

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****14<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, September 3, 2023**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Katarzyna Hnat r/by Bobbie &amp; Family

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

**Tuesday, September 5, 2023**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Frank Yacullo Jr. r/by Grausam Family

**Wednesday, September 6, 2023**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Maria, Mykola, Olga, Hanna, Maria, Joseph, Maria, Wolodymyr, Ivan, Ivan

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Deceased members of Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará

**Friday, September 8, 2023****Birth of the Theotokos**

8:45 AM - Lit. + Sr. Martin Rodko, M.S.M.G.

r/by ACS Teachers and Administrators

**Saturday, September 9, 2023**

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention

5:00 PM - Lit. Health and Blessings for Elizabeth Wutkowski

**Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross,****September 10, 2023***Epistle - Gal 6:11-18; Gospel - Jn 3:13-17*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Elena &amp; Giovanni Fazio

r/by Caterina &amp; Ralph Iacuzio

**Anniversary Banquet.**

This year our Pastor Fr. Ivan 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.

Tickets are sold in church after the Saturday 5 PM Liturgy and after the 9 AM Sunday liturgy (or during Coffee Hour), and at the rectory during business hours. Tickets are \$40 per adult, \$20 per child age 5-17, children under 5 free. The ticket price covers catered food from the restaurant, drinks, beverages, dessert, music performances and festive program. Tickets must be purchased in advance (no tickets sold at the door).

**St. Ann Society**

Members are advised that the September meeting needs to be rescheduled from Sunday, 9/10 to Sunday, 9/17 due to a conflict with another parish activity.

**Attention PARENTS: Religious Education For Children.**

The First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes led by our Sisters: Sr. Veronica, Sr. Svitanku, Sr. Trijtsi will be held starting SUNDAY, October 8, 2023 for our parish children (6-7 years old). Please bring your child to the parish school for the first day of catechism class. The blue form at the back of the church needs to be filled out and returned to Fr. Ivan or Sr. Veronica by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Lessons are held Sundays in the parish school from 9:00 AM till 10:00 AM.

**Ukraine Relief**

As a parish, we are accepting monetary donations to aid in relief efforts in Ukraine. If you desire to give, simply place your donation (payable to Assumption Church) in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope or drop off your donation into the box at the back of the church

- *Last week, our parish wired \$1,000 to purchase a Starlink satellite terminal and \$1,000 to purchase medical supplies. We also shipped 4 boxes of Adult Diapers.*

**SCAM EMAIL/TEXT ALERT**

Scam email and text messages that claim to be from Fr. Ivan Turyk have been reported by several of our parishioners. As a reminder, please always double check the email address the correspondence came from. If it is not from Fr. Ivan's email [aphinagor@hotmail.com](mailto:aphinagor@hotmail.com) it is not from Fr. Ivan (though the address may be similar). Please also remember that Fr. Ivan will never ask anyone for money, gift cards, anything "off the record," nor will he ever ask to meet someone at a location other than our parish office. If you receive any messages of this nature, please block the email/text message sender.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**From Pastor's Desk*****Beloved in Christ,***

While the arrival of Labor Day brings an end to days at the beach and wearing white shoes, it is also an occasion to give thanks to God for the opportunity to work and to give thanks to God for those whose work is a blessing to us. As Pastor of Assumption Church, I am blessed to work with an amazing group of people on our Parish Staff and our School Staff. So, to all of you who work and volunteer at the parish and school, to all of you who do something each day no matter how insignificant you may think it is - THANK YOU and may the Lord reward you for your labors. May you be blessed for your goodness and always know my appreciation. Fr. Ivan - Pastor

**Back-to-School News.**

We are excited to open our doors this week for the 191 registered students and their families! Our faculty and staff have been tirelessly working to have their classrooms perfect for welcoming the students. Many may be unaware of the work and effort educators put in before the beginning of the school year; "summer" is not all play and down time for educators. Many staff take continuing education classes, attend professional development, work on lesson plans, and work on items to keep their credential and employment requirements current. We welcome two new teachers and look forward to blessing them and all students at the start of a new school year with a special Liturgy on Friday, September 8 at 8:45 am.

When teachers and students return, we hope they'll take a good look around at all the work that's been done by our school custodian. Our school custodian doesn't get a summer break! If anything, he and his helper work even harder to ensure that our school remains a safe, clean and welcoming environment!

**Question About Our Faith.**

- *My daughter's new boyfriend says all religions are true and worship the same, one true God. He says Christians, Muslims, Mormons, Buddhists, etc. are merely explaining the same faith in different ways. Do you have any advice for my daughter?*

The claim that all religions worship the same God and, therefore, all are true faiths is foolishness. Christianity and Islam cannot both be true at the same time. Mormonism and Buddhism can't be true simultaneously. Hinduism and Christian Science cannot both be true. All religions cannot be true at the same time, because they teach so many things completely opposite one another.

They all may be wrong, this is true, but certainly they all cannot be right. When teachings contradict each other, somebody must be in error; there is no way around this fact. Leaving common sense out of one's ability to reason will indeed affect perception, but it cannot affect reality.

Only Christianity recognizes Jesus Christ as the eternal God who became human and died for the sins of humanity. Only Christianity teaches Jesus rose from the grave. Christianity alone clearly teaches the redemption and salvation of human kind can only be found in, and through, Jesus Christ. If it is true that Jesus Christ is the only Son of God, savior of the world, then no faith outside of Christianity can be true. The way to come to a practical understanding of the one, true God is through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In addition to that, only the Catholic Church offers the opportunity for Christians to live a sacramental life through the Church Jesus established. It is in His Church we find the fullness of truth. The Catholic Church, because of the promise of protection of Jesus, remains the one, true Church which contains the Full Deposit of Faith.

**Blessing Of The Backpacks.**

As summer ends and the school year begins, the Blessing of the Backpacks was held at our parish last Sunday. All of God's children, were encouraged to bring their backpacks to church to be blessed for educational success for the coming school year.

**Ukrainian Assumption Bingo**

Have you been in for Bingo? Bingo Every Wednesday, Doors open at 6 pm - Games start at 7:30pm. Powerball is still at \$500!!! Pulltabs. Irish Gold and more. Come out play and socialize !!!