

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**8th Sunday After Pentecost, July 30, 2023**

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko

Monday, July 31, 20237:30 AM - Lit. + Deceased members of Sisters
Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará**Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

9:00 AM - Lit. Health and healing for Eleanor Kataryniak

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Myroslava r/by Petronchak family

Friday, August 4, 20238:00 AM - Lit. + Olga (1st Anniv.) r/by Maria Hrebeshchenko**Saturday, August 5, 2023**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Ihor Sytar r/by Family

5:00 PM - Lit. + Charles A. Stek r/by Ann Marie Stek

Transfiguration of Our Lord, August 6, 2023*Epistle - 1 Cor 3:9-17; Gospel - Mt 14:22-34*

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Peter Dzioba r/by Family

Anniversary Banquet

This year our Pastor celebrates his 20th anniversary of his priestly ordination and Assumption parish will hold a celebratory banquet in the school hall at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 24th following ONLY ONE Divine Liturgy at 11:00 a.m. Please save the date if you wish to attend.

We will be selling tickets in the church office July 17 to 31 during office hours. Tickets will be sold in church after liturgies in August and September.

Tickets are \$40 per adult, \$20 per child age 5-17, children under 5 free. Everyone attending must have a ticket so we have enough seating. Tickets must be purchased in advance (no tickets sold at the door).

We are looking forward to this celebration, and expect Fr. Ivan's parents to attend.

AXIOS to a new priest!

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia's faithful and clergy, gathered last Monday at the Ukrainian cathedral to witness the ordination of a new priest Fr. Andrii Rubel. Fr. Ivan, Sisters and our two parish altar servers Stepan and Bohdan attended Fr. Andrii's ordination and wished him many blessed years as he labors in the Lord's Vineyard.

Ukrainian Seminary Day

The Clergy and faithful of the South Anthracite Deanery of Pennsylvania will host the 89th Annual Ukrainian Seminary Day on Sunday, July 30, 2023 at St. Nick's Picnic Grove in Minersville, PA. All funds raised will go to support St. Josaphat Seminary in Washington, D.C. We encourage all our faithful to go and observe 89 years of celebrating our Ukrainian Catholic Faith, culture and heritage. You will have a good time!

- *St. Nicholas Picnic Grove and Hall are located on Route 901, one mile north of Minersville in the village of Primrose, Schuylkill County, Pa. (GPS locator: 855 Sunbury Road, Pottsville, PA 17901).*

Children's Bible Summer Camp

"*Vacation With God Camp*" for the youth of our parish children Grades 1 to 8 has been scheduled for Mon. - Wed., July 31 - August 2 from 8:15 am - 3:00 pm.

We have a sign-up sheet and a yellow registration form in the vestibule. If your child is planning to go, put your name on that sheet and also fill out the yellow registration form, then return it to the rectory office or give it to Fr. Ivan no later than Sunday, July 30th.

LITURGY INTENTIONS.

You can request Father Ivan to celebrate Liturgies for your intentions. As of now, there are no Liturgy intentions left for Father to celebrate liturgies in our parish.

REMINDER: Please don't leave this bulletin in the pew or in the trash when you are finished. We encourage you to share this bulletin with friends and family. Let all your loved ones know of the spiritual treasure that God has for all people here at Assumption parish.

Feast of Transfiguration of Our Lord is Next Sunday

This feast, one of the 12 Great Feasts, recalls how the Lord revealed His divine glory to His disciples on Mt. Tabor. On the Feast of the Transfiguration, the Church blesses the first-fruits of the harvest both as a giving back to the Lord what is His and has come from Him (1 Chronicles 29:14) and as a celebration of the promise of the final transfiguration.

On the feast of the Transfiguration, please bring fruits for Blessing following the Divine Liturgy.

Dormition Fast

We begin the Fast of the Theotokos on Aug. 1. This fast prepares us to celebrate the feast of the Assumption - Dormition of the Mother of God (Aug 15). As a part of this preparation I ask you to dedicate your fasting and prayer for the intention of peace in Ukraine.

Ukrainians recall the baptism of St. Volodymyr.

Earlier this month was the 1035th anniversary of the acceptance of Christianity by Prince Volodymyr for his nation, Kyivan Rus'. In the late 10th century, Volodymyr (or Vladimir) ruled over the principality of Kyivan Rus'. While there were some Christians in the territory already, thanks to the 1st-century evangelization of the Apostle Andrew, and in fact even Volodymyr's grandmother, Olha (Olga), was a Christian, Kyivan Rus' was largely a pagan society.

Both Volodymyr and Olha are recognized as saints in the Catholic and Orthodox Churches. Volodymyr felt that his people would benefit from adopting one of the world's major religions. But none of the reports he received from his envoys, who went to other lands to explore Western Christianity, Judaism or Islam, convinced him.

then, when his legates returned from Constantinople and reported being so moved by the Divine Liturgy they had attended in the Cathedral of Hagia Sophia that they "*knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth,*" Volodymyr decided to bring Byzantine Christianity to his nation. He himself was baptized in Crimea, right before marrying Anna, the sister of Byzantine Emperor Basil II. He then returned to Kyiv, where he proceeded to replace pagan monuments with Christian churches. Over the next centuries, Christianity spread among the Slavs.

Did you know?

There is the Saint Volodymyr Monument in front of Assumption Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ dedicated to the Great Prince of Kiev Volodymyr the Great. The blessing and unveiling of the life-sized bronze statue of St. Volodymyr the Great, sculpted by Paul Balog, on April 2, 1989, marked the closing of the Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine observance. Metropolitan Archbishop Stephen Sulyk presided at the preceding moleben service and blessing.

Three Parts of the Divine Liturgy.

***** THE PROSKOMEDIA.** It is the first part of the Liturgy, and the faithful do not participate in this rite. It is performed by the Priest before the faithful come to Church. Its name came from the custom which prevailed among the first Christians of bringing the bread and wine for the Mystery of Holy Communion, and for that reason, the bread itself is given the Greek name of "Prospora" which means "bringing." The PROSKOMEDIA consists of preparing the bread and wine for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and is done at the side Altar which is called the Table of Oblation. The PROSKOMEDIA symbolizes the Nativity of Jesus in Bethlehem and reminds us that Jesus spent part of His life secretly, away from the busy world.

***** LITURGY OF THE CATECHUMENS (TEACHING).** This is the part of the Liturgy we first see and hear which illustrates the public life of Jesus and is primarily instructive in its content.

***** OF THE FAITHFUL.** It is so called for during this part of the Liturgy only the faithful may participate in it. In this part of the Divine Liturgy the Holy Eucharist if being fulfilled, the bloodless Sacrifice is offered and the faithful receive Holy Communion. In this part of the service, with its rites, the Sufferings, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus are illustrated. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THE DIVINE LITURGY.