DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

6th Sunday After Pentecost, June 30, 2024

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners 11:30 AM - Lit. + Kash & Fedy r/by Helen and Jeff

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

10:00 AM Funeral liturgy in memory of Bohdan Kuzyszyn Wednesday, July 3, 2024

8:00 AM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko

Thursday, July 4, 2024

8:00 AM Lit. God's blessings and health for Alla Korostil Friday, July 5, 2024

10:30 AM - Lit. + Theodore Peter Labuza r/by Family Saturday, July 6, 2024

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention

5:00 PM - Lit. God's Blessings for Glenys & Joseph r/by Parents

7th Sunday After Pentecost, July 7, 2024

Epistle - Rom 15:1-7; Gospel - Mt 9:27-35

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners 11:00 AM - Lit. + Helen Sabodish r/by Kathy Ginda

"God keep our land glorious & free!"

Indeed let us offer prayers of thanksgiving to God for blessing our land with an abundance of gifts.

Let us pray that we cherish these gifts, honor our democratic form of government and respect each other.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Glenys A Biloholowski & Joseph E Betts

will be married on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at our parish. This is the third and final publication of banns. If anyone is aware of any reason why they should not be married, please make it known to Fr. Ivan.

Sunday Schedule Change

Our July and August Sunday 11:30 Liturgy time will be changed to 11:00 a.m. Also, every day liturgy time will be 8:00 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m.

Baptized in the Lord

With great joy, our parish family welcomes the newest Child of God: Remy Daniel Bouadana who was Baptized and Chrismated in our church. To his parents and all family and friends we extend our joyful congratulations!

Theatre Trip

St. Ann Society is sponsoring a trip to Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster PA, to see the show DANIEL. Tickets have been reserved for Saturday, November 30, 2024. Some tickets will be available if any parishioners wish to attend. The cost of each ticket is \$80. Bus is included. The bus will leave from the church at 10:00 AM for the matinee performance. A stop will be made at Miller's Restaurant where you can purchase lunch.

If interested, please contact Fr. Ivan or Anna at the rectory office. It will be first come first served. Tickets will go quickly, and there already is a waiting list of non-parishioners who wish to go, so those parishioners interested should submit their request and payment of \$80 as soon as possible.

<u>COFFE HOUR</u> - Join us for coffee and pastries after 9:00 am Sunday Divine Liturgy.

<u>MEMBERSHIP</u> - If you desire to become a member of Assumption parish, please talk to Fr. Ivan or contact the office to register, at which time you will receive an envelope number and a set of envelopes for the year.

Donation envelopes for 2025 will be ordered in July 2024. If you have any corrections to name or address, if you will be moving out of the parish and no longer need envelopes, if you want to register as a parishioner, or any other changes - please contact the rectory office as early as possible.

PASTOR'S CORNER:

Communion received to infants and toddlers. How is that permitted in the Eastern Rite?

Eastern rite Catholics follow a different rule on how the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist) are given. In our Byzantine Catholic church, infants are baptized, then immediately following are "chrismated" (confirmed) receiving the seal of the Holy Spirit, followed by receiving a small amount of Holy Communion. The priest performs all 3 Sacraments in that order at the same baptismal ceremony. It was only much later in the history of the Catholic Church of the Western or Latin rite that these Sacraments were "separated", with First Eucharist and then Confirmation being reserved until children were older for various reasons.

In Eastern churches however, since infants have already partaken of Holy Communion following their Baptism and Christmation, they continue to receive Holy Communion without interruption regardless of how young they are.

In Byzantine tradition, this practice was retained from how it was done in the early church. We believe that children should receive the graces that come from the Holy Spirit through Chrismation and Eucharist along with Baptism. Children in Byzantine churches also participate in traditional catechetical instruction so as they grow in age, they also grow in understanding of their faith. A formal ceremony of First Penance and Solemn Holy Communion is held at the determined traditional age of reason.

<u>Interment</u> of Theodore Peter Labuza, former parishioner, will take place in our parish cemetery following a 10:30 AM memorial mass in the church on Friday, July 5, 2024.

Employment Opportunity at Assumption School

Our elementary parish school is seeking full-time teachers. Candidates may send letter of interest and resume to Mrs. Lissette Shumny, principal at acsschooloffice@gmail.com or call 732-826-8721.

VACATION SEASON - As vacation season approaches, we kindly ask you to remember your parish and our ongoing need to maintain a consistent income to cover our operating expenses. While you enjoy your travels, please consider continuing your support to ensure our bills are taken care of even when we wish they would go on vacation too! Your continued generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Confession

Confession is available before or after Divine Liturgy. In any other case please contact pastor. Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

<u>SCHOOL NEWS</u>: ACS 21st Century Community Learning Centers Summer Program.

- Last Friday, students and parishioners had the incredible opportunity to visit the Sterling Mines, and what a spectacular adventure it was! The highlight of their trip was undoubtedly the stunning fluorescent rocks. Watching them glow with such vibrant colors was a magical experience that left everyone in awe. It's truly amazing to see nature's wonders up close.
- This Friday, our campers spent a beautiful day at Sandy Hook Beach! Our younger students were observing and learning about the fascinating horseshoe crabs. Did you know these ancient creatures are related to spiders and scorpions? Meanwhile, our older students were net casting, playing in the sand, and having a blast swimming and splashing each other!