

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

18TH Sunday After Pentecost, October 9, 2022
9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:30 AM - Lit. + Cheryl Weigle r/by Galetta Family
Wednesday, October 12, 2022
7:30 AM - Lit. + Anna Kozak r/by Mariya Derevenska
Thursday, October 13, 2022
7:30 AM - Lit. God's blessings for Rashkevych Family
r/by Iryna
Friday, October 14, 2022
8:45 AM - Lit. + Harry & Marie Fedynyshyn - Legate
Saturday, October 15, 2022
8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention
5:00 PM - Lit. + Rev. David Clooney (2nd anniv) - Fr. Turyk
Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council , October 16, 2022
Epistle - 2 Cor 11:31-12:9; Gospel - Lk 8:5-15
9:00 AM - Lit. + Francois Saada r/by Helen Cheloc
11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Welcome!

If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family. If you wish to register with our parish, please email assumptionchurch@verizon.net.

Back-to-School News.

This year, 12 families who have been affected by war in Ukraine, have arrived in the USA and enrolled their children in our parish school. This Friday, two new students from Ukraine enrolled into the school from Ukraine. Please consider donating toward the school tuition of one student that just arrived from Ukraine and in this way become a "School Angel". You do not have to pay full tuition, any donation will be appreciated. For more info call 732 826 0767.

St. Ann Society

A meeting will be held today, Sunday, October 9, following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Among topics to be discussed are the trip to the Carteret PAC as well as the plans for the upcoming Christmas party. A brief talk on the Mother of God will be presented by Deacon Paul. Lunch will be served. Women of the parish who are interested in joining St. Ann Society are welcome to attend and to bring a friend.

Religious Education For Children.

The First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes led by our Sisters will be held today, October 9, 2022 for our parish children (6-7 years old). Please bring your child to the parish school for the first day of catechism class. The blue form at the back of the church needs to be filled out and returned to Fr. Ivan or Sr. Veronica by October 2nd. Lessons are held Sundays in the parish school from 11:15 till 12:15 AM.

From the Chancery: Save the Date...

Metropolitan Borys Gudziak cordially invites you to support the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia at the Benefit Luncheon taking place on Sunday, October 30, 2022 at the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey in Whippany, NJ. Gathering 12:30 - 1 pm, Luncheon 1 pm. An INVITATION LETTER with an enclosed reply card can be found on the table in the vestibule. Please take one and reply no later than Friday, October 21, 2022. Join Metropolitan Borys for this fundraising event as the Archeparchy continues to serve its faithful and support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

Mark Your Calendar.

Our parish Holy Name Society is sponsoring a Handbag Bingo on Sunday, November 13, 2022. Doors Open: 12:00 pm, Fun begins at 2:00 pm. \$25 - Entrance Ticket. In addition to a chance of winning amazing designer purses, there will be an abundance of fabulous raffle prizes and 50/50.

Warm a child, change a life.

This week 256 pounds of new children's clothing, shoes, toys and various needed items have been shipped to the orphanage of St. Nicholas of the House of Mercy in Ivano-Frankivsk run by the Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matarra. Thank you to the Assumption parish St. Ann and Holy Name Societies for their contributions toward this charitable project, as well as all generous parishioners for their contributions. In addition, special thanks to the Meest parcel company for providing a discount on sending packages to Ukraine. Sending children in Ukraine these care packages with essential items such as clothing lets them know they are cared about, and adding recreational items to those care packages helps children find a piece of happiness throughout their difficult days.

Pray for Priests.

Please pray for all priests of the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia who are traveling to Chicago, IL for the National Clergy Conference of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, from October 10, 2022 thru October 13, 2022. Fr. Ivan received permission not to attend the conference, and spend the last week with his sister and his goddaughter who will be leaving for Ukraine on Oct. 16.

Lighting Candles

A beautiful and meaningful tradition in our church is lighting candles. In lighting our candles, the first thing we should do is make an offering for this candle. Everything that we have is from God and the first step is to give back to Him for all of His many blessings. Your numerous intentions can apply to lighting one candle. There is no need to use a candle per person or per intention.

We light the candle, remembering all of our loved ones who are sick or who have passed into the next life, or who we just want to pray for, and beseech God to have mercy on their souls. Lastly, we place the candle in the sand, we quietly say "Lord have mercy," repenting for our own sinfulness while at the same time "re-igniting" our own flame and recommitting our whole life to Christ our God. Our candles are traditionally made of beeswax. Worker bees who gather nectar from flowers do not play a part in the reproduction of the species. Reproduction is left to the queen bee and drone bees. The virgin worker bees dedicate their lives to the creation of this wax and represent Our Lady, the virgin mother who gave birth to Christ. The pure beeswax also represents Christ's pure flesh. Candles symbolize the Light of Christ. Christ said, "*I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*" (John 8:12)

Parish Choir "Boyan"

Dear choir members, thank you for singing Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Pilgrimage in Fox Chase last Sunday. I heard a lot of great compliments how well you did and our parish is truly blessed to pray-sing with you every Sunday. Thank you for working together to create a beautifully blended sound and for using your God-given abilities to enhance the Divine Liturgy and encourage the faithful of the pilgrimage to actively participate in the sung prayer of the Church. What a joy - just like being in heaven! God bless you all and may you sing and perform forever!

REQUESTS FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY - 2023

It is a beautiful part of our Byzantine Catholic tradition to have the Divine Liturgy celebrated for a special intention or for health and God's blessings upon a LIVING person, or for the repose of the soul of a DECEASED person. This week, we received the Church Liturgical Calendar and would like to let you know that Liturgy requests are now available for the remaining months of 2022 and 2023. There are only few intentions left for Fr. Ivan to celebrate this year.

Special dates may be requested, but they may not always be available. If this is the case, you will be notified of a rescheduled date and time. If you would like to request a specific date, please do so now.