

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

12th Sunday After Pentecost, August 31, 2025
9:00 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:00 AM - Lit. + Joan Bigos r/by Ron & Irene
Tuesday, September 2, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit. Health and Blessings for Volodymyr (50 years) r/by Iryna Buryk
Wednesday, September 3, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention for Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará
Thursday, September 4, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention of Jerry Salsini
Friday, September 5, 2025
8:45 AM - Lit. + Anatoliy r/by Korostil family
Saturday, September 6, 2025
8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention
5:00 PM - Lit. + Ann Starek r/by Holy Name Society
Sunday Before the Exaltation, September 7, 2025
Epistle - Gal 6:11-18; Gospel - Jn 3:13-17
9:00 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:30 AM - Lit. + Ethyl Melnykevich r/by Helen

Divine Liturgy Schedule

Please note the Sunday liturgy schedule: The English mass returns to 11:30 AM next Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025.

Pastor’s Corner: Welcome Back to School!

I’m excited to welcome everyone back as we begin the 2025-2026 school year! It’s been a quiet summer without our students and staff, and we’re so glad to have 167 students and their families returning to our parish school community. I’m especially looking forward to seeing everyone during morning drop-offs. These moments, though sometimes busy or even chaotic, give a beautiful glimpse into the love and effort that goes into family life. We know the challenge it can be to get everyone ready and out the door in the morning—but God’s grace is present in all of it. Thank you for being part of our school family. I’m truly looking forward to all that the Lord has in store for us this year!

Designer Bag Bingo

Sponsored by the parish Holy Name Society
Sunday, October 5th , 2025 from 2pm-5pm.
The afternoon 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 and extra sheets packs will be \$20. Kitchen will be open for purchases.

St. Ann Society Meeting

The ladies of St. Ann Society would like to invite all ladies of the parish to come to the next meeting which will be on Sunday, September 14, after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Plans for the upcoming Fall events will be discussed. New members are always welcome to join these hard-workers as they strive to help and support the parish wherever and whenever it is needed. Please consider offering your time to this very busy group. The meeting will be held downstairs in the church hall. Lunch will be served.

Holy Name Meeting.

Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:00 pm. All men are invited to join the HNS and to share in the spiritual benefits. Please join us and invite your friends!

Thank You for the Gift of New Altar Linens

Our parish is deeply grateful to Ann Marie Stek for generously sponsoring the new altar linens, which will be blessed following today’s Saturday 5:00 PM Liturgy. Altar linens are used to cover the altar, serving as a sign of reverence, a form of decoration, and a means of protecting both the altar and the sacred vessels. In our church, the linens also cover the **antimension**, which contains the relics of saints. We are especially thankful to our religious sisters, who lovingly sewed these linens by hand, offering their time and care in service to the Church.

Today: 12th Sunday After Pentecost

In today’s Gospel, a young man asks Jesus how to gain eternal life. Though he has kept the commandments, Jesus calls him to something deeper: to let go of his wealth, give to the poor, and follow Him. The man walks away sad—not because Jesus rejected him, but because he couldn’t part with what held him back. Jesus reminds us that wealth can be a spiritual obstacle—but ultimately, salvation comes not through human effort, but by God’s grace.

Thank You

Last Sunday, August 24, we solemnly commemorated the 34th Anniversary of Ukraine’s Independence. On this special occasion, we gathered in prayer and offered the Divine Liturgy for all who gave their lives for our faith, freedom, and the dignity of our people. Following the Liturgy, we continued the celebration with a flag-raising ceremony and parish festivities at our parish school. Over 300 people joined us for a joyful afternoon filled with delicious homemade Ukrainian food, desserts, and lively music. A heartfelt thank you to our kitchen crew, everyone who cooked and baked, and to all our wonderful volunteers. We are Ukrainians from different backgrounds and generations, yet we came together, stood united, and hosted a very successful fundraising event in support of those affected by the war in Ukraine.

Final Fundraising Report:

- \$9,502 - Gross Income from Food Sale
- \$1,110 - Donations from the Basket at the Back of the Church
- \$3,175 - Expenses
- \$7,427 - Net Profit

As we prepare to enter a new Church year this September, I warmly invite you, dear parishioners, to continue walking together in faith. May the Good Lord bless all our plans, activities, and events, and strengthen us in our parish life as one family in Christ. ~ Fr. Ivan ~

Parish Catechesis for September:

September 5 - children 3-7 years old (up to and including 1st grade), Friday, 6:30-8:00 pm
September 7 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee
September 10 - women (Ukrainian), Tuesday, 6:30 pm
September 12 - children 8-10 years old (grades 2, 3, 4), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
September 13 - teenagers (13-18 years old), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
September 16 - women (English), Tuesday, 6:30 pm
September 19 - children 10-12 years old (grades 5, 6, 7), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
September 21 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee
September 27 - teenagers (13-18 years old), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
September 28 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee

Attention PARENTS: Religious Education For Children.

The First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes led by our Sisters will be held starting SUNDAY, October 5, 2025 for our parish children (2nd Grade, 6-7 years old) . Please bring your child to the parish school for the first day of catechism class. The yellow form at the back of the church needs to be filled out and returned to Fr. Ivan or Sr. Veronica by September 28th. Lessons in English are held Sundays in the parish school from 9:00 AM till 10:00 AM.

Celebrate the Jubilee Year with the Ukrainian Cardinal!

Welcome Cardinal Mykola Bychok in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia.
Program: 14th of September, 2025
10AM Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
Talk by Cardinal Bychok, *Hope: The Conclave and a New Holy Father*
Fellowship and light refreshments to follow in the hall:
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