

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**17th Sunday After Pentecost, September 24, 2023**

11:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
*Celebration of Fr. Ivan Turyk's 20th Anniversary
Of Ordination to Priesthood*

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Roman

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko

Thursday, September 28, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention for Health and Blessings
r/by Iryna Buryk

Friday, September 29, 2023

8:45 AM - Lit. Health and Blessings for Fr. Ivan

Saturday, September 30, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. + Victoria Zolotych (40 days)
r/by husband, Mykola

4:15 PM - Vespers Service

5:00 PM - Lit. Special Intention Kwiecinski Family

18th Sunday After Pentecost, October 1, 2023**Protection of the Theotokos**

Epistle- 2 Cor 9:6-11 ; Gospel - Lk 10:38-42 & 11:27-28

9:00 AM - Lit. Deceased Family Members
r/by Maria Salamakha

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



**Congratulations Fr. Ivan Turyk on the occasion
of your 20th Anniversary as a priest,
serving the Lord and His People.**

When recently at the clergy retreat Fr. Ivan was asked what he likes best about being a priest. He said "*Number one, celebrating the Eucharist,*" especially during the weekend Liturgies and during the weekly services with the students of Assumption School.

Coming second to that is the sacrament of reconciliation, or confession. "*I am tremendously privileged to be able to offer healing and hope for people after coming through the sacrament of reconciliation. The feeling of being relieved of sin, even sometimes a physical healing after that.*"

Having a parish with a school is the third reason Fr. Ivan enjoys being a priest. "*It's a wonderful thing to be with young people. They invigorate me with their enthusiasm for God; it's really inspiring.*"

Vespers Services

Fr. Ivan will celebrate a Vesper service next Saturday at 4:15 PM. All parishioners are invited to attend this service. Those who wish to have a Divine Liturgy celebrated for a loved one whether living or deceased or for a private intention, please contact Fr. Ivan at (732) 826-0767 or see him after the Liturgy.

Religious Education For Children.

We will soon begin another school year in the religious education program. Children will come back to the classrooms to work together in their study of the Catholic faith. They will pray together, they will do classroom exercises in the study of Christian doctrine, and they will learn the fundamentals of our Catholic faith appropriate to their age level.

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 yellow form at the back of the church needs to be filled out and returned to Fr. Ivan or Sr. Veronica by October 1st. Lessons are held Sundays in the parish school from 9:00 AM till 10:00 AM.

School BBQ kicked off the new school year.

Last week, the smell of barbecue drifted through the Assumption Catholic School neighborhood. The faculty hosted its annual Back to School Barbecue to the returning and many new families. They offered a delicious variety of meats and salads. Choices ranged from a simple hot dog to tasty grilled chicken. In addition to a delicious meal, participants listened to music and played basketball, colored and had fun with friends. The joy of being together and having a good time is what made this year's Barbecue a very successful event. It was an enjoyable evening of food, fun and fellowship with friends and ACS families!

Grateful for all our blessings!

The Wegmans' Community Giving Circle came to ACS this summer and donated paint, supplies, and their precious time. This Community Outreach project gave our girls bathroom a new rose-pink color and painted our third grade classroom a new light blue-gray. They will be back to paint positive messages on the bathroom stalls and plan our next project! We thank our local Wegmans' team for doing such a wonderful job for our students.

Please pray the following prayer in support of Father Ivan for his continued service as pastor of our parish.

*Gracious and loving God, we thank your for the gift of
our priest, Father Ivan Turyk.*

*Through him, we experience your presence in the
sacraments.*

Help Father Ivan to be strong in his vocation.

Set his soul on fire with love for your people.

*Grant him the wisdom, understanding, and strength he
needs to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.*

Inspire him with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give him the words he needs to spread the Gospel.

Allow him to experience joy in his ministry.

Help him to be an instrument of your divine grace.

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns
as our Eternal Priest.*

Amen.

Protection of the Mother of God.

One of the favorite Holy Days in the Ukrainian Church is to be found on the Church Calendar on October 1st. It commemorates the appearance of the Mother of God in Constantinople in the 10th century.

There are many icons depicting this event, but she is always depicted with the veil over her arms as a sign that she will always protect us. She is never alone but always with Christ. Today, with her veil (*omophor*) she stands in our church along with the hosts of saints and she is always ready to hear our prayers of need and to take them to the Throne of God. We pray: "*Remember us in your prayers, O Lady Virgin*".

Getting Items Blessed.

If you have items to be blessed, please take them to the priest's sacristy immediately after Liturgy. Father Ivan will bless them and the items will returned to you.

SAVE THE DATE everyone.

The school Christmas Bazaar this year will be Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. FREE admission! This is our in-person event but our virtual bazaar will kick off OCTOBER 30TH.....more details to follow soon!

