

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday After the Exaltation, September 16, 2018**

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Rose Ann Rudy r/by Nancy Bialkowski

Monday, September 17, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Maryann Smereka r/by Stanley Stempinski

Friday, September 21, 2018

8:45 AM Lit. + Michael Andrusezko r/by Rozalia

Saturday, September 22, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Joseph & Anna Sobczyk r/by Children

5:00 PM Lit. + Michael Tulys r/by Daughter

18th Sunday After Pentecost, September 23, 2018*Epistle - 2 Cor 9:6-11; Gospel - Lk 5:1-11*

9:00 AM Lit. + Anne & Joseph Romanetz

r/by Nancy Romanetz

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Religious Education For Children

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 bring your child to the parish school for the first day of catechism class and fill out the registration form. Lessons are held Sundays in the parish school from 10 to 11 AM. Sunday, May 5, 2019 is the day of First Penance and Solemn Holy Communion.

Calendar Dinner Dance

St. Ann Society will sponsor its annual Calendar Dinner Dance on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, in the school auditorium, Meredith & Jacques Sts. Enjoy a night of dining and dancing: appetizers and a lavish buffet by *Palms Plaza* and DJ music by *Supreme Sound and Entertainment*. Doors open at 6:00 PM, buffet at 7:00 PM. As always, byob. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased by calling the church office at 732-826-0767, or after liturgies from members. Get your tickets soon!

Donation to Church

\$150.00 - Yuri & Iryna Rashkevych

Coffee Hour after Sunday 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Coffee Hour is again being held after the Sunday 9:00 AM Liturgy. Coffee and rolls are not free. Please note that the minimum suggested donation for coffee or a roll is \$1.00 per person, including children. Cost of rolls, butter, cream cheese, coffee, tea, sugar, cups and napkins are currently not being covered. If you want the Coffee Hour to continue, please make a donation into the basket at the hall entrance.

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to the following, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation - Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist:

MIA HURAL,

Daughter of Ihor and Nadiya (Kucheriava) Hural

XAVIER MICHAEL STOVER SKRYPSKI,

Son of Roman and Caroline (Stover) Skrypski

Parish choir "Boyan"

This year our parish choir "Boyan" received the great honor of being asked to sing the Divine Liturgy at the 86th Annual Pilgrimage to the Mother of God sponsored by Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great in Fox Chase Manor, PA. The choir learned some parts of the Liturgy in English and will sing a combined Ukrainian/English Liturgy at the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy for our parish on Sunday, September 23. You are all welcome to come and participate in a beautiful bilingual Liturgy.

Annual Spiritual Clergy Retreat

This week, Monday to Thursday, Sept. 20, Fr. Ivan will be away on Spiritual Retreat, together with the priests and deacons of our Archeparchy.

Welcome to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after today's 9:00 a.m. Liturgy for an Agape Coffee Hour in our church hall downstairs. Please sign our guest book before you leave, tell your friends and family members about us, and bring back one or two of them on your next visit!

Burning Candles in the Church

One of the devotional practices in our Church is the beautiful custom of burning candles in front of sacred shrines, icons or relics. It is symbolic of the sacrifice of the Christian soul in order to shine with divine graces, confident in the example and intercession of the saints. So the candle burns itself up to give out light. Light symbolizes Christ, "The Light of the World." When attending the Divine Liturgy on Sunday or any Worship Service, the believer may obtain a candle(s) next to the candle stand in front of the church, accompanied by a donation. The faithful will then light the candle, make the sign of the cross, say a prayer and return to the pew. Please note, according to Ukrainian Catholic Church tradition, all candles must be lit before or after the Liturgy. Those desiring to light candles in memory of loved ones or friends are also welcome to light them after receiving Holy Communion.

Making the Sign of the Cross

Christians often wear crosses on their bodies (e.g., on a chain or thong around the neck, or on a special pin), and trace the sign of the Cross on themselves during prayer, as a visible expression of their faith. To make the sign of the Cross, use your right hand: Hold together the tips of your thumb, index finger, and middle finger, while bending your ring and pinky fingers against the palm of your hand. The first three fingers together express our faith in the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The two bent fingers show our belief in the two natures of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who was both perfect God (divine) and perfect Man (human).

When the Pharisees and the Saducees were testing Jesus Christ, to find out for themselves if He was the Son of God, a lawyer asked Him which is the greatest of the commandments. He answered, "*Hear, O Israel, the Lord your God is one, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*"

We remember this when we make the sign of the Cross! With your hand in the special position, touch your forehead (for the mind), then your stomach (for body and soul), then your right and left shoulders (for strength). Make your movements slow and deliberate, rather than quick and sloppy.

Using the Sign of the Cross Every Day

The sign of the Cross is a great way to sanctify or bring to God every part of your busy day - whether good or bad! Here are just a few times during the day when you might want to make the sign of the Cross:

- † Before you get out of bed, to thank God for protecting you through the night.
- † Before you prepare a meal for your family, to thank God for His bounty. (My grandmother Olena said a prayer and traced the sign of the Cross with the tip of her spoon whenever she opened a new sack of flour or sugar, opened a jar of jam or peanut butter, etc.).
- † Before and after meals, to thank God for the bounty He provides.
- † As you leave your home, to ask God to protect you on your journey and watch over your house or apartment while you are gone.
- † When you pass a church building or monastery, to ask God to preserve it and guide its leaders.
- † As you bandage a "boo-boo" or take any kind of medicine, to ask that God will heal you both in body and spirit.