

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

15th Sunday After Pentecost, September 2, 2018

Epistle - 2 Cor 1:21-2:4; Gospel - Mt 22:35-46

9:00 AM Lit. + Kararzyna Hnat

r/by Sister, Bobbie and Family

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

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Dolores Karol r/by Melanie Lawrence

r/by Kalna Lubomira

Thursday, September 6, 2018

8:00 AM Lit + Anne Green r/by Rozalia

Friday, September 7, 2018

8:45 AM Lit. + Jean Mattai r/by Mary Ann Makar

Saturday, September 1, 2018**BIRTH OF THE THEOTOKOS**

8:00 PM Lit. for special intention of Anna Lawrence r/by FSA

5:00 PM Lit. + Steve Hutnick r/by daughter Eleanor

16th Sunday After Pentecost, September 9, 2018

Epistle - Gal 6:11-18; Gospel - Mt John 3:13-17

9:00 AM Lit. + Helen Tulys r/by Joyce Adamshick

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

Parish Ukrainian Dance School.

Our parish Nadiya Dance School offers Ukrainian traditional dance classes at our parish school on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 6-7 p.m. There are currently three groups and one of them recently have won an American dance competition and became a champion in NJ. Dance classes are taught by professional and very experienced choreographer Mrs. Nadiya Lemega. A great variety of dances from all parts of the world is performed and taught in our school. Every year, the dancers are invited to perform at the concerts and festivals in different parts of USA. Reasonable prices. Come and learn the traditional folk dance from various regions of Ukraine and become champions with us. If you want to enroll into children or adult group, please call 732-778-9367, also visit us on facebook Nadiya Dance School.

Church New Year - September 1st

On this day the Church of Christ observes the Indiction or proclamation of the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The term derives from the practice of the Roman Emperors, who used to impose a tax every year at this time for the maintenance of the army.

With the coming of the Church New Year, we are presented with an opportunity for a new beginning, both personally and as a parish community. Let us not just evaluate the way we passed this past year but let us also look to the future. Where is God leading me in my spiritual life? Where is God leading us as a parish community? What practical changes must I make in my life so that I can better answer Christ's call to "Come and follow me"? What changes must we make as a parish so that we can better fulfill Christ's command to proclaim the Gospel to all of creation?

If you have interest and/or experience with any of the following ministries, please speak with Father Ivan: serving in the altar, singing in the choir, reading in the church; greeting visitors, sending out or writing press releases and articles about our church events for our parish websites, cleaning the church building for Christmas and Easter, providing transportation to those in need, or any other vocation / ministry which would be of benefit to the Church.

Religious Education For Children

How quickly time passes by. It seems like only yesterday that we were looking forward to these beautiful long hot days of summer. School doors will soon be opened in a couple of weeks to welcome thousands of eager students. Also our Catechism classes will be resuming and we wish to remind you to register your children for our Catechism program at Assumption parish. First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes led by Mrs. Nancy Bialkowski will be held starting SUNDAY, October 7, 2018 for our parish children (6-7 years old). Please contact Fr. Ivan at 732-826-0767 to register your child for the program or simply bring your child to the parish school for the first day of catechism. Lessons are held Sundays in the parish school from 10 to 11 AM. Sunday, May 5th, 2019 is the day of First Penance and Solemn Holy Communion.

Vacation Bible Discovery Camp 2018

The youth of our parish, again this year had the opportunity to expand their knowledge in faith and culture by attending three days Vacation Bible Discovery Camp on the grounds of the parish. Every year the children look forward to this camp where they form lifelong friendships and experience the joy and beauty of our Catholic faith and Ukrainian culture. It was a joy to see each child arrive with beaming smiles on their faces when they arrived on Monday, August 26 as they anxiously waited for the three days camp to begin. The camp started with twenty one happy campers who were eager to learn more about their faith and strengthen relationships with one another.

The first day started out at our church hall where campers offered prayer to Almighty God. Then a day was filled with variety of fun activities that included a lesson and an art project on "With God all Things Are possible", a biblical lesson on how sin can be avoided by following "The Ten Commandments." The students were also introduced to the concept of God's omnipotence by reading the story of how Jesus Walks on the Water. In the afternoon, the campers had a very special visitor Bishop Andriy Rabi, who attended the camp on his way to the Synod of Bishops in Ukraine. The children were able to get to know the His Excellency during the questions answers session with a Bishop. They asked him many questions about his own personal interests and his ministry, all of which he answered. Having answered the children's questions, he took the opportunity to ask his own questions about importance of church, prayer and saints in their lives. The students eagerly answered and each received an icon from the Bishop.

On the second day of camp, children participated in a memorable day full of fun activities and enriching classes which included lessons about the Holy Dormition Feast, the cross, Moses and the importance of keeping "The Ten Commandments". After a wonderful lunch at the rectory prepared by Fr. Ivan, the children spent the afternoon forming social bonds over crafts and other educational activities before heading back to church for a special presentations by Fr. Ivan on the iconography and Mrs. Fedynshyn's talk on the important Bible characters in our Salvation.

The third day of camp got off to a great start, as children read about the Good Shepherd, made their own little lamb to remind them that they are a part of "the flock", reviewed how Bishop Andriy and Fr. Ivan are other shepherds who help Jesus to keep "the flock" from getting lost through sin. Throughout the third day of camp the children also took part in many different fun activities like playing in the bounce house and participating in the sack races, where they were fish in the Sea of Galilee waiting to be caught by the Apostles. They said they were "jumping for Jesus".

In three days of camp, there were lots of good food, amazing projects and lots of new friendships made. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen and who took time out of their busy schedules and invested it in the future of our parish. We would like to especially acknowledge and thank Mrs. Melanie Fedynshyn who oversaw and planed the three days of camp. Thanks to John Fedynshyn, who supplied food, teachable materials, cleaned the hall each day and ensured the safety of everybody attending. They did an exceptional job and are to be congratulated for all that they have done. Thanks to Father Ivan for his guidance, prayers, talks and everyday presence with the campers. Thanks also go to Miss Sofia Wernyj who instructed and watched our campers and to Mrs. Dawn Domingues and Mrs. Maria Derevenska for their assistance and in making this event such a success. It is because of caring parents, children and wonderful volunteers that our parish will continue to grow. May God bless you in all that you do.

New Date for EWTN Liturgy.

On Friday, September 7 at 3:30 PM ET, EWTN will telecast the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Andriy Rabi, Bishop John Bura and Bishop Kurt Burnette, which was recorded during the Call to Prayer Marian Pilgrimage in Centralia, Pa. Watch on your EWTN TV Channel or http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live_player.asp?sat=dome