

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**12th Sunday After Pentecost, August 11, 2024**

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Col. Joseph Petronis - Legate

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

6:30 PM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Thursday, August 15, 2024**Dormition of the Theotokos**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Arthur Kara - Legate

Saturday, August 17, 2024

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

13th Sunday After Pentecost, August 18, 2024

Epistle - 1 Cor 16:13-24; Gospel - Mt 21:33-42

9:00 AM - Lit. + Katarzyna Hnat r/by Bobbie & Family

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

Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, we rejoice today with you and with the whole Church for the most glorious things that God has done for us. You are beauty beyond beauty, Immaculate in every way, and worthy of our deepest love. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for us and for all your dear children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION - SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024.

Assumption Catholic Church Community invites you to come celebrate Independence Day of Ukraine, on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 5:00 pm at Divine Liturgy followed by the flag raising ceremony at our school.

Welcome!

Our warmest greetings are extended once again to all visitors and guests who are participating in Divine Liturgy. It is always a joy to have you praying with us.

Our Pastor, Fr. Ivan Turyk is on vacation August 8-22. Thus weekend Liturgies and the Liturgy for the Feast of Dormition are celebrated by the Vicar general and chancellor of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia Msgr Peter Waslo, who recently was elevated to the rank of Mitred Archbishop.

The Feast of Assumption (Dormition of Theotokos)

The Falling-asleep of the Theotokos sometimes also called the Assumption - is celebrated on the fifteenth of August, preceded by a two-week fast.

Holy Tradition tells us that the Apostles except Thomas were transported mystically to Jerusalem in order to be with the Blessed Mother as she died, and also to be present for her burial. When the Apostle Thomas arrived the next day, the tomb was opened so that he could make his farewell. To their astonishment they found an empty tomb filled with sweet-smelling flowers and fragrances. This event is not found in Sacred Scripture but is accounted for by Holy Tradition. Therefore, we bless sweet-smelling flowers in remembrance of this great sign of Mary's holiness and her being taken body and soul to heaven.

- In our parish, the Feast of the Dormition will be commemorated on Wednesday, August 14 with an evening Divine Liturgy at 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday, August 15, with morning Divine Liturgy at 9:00 p.m. Remember that this is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Blessing of Flowers.

In the Byzantine Church we bless flowers on this festival, not simply because they were found in the tomb of the Virgin Mary, but because they are the seeds of next year's plantings. What we see in any bloom now is the seed of another one to come, and therefore a strong symbol of resurrection. Besides seeds, we also bless herbs on this day. The prayers speak of all these things, flowers, herbs and seeds, as medicine. There is a healing that comes from death, as contradictory as that might sound. St. Gregory of Nyssa once referred to death as "*the final remedy*." Things which cannot be set right in this world can be made right in the next. So don't forget to bring a vase or bouquet of flowers for blessing.

Haven't Seen Someone in a While?

Visit them or give them a call or an email. It is nice to hear from a friend from Church. Let them know that you miss seeing them and hope that everything is okay.

Help Us Support Ukraine

There are numerous avenues available to provide monetary aid. If you so wish, your aid can be directed through a fund established by the Philadelphia Metropolia: The Healing of Wounds of the War in Ukraine Fund (HWF) that was established in January 2024 and can be found on the website of the Philadelphia Archeparchy: www.ukrarcheparchy.org or make checks payable to Assumption Church.

School Summer Maintenance Update

What happens at Assumption Catholic School during summer break? CLEANING! While our students and staff recharge for the upcoming school year, our dedicated maintenance team have been working tirelessly to transform classrooms and corridors into pristine areas that inspire learning and growth. From deep cleaning classrooms and common areas to making necessary repairs and improvements, we're committed to providing a safe, clean, and welcoming environment for our students when they return in September.

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 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 drop off at the Rectory, no later than Sunday, August 18, 2024.

Designer Bags Bingo

Sponsored by the parish Holy Name Society
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.

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.

Reporting and Benefit Event

Metropolitan Borys Gudziak invites you to save the date for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia Reporting and Benefit Event 2024:

- October 20 in Whippany, NJ
 - Time: 2:30 pm. Location: Ukrainian Cultural Center of NJ, 60 N Jefferson Rd, Whippany, NJ 07981
- Come to learn more about the Archeparchy's activities, service, and ministries. Come and share the good news! Come and contribute to our future! More information to follow in next bulletins.