

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**18th Sunday After Pentecost, October 1, 2023****Protection of the Theotokos**

9:00 AM - Lit. Deceased Family Members

r/by Maria Salamakha

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

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Mecha, Edward, Karl r/by Family

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Elena & Giovanni Fazio

r/by Caterina & Ralph Iacuzio

Thursday, October 5, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Ihor Chobit r/by wife Alla, and children

Friday, October 6, 2023

8:45 AM - Lit. Health and Blessings for Michele, Joe,

Izabella, Nick r/by Iryna Kuzychyn

Saturday, October 7, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + Maria & George

r/by Nick & Olga Tulnew

4:15 PM - Rosary Recitation

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

19th Sunday After Pentecost, October 8, 2023*Epistle- 2 Cor 11:31-12:9 ; Gospel - Lk 7:11-16*

9:00 AM - Lit. + Ihor Sytar r/by Sytar family

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

The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos.

"Today the Virgin stands in the midst of the Church, and with choirs of Saints she invisibly prays to God for us. Angels and Bishops venerate Her, Apostles and prophets rejoice together, since for our sake she prays to the Eternal God!"

Religious Education For Children.

We are beginning 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. Lessons are held Sundays in the parish school from 9:00 AM till 10:00 AM.

Parish Youth.

On Friday, October 6th, 6:30-8:30 pm, our Sisters invite children up to 13 years old, to spend some time with them to learn more about God, the way of life, way of love, way of being!

Donation to Church

\$500.00 - Theresa Stek,

In Memory of + CHARLES A. STEK

Donation for Ukrainian Relief

\$500.00 - Theresa Stek

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.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Those wishing to have Liturgies offered here at Assumption are asked to make use of the envelopes that have been placed in the vestibule. These intentions can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. Your use of envelopes rather than placing a phone call will help us keep accurate records!

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM FR. IVAN

My Dear Parishioners and friends,

As we get older, we often say, "Time Flies!". I am starting to say that more and more myself even at the age of 47. This year, I have been your pastor for 13 years and just last week celebrated my 20th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination. Time flies!

It's hard to imagine to think that twenty years has gone so fast. I am grateful to God for all His blessings he has given me in priestly ministry. Today, I would like to extend my deepest and most heartfelt thanks, to each of you, for the role you played in such a wonderful celebration, honoring the twenty years of my priesthood. For those of you from the organizing committee, who planned every beautiful detail of this amazing event, I thank you sincerely. Special thanks to all parish and school organizations for your greetings and presentations at the event. And to those of you who came and celebrated with my parents and me, I am most indebted to your generosity, support, and friendship.

May God bless you abundantly! Fr. Ivan - Pastor.

20th Ordination Anniversary Liturgy and Celebration.

On Sunday, September 24, 2023 we joyfully celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Fr. Ivan Turyk's Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. The Church was packed with well-wishers and Fr. Ivan was joined at the Holy Altar by his longtime friend Fr. Mykola Buryadnyk from St. Joseph the Betrothed Ukrainian Catholic Church in Chicago, IL who offered an outstanding sermon, and Rev. Robert Hitchens, Rector of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary in Washington DC, who was the main speaker at the banquet and who read the greeting letter from Fr. Ivan's ordaining bishop, + Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan-Archbishop Emeritus.

After the Liturgy, the beautiful Anniversary Banquet followed at the packed hall, with almost four hundred guests. The banquet included a delightful meal prepared by the parish volunteers and a very nice program. Following the dinner, the parish children, altar servers, choir "Boyan", Assumption Catholic School, Sodality girls and Sisters Servants of the Lord the Virgin of Matará entertained the guests with a beautiful concert. The highlight of the Banquet (and there were many) was Fr. Ivan's parents Vasyl and Olga Turyk, who arrived from Ukraine, addressing the parish with a special greeting. Looking out on the crowd, you could see the tearful expression on many faces that showed the love and appreciation they have for their son.

Vitaliy Kutnyy, President/CEO from Chicago and representatives of Selfreliance Federal Credit Union's New Jersey branch office joined the parishioners at the Liturgy and the banquet and presented a check of \$5,000 for the church at Fr. Ivan's celebration.

Fr. Ivan then came to the podium and thanked those who organized the event and his brother priests for their continued friendship and priestly fraternity. He continued with humble comments including knowing that even though all parish gathered to celebrate his anniversary, but it is really Jesus the Great High Priest who was honored, for he is the one who called Father to the Holy Priesthood and brought all together.

THE COLORS OF FALL

At the end of Summer days,

God begins Autumn Displays.

Foliages of gold and red,

Colorize the weeks ahead.

Hillsides show breathtaking views,

Beneath the skies of turquoise blues.

Leaves turn bronze and yellow bright,

Then one by one each takes its flight.

Sunshine lights orange aglow,

With mums in bunches and gourdes in rows.

God's richest hues of seasons all,

Are the beautiful colors of the Fall.