Now almost everyone in the church, prepared and unprepared, fasting and non-fasting, go up for communion almost every Sunday. Following the reception of the Holy Gifts many go back to their places and plop down in the pew. Those who have not received are not standing as previously in the presence of the Eucharist - they are sitting relaxed or whispering with someone near them. What is indeed sinful is conversation with someone while in line to receive Communion. If you have fallen into this habit, break it now for St. Paul warns that you will be judged for this. A reminder - it is proper - the teaching has not changed to stand with respect once the priest comes out with the Holy Gifts and until he returns with them to the altar. Whether you commune or not, you should pray or meditate.