

## DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 19, 2022****Fathers Day**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. Living Fathers of our Parish

Pan. Deceased Fathers of our Parish

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Peter Gadek r/by Stelle, Joan Gadek

**Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Bruce Hagerman (40 days) r/by Wife

**Thursday, June 23, 2022**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Jurij Jacus r/by Vladimir &amp; Halyna Lojko

**Friday, June 24, 2022**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Deceased members r/by Maria Dzeva

**Saturday, June 25, 2022**8:00 AM - Lit. + Igor Martiak (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) r/by Yuliya Martiak

5:00 PM - Lit. + Geraldine and Stefania Palyla r/by Family

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 26, 2022***Epistle - Rom 5:1-10; Gospel - Mt 6:22-34*

10:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Welcome!**

A warm welcome to all our visitors today. We invite you to join us for coffee, sandwiches and sweets following our Sunday Liturgies. The Ukrainian National Women's League of America is sponsoring this event that will benefit people of Ukraine.

**NEXT SUNDAY - Sr. Veronica Professes Solemn Vows.**

Assumption Parish looks forward to celebrating this important step in Sister Veronica's religious life and would like to invite ALL parishioners and guests to celebrate a bilingual Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at 10:00 am followed by a luncheon in our school hall. It will be a joyous day for all.

**Liturgy Summer Schedule**

- Beginning Sunday, July 3, the Sunday English liturgy will be scheduled for 11:00 a.m.
- Weekday morning liturgies will be at 8:00 a.m. as of June 21, 2022.

**Aid to Ukraine**

Many thanks to the generous members of Lake Isle Country Club, Eastchester NY, and their head golf pro Dave Stevenson. Over the past month they held a raffle to raise donations for humanitarian aid for the people of Ukraine. The pro shop contributed golf related equipment, merchandise, and lessons as prizes to the raffle, and local restaurants and businesses donated their services. **The sum of \$5,100.00 was raised and presented to our church.**

Our thanks also to Ron & Irene Bigos who pledged and have donated a matching gift, \$5,100.00 to the church for humanitarian Aid to Ukraine.

**Retirement Congratulations**

Dear Mrs. Melanie Lawrence, congratulations on your retirement from ACS. You have made such a difference in the lives of so many children. Mrs. Lawrence started this Monday in a sweet way. One of her students (Dylan) brought in a retirement poster decorated with candy that gives a message. What a great way to start her last week of teaching. But the celebration didn't stop there! Tuesday bought a surprise retirement party with family and friends. Mrs. Lawrence was presented with many special gifts from our school, our teachers, and our FSA. It was a beautiful evening celebrating 41 years of service and dedication to Assumption Catholic School.

**Father's Day Intentions.**

Today on Father's Day, we will pray for all fathers, both living and dead. The names of living/deceased fathers for Father's Day are posted on the wall in the church vestibule.

**Ukraine Relief**

As a parish, we are accepting monetary donations to aid in relief efforts in Ukraine. If you desire to give, simply place your donation (made payable to Assumption Church) in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope

**No, They are Not Disposable**

Let's face it, men and women were put on this earth, and they are both built differently to produce life - bottom line! We always think of women when it comes to the primary care of a child even in marriage. But there are many instances where women are the breadwinner, and it makes more sense financially for the woman to go to work and the man to stay home and take care of the children.

When I watch YouTube videos, some of the most moving ones are between fathers and their children. There was one particular one when a man was marrying a woman who had a daughter from a previous relationship. Before reciting the wedding vows to his intended wife, he bent down to the little girl, and took her hand and promised to always be by her side to protect, support, and take care of her always. As he was reciting those words, she started to cry and at the end gave him a huge hug around his neck.

I am not ashamed to admit that I get very emotional and tear up from that man pledging the devotion to his new stepdaughter. You don't have to be a biological father to raise a child. I also remember one time watching Steve Harvey who has a show and showcases young children. He was interviewing a little girl and Steve Harvey pointed to a man in the audience, "Is that your father?" She looked at him and sternly corrected him, "NO! THAT'S MY DAD!"

As I stated in a previous editorial, when I was growing up, every boy had a father (figuratively and literally). Whenever an older man wanted to give advice to a younger man, he would always start with the phrase, "Now, listen son," before he would dispense words of wisdom. I remember a few years ago, when I was eating in a fast-food place on Smith Street, and there were four high school students sitting at another table and one was giving out advice to another one, and one said to his peer, "Now, listen son." And I just smiled from ear to ear because it brought back memories when I would hear older men address young men that way.

When I see men taking care of young children, it reminds me of my dad. He showed kindness to all, which made him so endearing. We were blessed that he lived to the age of 95, and he was joyful to the end.

It was so heartbreaking to see all those families shattered in Texas and those precious angels were taken from their families. One particular father stood out. He talked about his stepdaughter who was so precious to him, and he always promised to take care of her, but he couldn't. It was just so heartbreaking as he talked in tears. As anyone who has lost a child, you know what they always say: "This is not right. A child should never die before me." So, to all these men who are father figures, I salute you. You are heroes.

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**Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.**

The Feast is commemorated June 24<sup>th</sup>. He that was greater than all who are born of women, the Prophet who received God's testimony that he surpassed all the Prophets, was born of the aged and barren Elizabeth (Luke 1:7) and filled all his kinsmen, and those that lived round about, with gladness and wonder.

- **LITURGICAL QUESTIONS:**

*What is a fundamental difference between the Roman and Byzantine liturgical experiences of bread?*

We know, certainly, that the Roman Church uses unleavened bread, while the Byzantine Church uses leavened bread. What has developed is that the Roman priest is able to obtain the bread for the Liturgy from a common source, usually from Church supply companies. It comes pre-packaged and ready to use in a very convenient form.

The Byzantine Church uses leavened bread, that is, bread that is baked with yeast. The bread is usually called prosphora, = "that which is offered." This results in a quite different practice: there are no central altar supply companies for prosphora, and so each parish must make its own bread. I see this as a blessing - for the Eucharist then becomes truly a community concern. Either the priest himself or a designated parishioner must make the bread. It is therefore much more personal.

Our parishioners here at Assumption are blessed to have Mrs. Colette Baginsky who bakes our Proshpora (that which is offered) for Saturday-Sunday Liturgies.

