

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**7th Sunday After Pentecost, July 7, 2024**

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Helen Sabodish r/by Kathy Ginda

Thursday, July 11, 2024

8:00 AM - Lit. + Walter r/by Sister

Friday, July 12, 2024

8:00 AM - Lit. Health for Roman r/by Iryna Kuzyshyn

Saturday, July 13, 20248:00 AM - Lit. Blessing and Health for Fr. Ivan on
The anniversary of his ordination

5:00 PM - Lit. + Michael & Glenys Romanko r/by Children

Fathers of the 6 Ecumenical Councils, July 14, 2024*Epistle - 1 Cor 1:10-18; Gospel - Mt 14:14-22*

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Steve Romanko - Legate

ACS Scholarships Donation

Sincere Thanks to Dr. Andrei Kachala who has donated \$6,000.00 to Assumption School for scholarships in the coming school year.

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.

2025 Donation Envelopes

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.

If you regard Assumption church as your parish, then you should become an official member by filling out a registration form (ask Father Ivan). After registration, you will be given a set of donation envelopes so that any donations you make will qualify for an income tax receipt.

WHY GO TO CHURCH? A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher; I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today! When you are DOWN to nothing ... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!
Thank God for our physical and spiritual nourishment!

Happy Birthday Wishes

Please remember in your prayers two ladies from our parish, who recently celebrated a significant milestones in their lives:

- Olha Hunchar - 99 years old
- Mary Retalis - 75 years old

Welcome to Our Parish

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, funerals, affidavits and when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. We can only do this if you are a registered, active and contributing member in the parish. Please call or speak to Fr. Ivan about registration.

TODAY: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

In this morning's holy Gospel from the Gospel of St. Matthew (9:27-35), we hear once again of the great love and concern that our Lord had for the sick and the handicapped. Jesus did not simply preach about the Law of the Old Testament like no one else before him. He knew that to love others means to reach out to the underprivileged and disenfranchised. He lived his own teaching of the Golden Rule, "*Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.*"

If we believe that Jesus is the Lord, we are obliged by our faith in him to do something to let the world know that we are his followers, as Jesus says in the Gospel, "By your love for one another everyone will know that you are my disciples."

Summer Etiquette Reminder

The summer months are upon us and that means enjoying warm weather and "fun in the sun". While shorts (for males and females), flip-flops, tank tops, spaghetti straps, short skirts well above the knees, etc. are practical and may be acceptable at the pool or the lake front they are not appropriate attire at church, and must not be worn during the Divine Services of the Church. If you are traveling after services, you can change into these clothes afterwards. At every Eucharistic celebration we are spiritually and physically brought in the awesome presence of Jesus Christ Himself, and when we commune He comes to dwell within us in a miraculous way. Therefore, the sanctity, solemnity and dignity of the Divine Liturgy must be preserved for the wellbeing of all.

NOTE FOR THE CURIOUS: It is customary for a priest to wear dark (red) vestments on days of fasting (penance), such as Wednesdays and Fridays, but from July 1 until July 31, we have no particular liturgical or festal season; thus the Byzantine Typikon-Ustav-Ordo prescribes that for days without any particular designation, the simple general usage of "bright" prevails, meaning a pale color, or a mixture of light colors, being neither particularly bright nor particularly dark. The most common general color is a non-metallic gold. This especially holds true in those places where only three sets of vestments are available: gold, white and dark red.

In Ukraine, the people preferred embroidery and linen, which was cheaper than the expensive brocades and galloons from France, and thus the vestments in Ukraine used to have even more variation in design and color than they currently do in the USA.

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., August 26-28, 2024 from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm.

Please register your child for this FREE camp.

Lunch provided, activities, games, crafts.

This year Assumption School Teachers, Fr. Ivan and Sisters will run this camp. The camp will take place at the church hall and the school and children will be separated by age groups.

Please fill out the yellow registration from the church vestibule. Leave the complete form on the back table or give it to Fr. Ivan, no later than Sunday, August 18, 2024

Upcoming Priesthood Ordination.

July 24th, 2024, Deacon Yuriy Pylypchak will be ordained at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11:00 AM. Please, pray for deacon Yuriy as he prepares to join the presbyterate of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia!