

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**9th Sunday After Pentecost, July 21, 2024**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Igor Sytar

11:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Priesthood Ordination Liturgy in Philadelphia

Thursday, July 25, 2024

8:00 AM - Lit. + Marilyn Gee r/by Joan Zaleski

Friday, July 26, 2024

8:00 AM - Lit. Health of Anna, Maria, Halyna, Taras and all Belahay family - r/by Mariya Salamakha

Saturday, July 27, 2024

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention

5:00 PM - Lit. + John Ilek r/by Helen & Jeff

10th Sunday After Pentecost, July 28, 2024

Epistle - 1 Cor 4:9-16; Gospel - Mt 17:14-23

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Thomas Zarembo Family

r/by Richard & Gail Zarembo

We extend a warm welcome to all guests, friends, visiting relatives, and parishioners in celebrating today's Divine Liturgy together. May our Lord bless you and your family

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.

Church Donation

\$500 - Jerry and Olga Tchir

2025 Donation Envelopes - Last call to make changes

Donation envelopes for 2025 will be ordered in July 2024. 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.

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

Designer Bags Bingo

sponsored by the parish Holy Name Society on Sunday, September 29, 2024

The night includes 10 rounds of bingo with amazing designer purses as the prize for each round. In addition, there will be an abundance of fabulous raffle prizes, a TRICKY TRAY and 50-50 RAFFLES.

Doors Open: 12:00 pm. Games Start at 2:00 pm
Entry Fee: \$30.00. Kitchen will be open for purchases.

Employment Opportunity at Assumption School

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

Join Our Parish Choir

If you are interested in joining our parish choir, please see the choir director Alla Korostil after 9:00 AM Liturgy. Remember: to sing while praying is to pray twice!

Pastor's Corner

A man at our parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?"

Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin – and who hasn't? – has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" like we heard it in today's Gospel. After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it."

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust He is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on Him. And if we sink, He will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

Today's Feast: The Holy Prophet Elijah

Elias, also known as Elijah, was one of the greatest and most remarkable prophets of the Old Testament. Of his origin, not much is known, except that he was from the city of Tishba. He appeared on the historical scene during the reign of Ahab. He delivered to that impious king the message of Yahweh: Israel would be punished by a long drought and Ahab's house would fall. He then lived to see the tragic end of Ahab. Next we hear of Elias in connection with Ochozias, Ahab's son and successor, to whom he predicted that the injuries received in a fall would be fatal. The end of the earthly life of Elias came mysteriously. As he was conversing with Eliseus on the hills of Moah, "*a fiery chariot, and fiery horses parted them both asunder, and Elias went up by a whirlwind into heaven*" (Kgs. 2:11). Jews, Christians and Moslems pay high honor to Elias, and Carmelite monks cherish the belief that their order was in some sense founded by him. Together with Moses, he appeared at Christ's transfiguration.

70th Holy Dormition Pilgrimage

The 70th Annual Holy Dormition Pilgrimage will be held on August 9-11 at the motherhouse of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate in Sloatsburg. This year's theme is "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior". The Sisters invite all our parishioners to attend! For information call: 845-753-2840 or visit www.ssmi-us.org Address: 125 Sisters Servants Lane, Sloatsburg, NY.

QUESTIONS on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems.

- *What's the difference between the bibles that most Protestants use, like the King James Version, and Catholic bibles?"*

The major difference is that most Protestant versions of the Bible, including the popular King James Version, are missing seven books from the Old Testament. Those books are Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, and 1st & 2nd Maccabees.

Interestingly, the original King James Version (published in 1611) included these books, but they have since been removed from most Protestant bibles or placed in a separate section called the Apocrypha (meaning "hidden"). In order to understand why Protestants removed these seven books, we need to go back some two centuries before the time of Christ. At that time, Jewish scholars translated the original Hebrew Old Testament into Greek. This translation became known as the Septuagint, and it became popular among Greek-speaking Jews and with the first Christians. In fact, the majority of the Old Testament quotations used in the New Testament are taken from the Septuagint translation.

Many believed that these seven books, although included in the Septuagint, should not be included in their list of books because they were written in Greek rather than Hebrew, the original language of the other books of the Old Testament. Nevertheless, the early Christian Church accepted these books as part of the canon of Sacred Scripture. Early Church councils at Hippo (A.D. 393) and Carthage (A.D. 397 and 419), determined that these seven books were inspired by the Holy Spirit. This raised the number of books of the Old Testament to forty-six.