

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**10th Sunday After Pentecost, August 18, 2019**

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Anastasia Kowaluk

Thursday, August 22, 2019

8:00 AM - Lit. + Kateryna Brandafi r/by Maria Dzeva

Friday, August 23, 2019

8:00 AM - Lit. + Michael Fedeyko - Legate

Saturday, August 24, 2019

8:00 AM - Lit. Health of Gerald Kerzetski

5:00 PM - Lit. + Stephania Palya, Geraldine
r/by Palya Family**11th Sunday After Pentecost, August 25, 2019***Epistle - 1 Cor 9:2-12; Gospel - Mt 18:23-35*

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Giovanni & Elena Fazio r/by Family

St. Ann Society Meeting - Next Sunday!

St. Ann Society will meet on Sunday, August 25, following the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Seasons of the Calendar dance tickets will be distributed. A light lunch will be served.

Donation Envelopes for 2020

If your address is not correct, please cross it out and put the correct address on several envelopes so it can be noted. We need your correct mailing address! If you do not have donation envelopes and wish to receive them, please notify the church office; call or leave a message for Anna at the rectory. If you are moving and no longer need envelopes, let us know!

Five Bishops Will Lead Faithful in Divine Liturgy**Called to Prayer Marian Pilgrimage at Assumption of the BVM Church, Centralia, PA.**

On Sunday, August 25, the fourth annual Called to Prayer Marian Pilgrimage will be held at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Centralia, Columbia County, PA. Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak and Auxiliary Bishop John Bura, both of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia; Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Stamford Eparchy; Bishop Ronald W. Gainer of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg and Bishop Alfred A. Schlert of Diocese of Allentown will celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 12 noon. All people of faith are welcome to participate in this day of prayer, healing and spiritual reflection at a time when our nation suffers the horror of mass killings, mourns with families of the victims of senseless violence and copes with hatred, bigotry and prejudice. During this Marian Pilgrimage, as we are Called to Prayer, may the Most Holy Mother of God extend her mantle of protection over us and lead our nation toward a spiritual conversion of mind, heart and soul.

Funny Story

A man was brought to Mercy Hospital, and taken quickly in for coronary surgery. The operation went well and, as the groggy man regained consciousness, he was reassured by a Sister of Mercy who was waiting by his bed. "Mr. Smith, you're going to be just fine," said the nun, gently patting his hand. "We do need to know, however, how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?" "No, sorry, I don't have any insurance," the man whispered. "Can you pay in cash?" persisted the nun. "I'm afraid I cannot, Sister." "Well, do you have any close relatives?" the nun insisted. "Just my sister in New Mexico," he volunteered. "But she's a humble spinster nun." The Sister responded, "Oh no, I must correct you, Mr. Smith. Nuns are not spinsters; they are married to Jesus." "Wonderful," said Smith. "In that case, please send the bill to my brother-in-law."

How Angels Serve Priests in the Holy Altar

"There once lived a most devout Priest. Even though he barely knew how to read and write, he was a Priest, a clergyman of strong faith, great virtue and of many spiritual struggles. He used to stand upright for hours during the Proskomedia, despite the fact that the veins of his feet had been affected and were hemorrhaging. There were times when one could see the blood running down since he was standing up-right commemorating the names of numerous people. He was a man of sacrifice to his last breath, in fact, his soul departed just after the Divine Liturgy.

As he barely knew how to read and write, by some misunderstanding, he did not place the portions on the Holy Diskos properly. When we place the portion of the All-Holy Theotokos on top of the Holy Diskos, we say; "The Queen stood at thy right hand..." The Gerondas (Elder) Priest was under the impression that, since he said "at thy right hand," the portion of the All-Holy Mother of God must be placed on the right side of the Lamb (as he was looking at the Holy Diskos). In other words, he was placing the portions backwards.

Once a Hierarch [Bishop] visited the Holy Monastery for the Ordination of a Deacon. During the Psalms of Praise, when the Bishop enters the Holy Altar, he vests, then later goes to the Proskomedia, which has already been prepared up to a certain point. From then on he alone is the one to continue commemorating.

Thus, the Bishop noticed that the portions had been placed backwards by the priest: "You did not place the pieces properly, father," he told him. "Father, come here for a minute. The All Holy Theotokos is placed over here and the Orders are placed over there. Hasn't anyone told you; hasn't anyone seen how you do the Proskomedia?"

"Certainly, Your Eminence," replied the Geronda Priest. "Everyday, when I celebrate (for a day did not go by unless he celebrated the Divine Liturgy), the Angel who serves me sees what I am doing but does not tell me anything at all. I apologize, illiterate as I am, for making such a mistake; I will be careful from now on."

"Who did you say? Who did you say serves you here?" asked the Bishop, "Isn't he a monk who serves you?"

"No", answered the Priest, "an Angel of the Lord."

The Bishop fell silent, what could he have said, anyway? He was astonished and had certainly realized that a holy priest was standing before him. At noon, following the meal in the trapeza, the Bishop said goodbye to the Abbot as well as the rest of the monks, and departed. The following day, as it was still night, when the Geronda Priest went to the Holy Altar in order to hold the Proskomedia. The Angel of the Lord came down. During the act of breaking the Lamb, the Angel noticed that the Priest had placed the portions properly.

"Fine father!" he told the Priest. "Now you have placed them properly!"

"Yes, you knew the mistake I have been making for so many years! And why didn't you tell me anything; why didn't you correct me?", he asked.

"I could see it, but I do not have the right to tell you anything. I am not worthy to correct a Priest.

"God," the Angel continued, commands me to serve the Priest. "Only a Bishop has the right to correct you!"

Children's Bible Summer Camp.

Bible Summer Camp for the parish children Grades 1 to 6 has been scheduled for Mon.- Wed., August 26-27-28, 2019, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in our church hall.