

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council,
October 15, 2023**

9:00 AM - Lit. Health of Oleg r/by Bihun family

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

Tuesday, October 17, 20237:30 AM - Lit. + Dolores Peles r/by Michael, Carol,
Steven, Scott, Natalie, Brian, Briana**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Helen & George Melnykevich r/by Family

Thursday, October 19, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Matthew Dzioba r/by Anna

Friday, October 20, 2023

8:45 AM - Lit. + Maryna r/by Sr. Svitanku

Saturday, October 21, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. + Special Intention

5:00 PM - Lit. Blessings for Jan & Phyllis Kwiecinski on
their 60th Anniversary r/by Kochbarski Family**21st Sunday After Pentecost, October 22, 2023***Epistle- Gal 2:16-20; Gospel - Lk 16:19-31*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Lydia Kernitsky r/by Christine Kozak

First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion.

The catechism instruction classes led by our Sisters: Sr. Veronica, Sr. Svitanku, Sr. Trijtsi started in our parish for children (6-7 years old). Lessons are held Sundays in the parish school from 9:00 AM till 10:00 AM.

OCTOBER IS YOUTH MONTH

Every October we recognize the youth of our parish as a reminder of the importance of our youth ministry and as an opportunity for our young parishioners to take a more active and visible role in the service of our church. Please keep our youth in your prayers this month and always.

Religious Education for the Parish Youth and Women of the Parish. Mark your calendar in OCTOBER.

- Sunday, October 15, 11:30-1 :00 pm - Parish Youth (18 and older)
- Friday, October 20, 6:30-8:30 pm - Children (up to 13 years old)
- Tuesday, October 24, 6:30-8:30 pm - Women (Ukrainian)
- Saturday, October 28. 6:30-8:30 pm - Teenagers (13-18 years old)

Thank You from Sisters.

Assumption Parish has a long history of supporting orphanages in Ukraine. In recent years, we have sent many packages of clothing, essential food, hygiene items and toys for the needy children. Thank You for your generous donations to benefit orphans in Ukraine, making it possible for our Sisters to send \$2,000 directly to an Orphanage managed by their order in Ukraine. This will greatly help the orphans.

SAVE THE DATE everyone.

The school Christmas Bazaar this year will be Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. FREE admission! This is our in-person event but our virtual bazaar will kick off OCTOBER 30TH.....more details to follow.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Those wishing to have Liturgies offered here at Assumption are asked to make use of the envelopes that have been placed in the vestibule. These intentions can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. Liturgies for 2024 can now be scheduled. Please call the secretary at the rectory, 732-826-0767, to schedule your masses for specific dates.

Donation to Church

\$50.00 - In memory of + JOSEF & EVA RYLYK
r/by Marie and Doug

Orchid Flowers.

The orchid flowers on the side altars were recently donated by IRYNA KUZYCHYN and ANN MARIE STEK.

Welcome!

Jesus Christ taught us to love and serve all people, regardless of their ethnicity or nationality. To understand that, we need to look no further than to the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). Every time we celebrate the Divine Liturgy, it is offered "on behalf of all, and for all." As Catholic Christians of Eastern Rite, we stand against racism and bigotry. All human beings share one common identity as children of God. *"There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus"* (Galatian 3:28)

TODAY: Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council.

We remember today the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasius and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitos, to refute the iconoclast heresy. The important thing to remember is that these holy Fathers were NOT defending icons as art; they were defending the truth that the invisible Son of God, the eternal Word by Whom all things were made had actually become fully human, while remaining God. Thus He became tangible and depictable. He had to be fully God and fully man in order to save us. It is also important to note how these Fathers were bold in facing the Emperors, and they suffered willingly for the truth they were defending.

Sick Call Visit.

If anyone is in the hospital it is the duty of the family to inform the priest so that he can visit the patient. Also, if anyone is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, he/she or a family member should contact Fr. Ivan to make arrangements to bring the Sacrament to the shut-in.

All About Jesus.

Last week, 47 children of Assumption parish, aged 3 to 13 years visited the sisters' convent for a religious instruction. The gathering was dedicated to learning about Jesus as God and Man, who created the world and people out of love and worked miracles while living on earth. Due to a particularly large number, the children were divided into three groups, which took turns cooking croissants and playing various games. Two Angels attended this meeting and invited the children to All Saints' Day on October 20, and gave each child a task from the saint who chose them to become him on this holiday. Father Ivan also told about the life of Jesus Christ on earth, about his friends the apostles, emphasized the importance of the faith that the apostle Thomas had, and presented everyone with a thematic fan with the inscription "Jesus". This catechetical meeting ended with a treat of croissants prepared by the children themselves.

What does the church building represent?

The church building represents the meeting of God and man. Essential elements of the church structure are: nave, narthex, and altar.

The *nave* is the center of the church building. It represents creation as it was originally intended to be, that is, in communion with God. Therefore it is the place of the faithful, those who have shared in salvation through Baptism, and who are still seeking that salvation.

The *narthex*, or vestibule remains outside the church proper. It represents the word which has not yet found its salvation. For instance, this is why today the celebration of Baptism begins in the narthex, outside the area of the faithful. The candidate for the Baptism has not yet been baptized, he is not yet a part of the community of believers.

The *altar* is separated from the nave as befitting God's place. It is on the raised platform, set back from the rest of the church and has an Icon Screen (Iconostas) in front of it. All this serves to remind us that out of His love for us God comes to us and becomes one of us, but He still remains forever beyond us.

As He has willed to come down to us, so His Word is read in the middle of the congregation, and the gifts are brought out to the people both at the Great Entrance and for Communion, for God must come to us; we cannot go to Him without His help.