

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**12th Sunday After Pentecost, August 12, 2018**

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

Monday, August 13, 2018

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

No Liturgy Scheduled

Wednesday, August 15, 2018**Dormition of the Theotokos**

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

7:00 PM Lit. + Col. Joseph Petronis - Legate

Thursday, August 16, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Arthur Kara - Legate

Friday, August 17, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Mary Ginda r/by Kathy Ginda

Saturday, August 18, 20188:00 PM Lit. + Anne Dowhan (40th Day)

r/by Helen & Jeff

5:00 PM Lit. + Charles A. Stek r/by Ann Marie Stek

13th Sunday After Pentecost, August 19, 2018*Epistle - 1 Cor 16:13-24; Gospel - Mt 21:33-42*

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

11:00 AM Lit. + Stephania Palya r/by Palya Family

Parish Feast Day**Assumption- Dormition of the Mother of God**

The Feast of the Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos (the Birth-Giver of God) and Ever-Virgin Mary commemorates the death (dormition and in the Greek *kimisis*) or "falling-asleep" of the Mother of Jesus Christ, our Lord. The Feast also commemorates the translation or assumption into heaven of the body of the Theotokos.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that when our Lord was dying on the Cross, He saw His mother and His disciple John and said to the Virgin Mary, "Woman, behold your son!" and to John, "Behold your mother!" (John 19:25-27). From that hour, the Apostle took care of the Virgin Mary in his own home. We will celebrate the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God on Wednesday, August 15, with Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Remember that this is a Holy Day of Obligation. We have the custom of blessing flowers on the feast of the Dormition, so don't forget to bring a vase or bouquet of flowers for blessing.

Music and Singing

An old Jewish legend says that after God had created the world He called the angels to Himself and asked them what they thought of it. One of them answered: "*The only thing lacking is the sound of praise to the Creator.*" So God created music, and it was heard in the whisper of the wind and in the songs of the birds. And throughout all ages, music has blessed multitudes of peoples. "Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise in the assembly of saints." Psalm 149:1 Let us lift our hearts and voices in praise of the Lord whenever we have the privilege and opportunity, especially at the Divine Liturgies in our church. Come also and join our parish Choir at 9:00 am Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. They always appreciate having new choir members. It is one way to serve the parish and learn about the services of the Church.

School Open House

Our parish school will hold an Open House and Meet & Greet on Tuesday August 14, 2018 at 7pm. Come take a tour, see our newly painted classrooms, and register for the 2018-2019 school year. ACS teachers and principal will be available to answer questions and provide tours. Visit Us and Register Your Child !!!

Children's Bible Summer Camp.

Bible Summer Camp for the parish children Grades 1 to 5 has been scheduled for Mon.- Wed., August 27-28-29, 2018, 9:00 a.m-3:00 p.m. in our church hall. Every day, we'll pray, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, make new friends and discover the God who gave us what we need to succeed in life's Big Game. Please register your child for this FREE camp. Lunch provided, activities, games, crafts. We have a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

New Set of Priest's Vestments

"Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house. Glorify them in return by Your divine power, and forsake us not who have set our hope in You."

- Divine Liturgy prayer.

Thank you to Melanie and Mike Lawrence for donating a new set of the blue vestments (\$650), in celebration and gratitude for their 45th anniversary on August 26th. Fr. Ivan will wear these vestments for the Pilgrimage on Sunday and for this week's Feast of the Dormition. Thank You to the Lawrence family for a generous donation and Mnohaya Lita on the upcoming anniversary.

New Church Items

Recently two new tables were purchased for our church vestibule. They are a nice addition to our church and will be used for the bulletins and informational material. Thanks to Vasyl Kitchula for offering his time in bringing them from New York.

Many Thanks

Last week we received a thank you note from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for our \$550 donation for the flood victims in the South Anthracite Deanery (Pennsylvania). Thank you all for your generous donations.

This is why the devil hates the Virgin Mary.

One of the surest ways of combatting the devil is by developing a close relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary. The devil hates her and runs away from those who are close to her. According to Italian exorcist Fr. Sante Babolin, "while I was insistently invoking the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the devil answered me: 'I can't stand That One (Mary) any more and neither can I stand you any more.'" Furthermore, he discovered that "the strongest reactions' of the devil during the exorcism occur 'when references are made to her apparitions.'" Therefore, Babolin frequently invokes the Virgin Mary under her titles of "Lourdes, Fatima or Guadalupe."

Famed exorcist Fr. Gabriele Amorth confirmed this reality in his dialogues with the devil, where the devil said to him, "I am more afraid when you say the Madonna's name, because I am more humiliated by being beaten by a simple creature, than by Him." Pope Francis related similar words in a homily at St. Mary Major, "Where the Madonna is at home the devil does not enter; where there is the Mother, disturbance does not prevail, fear does not win."

Why is the devil so afraid of the Virgin Mary, a simple girl from Nazareth?

During the Rite of Exorcism the priest will pray, "The glorious Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, commands you; she who by her humility and from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception crushed your proud head." This prayer is referring to a prophecy foretold in the book of Genesis, where God said to the serpent, "*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel*" (Genesis 3:15). The verse can also be translated as "she will strike your head," and has traditionally been applied to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thus, if someone wants to defeat the work of evil in their own lives and the world, one of the strongest responses is to fly to the Virgin Mary. St. Padre Pio agreed with this when he said, "Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."

2019 Donation Envelopes

We are now in the process of ordering envelopes for 2019. If there are any changes to name or address, please contact the church secretary. *If you did not receive envelopes and wish to be a registered parishioner, please fill out the blue registration form at the back of the church or contact the rectory.* Anyone wishing to act as a sponsor for a baptism, confirmation, etc., must be a registered parishioner.