

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 17, 2025</b>
9:00 AM - Lit. + Katarzyna Hnat r/by Sister and Family
11:00 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
<b>Tuesday, August 19, 2025</b>
8:00 AM - Lit. + Theresa Roskey r/by Joan Galetta
<b>Wednesday, August 20, 2025</b>
8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention health of Jerry Flynn
<b>Thursday, August 21, 2025</b>
8:00 AM - Lit. health of Oleg and Volodymyr r/by Hidey
<b>Friday, August 22, 2025</b>
8:00 AM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko
<b>Saturday, August 23, 2025</b>
8:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + Stephen & Vera Lahola r/by Family
5:00 PM - Lit. + Michael Fedeyko - Legate
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 24, 2025</b>
Epistle - 1 Cor 9:2-12; Gospel - Mt 19:16-26
9:00 AM - Lit. for health of Matviy r/by Galagoza family
11:00 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners

**34th Anniversary of Ukraine’s Independence.**  
Sunday, August 24, 2025 (following 9:00 am Liturgy in our school auditorium). Traditional Ukrainian Borscht-Shashlik Baked Goods- Beverages.  
This family-friendly parish event welcomes everyone, Ukrainians and non-Ukrainians alike. All proceeds will go towards humanitarian efforts for Ukrainians affected by the war. Bring your family, your friends, and your embroidered heart.  
*PS. On Friday, August 23 at 6:30 PM, we need male volunteers to help cut meat for shashlik in the school kitchen. Please bring a good knife with you.*

**SingCon 2025 Perth Amboy**  
We’re excited to invite you to SingCon 2025, taking place right here from October 23rd through the 26th. Over four days, we’ll journey with over 100 participants deep into our Ukrainian Byzantine chant tradition—practicing timeless Galician melodies like the Cherubic Hymn and Trisagion, exploring the spiritual rhythms of prokimen and troparia, and lifting our voices with sacred hymns rooted in centuries of Eastern Christian worship.  
If anyone from our parish is interested in attending the 4-day conference hosted here—focused on learning liturgical singing to enrich the liturgical life of our parish—please speak with Fr. Ivan. The parish will cover the cost of the conference for up to 4 participants.  
Regular rate: \$175 USD (includes all meals and materials)  
Visit for more information:  
<https://ugccmusic.com/singcon2025>

- The Sunday English liturgy at 9:00 am on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 will be a significant highlight of the conference, offering a unique opportunity for all participants to come together in worship. The service will be presided over by Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Bishop Bohdan Danylo, and Bishop Paul Chomnycky, three esteemed leaders of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in the United States.*
- Please note that this will be the only Divine Liturgy held on that Sunday. The liturgy will be sung in English entirely by the conference participants, showcasing the collective talent and devotion of those attending SingCon 2025. This communal celebration will not only enhance the spiritual experience but also strengthen the bonds within the Ukrainian Catholic community.*

**Designer Bag Bingo**  
Sponsored by the parish Holy Name Society  
Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 2pm-5pm.  
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 RAFFLE.  
Doors Open: 12:00 pm. Games Start at 2:00 pm  
Entry Fee: \$30 and extra sheets packs will be \$20.  
Kitchen will be open for purchases.

**TODAY: 10th Sunday after Pentecost**  
*"Nothing will be impossible to you".*  
Sit in stillness. Picture yourself as one of the disciples. You see the boy suffering, and you feel helpless. You wonder why your efforts failed. Then Jesus steps in, and with one command, every thing changes. You are filled with awe—but also questions. Now Jesus turns to you and says, “If you have faith...”  
What in your life seems impossible right now? Where do you need healing or strength? Let your heart whisper to God: “Lord, increase my faith. Help me to trust even when I don’t understand. Be near in my moments of doubt, and walk with me in times of sorrow.” Remember, it’s not the size of your faith, but the greatness of the One in whom you place it.

**Beach Blanket Bingo**  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20th, 2025  
We will have all the usual games of Bingo plus some giveaways, free raffles, Italian Ice and more. Spin our wheel to win 1 of many games. Specials in the Kitchen as well..... come early to participate in all the activities. Doors open at 6: 00 pm, Bingos starts at 7:30p. Bring a Beach Towel and get a free Surprise Bingo..... Hope to see you there.  
We would love to see some parishioners come and play.

**ASK QUESTION ABOUT OUR FAITH:**

- Father, what does the symbol IC XC NIKA mean ? I see this symbol is painted on a mural wall on the school parking lot.*

The symbol IC XC NIKA is a Christian symbol rich in meaning, especially within the Eastern Catholic traditions.  
Here's what it means:

- IC XC are abbreviations (in both Greek and Slavonic) for the name Jesus Christ.
- IC - The first and last letters of "Jesus" in Greek.
- XC - The first and last letters of "Christ" in Greek.
- NIKA is a Greek word meaning "conquers" or "is victorious"

So the full phrase means: "Jesus Christ conquers" or "Jesus Christ is victorious"  
This symbol is often used in Christian art, icons, and even liturgy. It's a declaration of Christ's victory over sin, death, and evil. You might see this symbol on icons (especially those of Christ), church walls or murals (like the one you saw), on crosses and christian liturgical vestments or altars

**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 has 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.

**Welcome!**  
We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Ivan's parents, Vasyl and Olga Turyk, who will be visiting our parish until September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Wrong Way.**  
As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on High way 401. Please be careful!" "O darling," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

**DAILY LITURGIES:** We ask parishioners to consider making an intention offering for daily Liturgies for your personal intention. We currently have no offerings. Please use white envelopes available at the church entrance and place them in the collection basket or directly to the parish office. Thank you!

