

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**3rd Sunday After Pentecost, June 18, 2023****FATHERS DAY**

9:00 AM - Lit. Living Fathers of our Parish
Pan. - Deceased Fathers of our Parish
11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. + Antoinette Bromirski r/by Joan Zaleski

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. for the special Intention of the Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara

Thursday, June 22, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. + Sr. Martin Rodko, MSMG
r/by Massopust Family

Friday, June 23, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. + Olga M. Yurechko r/by Holy Name Society

Saturday, June 24, 2023**Birth of St. John the Baptist**

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention
5:00 PM - Lit. + Delores Nickolas r/by Rozalia & Joe

4th Sunday After Pentecost, June 25, 2023

Epistle - Rom 6:18-23; Gospel - Mt 8:5-13

9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessing and Happiness
for Valentine r/by mother, Stefania

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

Fathers Names

The Liturgy this morning is for Living Fathers of our parish, followed by a Panchyda for Deceased Fathers of our parish. The list of names and donors submitted by Sunday, June 11th is posted in the church vestibule.

Donation to Church

\$500.00 - From Coffee Hour
\$500.00 - Nadiya Dance Group

Humanitarian Aid to Ukraine

\$5,500.00 - Bogdan and Halyna Jasinski (Medical Career Institute) - for the purchase of a car for the soldiers.

Schedule Change

Our July and August Sunday 11:30 Liturgy time will be changed to 11:00 a.m. Also, weekday liturgy time starting from this week will be 8:00 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m.

ACS School Picnic 2023.

This week, all students, teachers, and administration enjoyed a beautiful day at Warren Park. ACS students were able to play on the swings, take hikes with parents and teachers, play basketball, volleyball, softball and just enjoyed the park. Flipping burgers and grilling dogs were members of Our Family and School Association. Toward the end of the picnic, an Ice Cream truck arrived and all students received free ice cream sponsored by the FSA. All the smiling faces told us it was just the perfect day.

Please Pray.

In your prayers, please include Mitred Archpriest Fr. Roman Mirchuk, long time priest in the Philadelphia UGCC Archeparchy, who for the last several years, has been serving people in the Odessa UGCC Exarchate in Ukraine. He has suffered a serious stroke and is in critical but stable condition.

Liturgy Requests.

We ask that if you have dates on which you would like a liturgy offered that you make those requests as early as possible. Request for liturgy dates will be assigned in the order in which they are received. Contact Fr. Ivan personally or the rectory office to make your requests.

A Special Request

At the conclusion of our Sunday Divine Liturgy please close all Liturgy books and/or hymn books/brochures and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or other reading material in the pews. Let us all do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the pews clean and neat. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

Father's Day

This is a beautiful day on which we celebrate our fathers, grandfathers, and the father figures in our lives. Though not officially a Christian celebration, Father's Day is annually celebrated on the third Sunday in June and offers a time for reflection, expression of gratitude, and prayer for our fathers.

- *God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, the generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight, the joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need, then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, and so, He called it ... Dad.*

The Apostles' Fast.

The Apostles' Fast was first established at the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and is observed from the Monday after All Saints Sunday until and including the day before the Feasts of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29). We fast as usual through the week and we abstain from meat and meat products on Wednesdays and Fridays. Tradition tells us that after the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, they began to fast in order to prepare themselves to go forth and preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. There are verses in Holy Scripture which are said to have foretold the Apostles' Fast: And Jesus said to them, "Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? The days will come, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days." (Luke 5:34-35)

For 2023, the Apostles' Fast is from June 5 to June 28 inclusive and is obligatory for everyone between the ages of x and 59 except pregnant and nursing mothers and those involved in hard labor.

Feast Nativity of St. John the Baptist - (June 24th)

- "Amen, I say to you, there had not risen among them that are born of women a greater than John the Baptist." (Matthew 11:11)

Among all the saints whom the Eastern Church venerates, St. John the Baptist holds a unique place. He alone, of all the Saints, except for the Mother of God, has a feast honoring his Conception, and another honoring his Nativity. The great esteem he enjoys in the Eastern Church is evident from the fact that during the Church Year as many as six feasts are celebrated in his honor: the feasts of his Conception, Nativity, Beheading, the First, Second and Third Finding of his Head, and the Synaxis following the feast of the Theophany.

Among all holy persons of the Old Testament, St. John the Baptist is especially outstanding, especially because he stands on the border of two testaments: the Old and the New. He closes the doors on the prophets and opens them to the Apostles. He is not only a prophet, but also a precursor of Christ, a baptizer and a martyr. John, already cleansed of original sin while still in his mother's womb, is the only person given the privilege of baptizing Him Whose coming the other prophets had foretold but did not live to see.

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

- 1) You should be a member of the Catholic Church to receive Holy Communion.
- 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently.
- 3) You attend Divine Services regularly.
- 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church.
- 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast - no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast).
- 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.
- 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.