

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council, October 14, 2018**

9:00 AM Lit. + Stefan Palka r/by Helene Blyskun

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

Monday, October 15, 2018

9:00 AM Lit. + Ihor

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. Health of Steven r/by Sister

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + William Adamshick r/by Ana Mascenik

Thursday, October 18, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Estelle Ferraro - Legate

Friday, October 19, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. Blessings for Makara Family

r/by Anna Kosonosky

Saturday, October 20, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Nastia Yurechko r/by Natalie Basniak

5:00 PM Lit. + Helen & George Melnykevich r/by Family

22nd Sunday After Pentecost, October 21, 2018*Epistle - Gal 6:11-18; Gospel - Lk 16:19-31*

9:00 AM Lit. + Ivan & Maria Kosinsky

r/by Petro & Mariia Kichula

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

Calendar Dinner Dance

St. Ann Society will sponsor its annual Calendar Dinner Dance on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, in the school auditorium, 380 Meredith St. 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, appetizers at 6:30 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!

Paint and Sip

Our school is hosting a Paint and Sip Party on Thursday, October 18th! This is an adult only event sponsored by Investors Bank. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the school. The event starts promptly at 6:30 pm and wine, cheese and crackers will be served. Get out and get creative! Unleash your inner artist at our upbeat painting party. ALL materials are provided for your masterpiece, AND no experience necessary! Believe us, you will walk out with a unique masterpiece all done by you! Please, call the church office or see Fr. Ivan for tickets that are \$25.00 per person.

Catechism Classes

Our Parish children catechism classes are being held each Sunday at the school hall from 10:00 am till 11:00 pm. The catechist for Solemn Communion Classes this year is Mrs. Nancy Bialkowski. The new program will review basic prayers and teaching (catechism), leading children to a deeper understanding of God as Trinity, Creator and saving Love. Children will gain a deeper awareness of the Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist and Repentance. They will come to see themselves as being "one with Christ" through these Mysteries. Furthermore, the children will learn that they are called to respond to God daily: with personal prayer, active participation in the Divine Liturgy, and with the keeping of God's Commandments. The program is interactive and supplemented with various activities, which will help children understand and remember the material presented.

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to MIA HURAL, daughter of Ihor Hural and Nadiya Kucheriava, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation - Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council

Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius. The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitos. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry, because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation.

85th Commemoration of the Holodomor.

On Friday, October 5, 2018 the Assumption Catholic School community gathered to honor the memory of the innocent victims of the Holodomor, the famine-genocide of 1932-1933 in Soviet Ukraine that killed unknown millions of men, women, and children. Assumption Catholic School joined the 85-day international action of the Ukrainian World Congress and its partners - Light a Candle of Remembrance - dedicated to the 85th anniversary of this catastrophic event in Ukraine.

The eighth-grade class solemnly processed into the church, carrying with them a simple loaf of bread. Ukraine was once called the breadbasket of Europe. This bread was symbolically placed on the tetrapod before the start of Liturgy as an offering in memory of the victims and as a symbol of hope. Fr. Ivan offered special petitions during the Liturgy for the departed victims of the Holodomor, and against hunger and intolerance.

Immediately following Liturgy, a requiem service was held to commemorate the child victims, who suffered the most because they were the most vulnerable. The eighth-grade class read aloud the names of 85 children who died during the Holodomor. It is likely that 1.5 to 4 million children died during the height of the famine-genocide. At the conclusion of the requiem service, students, teachers, and faithful placed individual stalks of wheat in front of the icon of the Blessed Virgin, imploring her for her continued protection over Ukraine, the United States of America, and Assumption Catholic School. May the memories of those who died during the Holodomor be eternal and may they continue to rest peacefully in the hands of our merciful God! Vichnaya Pamyat!

What is the Jesus Prayer?

The Jesus Prayer is a short mental prayer or chant used repetitively to help one "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), to focus one's thoughts on Jesus, to tap into divine power, or (in Hesychasm) to attain union with God. The Jesus Prayer - "*O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner,*" is particularly popular in Eastern Orthodoxy, although Catholics use it, too. It is believed that this prayer was first used by the ascetic or hermit monks of the Egyptian desert in the fifth century A.D. Saint Paul urges us to "pray without ceasing," and this prayer is one of the best ways to start doing so. It takes only a few minutes to memorize, after which you can recite it whenever you remember to do so. According to Christian belief, if you fill the empty moments of your day with the holy name of Jesus, you will keep your thoughts focused on God and grow in His grace. The "Jesus Prayer" is mirrored in a prayer offered by a tax collector in the temple in a parable that Jesus tells about the Publican (tax collector) and the Pharisee (religious scholar) in Luke 18:9-14: The tax collector said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" This sounds resoundingly close to the "Jesus Prayer."

Kids Talent Show

Do you have a hidden talent? Can you tell a good joke? Sing a song? Play a musical instrument? Juggle? Well you are in luck! Our parish will be hosting our first Talent Show on Sunday, November 11 at 12:30 p.m. in our school hall and all parish children are invited to be a part of the fun! The more the merrier! Secure your 4 minute slot by signing the registration form located in the church vestibule. To book your spot in the talent show you could also email our Master of Ceremonies:

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