# DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021 9:00 AM - Lit. + Olha and Ivan Wowk r/by Ulana Wowk 11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners Monday, May 24, 2021 No Liturgy Scheduled Tuesday, May 25, 2021 8:00 AM - Lit. + Helen Motorney r/by Stelle and Joan Gadek Wednesday, May 26, 2021 8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention Horbatyuk Family 6:30 PM - Rosary to Mary 7:00 PM - May Devotions to the Mother of God Thursday, May 27, 2021 8:00 AM - Lit. + Michael & Nancy Stek r/by Granddaughter Friday, May 28, 2021 8:00 AM - Lit. + Anton J. Massopust r/by Rozalia & Joe <u>Saturday, May 29, 2021</u> 8:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph Yurechko r/by Natalie & Anastasia Basniak 5:00 PM - Lit. + Maria Rodriguez r/by Ana & Ron Mascenik Sunday of All Saints, May 30, 2021 Epistle - Heb 11:32-12:2a; Gospel - Mt 10:32-33, 37-38 & 19:27-30 9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners 11:30 AM - Lit. + Deceased Veterans of our parish

## Memorial Day Services at the Cemetery

On Monday, May 31, we will celebrate Memorial Day with a 9:00 AM Panykhida Service at the cemetery followed by blessing of graves. Parishioners who have loved ones resting in our cemetery are invited to be present and take part in the prayers.

### Pyrohy Sale!

Once again, we will be selling pyrohy (from Passiac parish) in the church hall following this week's Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 9:00 and 11:30 am liturgies. Potato pyrohy only, \$8.00. Fr. Ivan only brought 80 dozen, so buy quickly.

#### St. Ann Society

Members of St. Ann Society will gather today, May 23, after the 11:30 a.m. Liturgy in the church hall. The regular business meeting will be brief and without refreshments.

#### Father's Day - June 20

Please remember to use your Father's Day Remembrance envelope so that your father's name may be included in the Divine Liturgy. Please write your father's name clearly. Do not put "same as last year." Separate names of living fathers and deceased fathers. Use multiple envelopes if necessary. Please submit envelopes by Sunday, June 6.

### **BIG NEWS at school!**

Another 70 Chromebooks purchased for ACS Students finally arrived! Thank you to our Parents who participate in our fundraisers, our wonderful parishioners who always donate and pray for us and the Perth Amboy BOE for working with us on grant funding. We are truly blessed.

#### Sincere Sympathies

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + ANNA PECZINKA who was recently called to her eternal reward.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR our brothers and sisters who are in hospital, care homes, nursing facilities, shut-ins or at home: LORD OUR GOD, HEAL our ills, forgive our sins and help us to realize your goodness toward us. Crown us with your love and compassion so that we may live our lives for you.

#### Guidelines for our Public Liturgies.

Welcome back to the parishioners who are returning to Sunday Liturgies! To accommodate all who are attending the Liturgy and ensure that our covid-19 practices are followed, all parishioners and visitors should ensure they keep the appropriate distancing and wear masks at Divine Liturgy.

#### Smile

A man is talking to God. "God, how long is a million years?" God answers, "To me, it's about a minute." "God, how much is a million dollars?" "To me, it's a penny." "God, may I have a penny?" "Wait a minute."



## Today is Pentecost Sunday.

You are cordially invited to a birthday party When: Pentecost. Where: Your Parish. Why: To Celebrate the Church's Birthday. Are you confused by this invitation? Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church?

It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. Pentecost (Greek for 50th day) is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were cowering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone-even those who spoke other languages.

Prior to the great event of Pentecost, the Church had numbered only a few people. However, the Church grew immediately to 3,000 as we read: "So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

Because Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, celebrate it just as you would any other birthday in your home-break out the cake and ice cream. Rather than singing "Happy Birthday" recite the prayer - "O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Truth, Who art everywhere present and fillest all things, Treasury of good things, and Giver of life: come and abide in us, and cleanse us from every sin, and save our souls, O Good One!" Come, Holy Spirit: enlighten us! empower us! anoint us!

## Divine Liturgy Intentions

It is a holy act to remember individuals in Divine Liturgies. One Sunday Divine Liturgy is always for the People of the Parish but other days are open. We remember our living loved ones on wedding birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, their anniversaries, health needs and indeed any other intention. For our deceased family and friends, we should remember them on the anniversaries of their death as well as any other time we wish. Offertory stipends are traditionally given to the priest for these services but no one is ever denied a Divine Liturgy intention based on a stipend. To pray for one another is a direct teaching of Our Lord and His holy church. "Pray for those who love us and pray for those who hate us." See Fr. Ivan for any scheduling of Divine Liturgy intentions or call the parish office.

# What happened between the Ascension and Pentecost?

The apostles and the Virgin Mary joined together in prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost, waiting for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:14

Besides prayer, they were also quite active during these days. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas as an apostle. We learn from the church Tradition, there were very specific requirements that the replacement needed to meet before they were even considered.

# Lived in our company

It was important for Peter and rest of the apostles that the replacement be someone who was there with them and who similarly walked with Jesus and learned directly from him.

### Witness of the resurrection of Jesus

Being a witness of Jesus' resurrection was an important qualification, especially for a young Church. The resurrection took place secretly, and was known to these men only. They needed strong leaders, those who had a firm belief in Jesus and could personally attest to his resurrection from experience. In the end, they left the choice of Matthias to the providence of God, not relying on their own power, and he was chosen by God to replace Judas.

**<u>Revived Soldiers Ukraine</u>** presents a charitable concert with singer Oksana Mukha and violonist Oleksandr Bozhyk to support medical expenses for Ukrainian wounded soldiers.

Tickets are \$40 and are available at the door.

You may make donations for this cause to our church or give to Fr. Ivan who will pass it on to this charitable organization. Date and time

Fri, June 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church 288 Vanderbilt Ave. Staten Island, NY 10304 Sun, June 6 at 1:00 PM

Ukrainian American Cultural Center, 60 North Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981

