

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

16th Sunday After Pentecost, September 28, 2025
9:00 AM - Lit. Health & Blessings for Fr. Ivan and his parents, Vasyl & Olga
11:30 AM - Lit. + Raymond W. Otlowski r/by Joan & Bob
Tuesday, September 30, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit. + Andreas Sozont r/by Andrei Kachala
Wednesday, October 1, 2025
Protection of the Theotokos
9:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention for our Sisters, Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará
6:30 PM - For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
Thursday, October 2, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit. Health of Ruslan, Yulia, Lubomyr, Hanna, Ivan, Anna, Yulia, Stepan, Vira r/by Maria Gich
Friday, October 3, 2025
8:45 AM - Lit. + Mecha, Edward, Karl r/by Family
Saturday, October 4, 2025
8:00 AM - Lit. + Lidia (40 days)
5:00 PM - Lit. + Anna Stek r/by Ann Marie Stek
16th Sunday After Pentecost, October 5, 2025
Epistle - 2 Cor 6:1-10; Gospel - Lk 5:1-11
9:00 AM - Lit. Blessings for Bogdan Leszczyk
11:30 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners

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.

Designer Bag Bingo
Sponsored by the parish Holy Name Society
Sunday, October 5, 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. FREE COFFEE AND COOKIES.

2025 Reporting & Giving Soirée in Whippany, NJ!
October 11, at 60 N Jefferson Rd, Whippany, NJ 08971
You are warmly invited to this special event, hosted by Metropolitan Borys Gudziak and the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, which is part of our Jubilee Year of Hope celebration. Join us to hear updates on the Archeparchy’s service, challenges, and future, while supporting the New Priests and Personnel Fund—a critical initiative to sustain and grow our Church’s leadership.
Tickets: \$175 per person
More details: ukrcatholic.org/fundraisers-2025
Questions or information for tickets, contact us at (215) 627-0143: fundraisers2025@ukrcatholic.org
If you are planning to purchase a ticket, please let Fr. Ivan know that you will be in attendance.

Prayer to the Theotokos
Most holy Mother of God, spread your protecting veil over us. Guard our lives, our families, and our Church. Intercede before your Son, that He may grant us mercy, peace, and salvation. O Lady, do not abandon us, but keep us always under your holy protection. Amen.

FALL DINNER DANCE!
The St. Ann Society Fall Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025. Doors open at 6:00 PM; buffet at 7:00 PM. Catering by The Barge, music by DJ BOJO. There will be a Raffle, a 50/50 and door prizes. As always, byob. Tickets: adults -\$50, children 12 and under- \$25. Tickets are available from any St. Ann Society member, or at the rectory (732-826-0767).

Come, Learn, and Grow in Faith

- October 3 - children 3-7 years old (up to and including 1st grade), Friday, 6:30-8:00 pm
- October 4 - teenagers (13-18 years old), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- October 5 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee
- October 8 - women (Ukrainian), Wednesday, 6:30 pm
- October 10 - children 8-10 years old (grades 2, 3, 4), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- October 11 - NEW: children (English) 8-13 years old, Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- October 12 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee
- October 14 - women (English), Tuesday, 6:30 pm
- October 17 - children 10-12 years old (grades 5, 6, 7), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- October 19 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee.

Led by our dear Religious Sisters, these catechesis gatherings are a special time to deepen our love for God and one another. Whether you are a child, teen, or woman – you are warmly invited to join us this October! Come with an open heart, and let Jesus guide you through His Church, His Word, and His love.

FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD
Wednesday, October 1st
Divine Liturgies at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm

Thank You

- We extend our sincerest thanks to our parishioner, Volodymyr Derevenskiy, for running a new electrical line, installing an outlet, and setting up the new projector in our church hall.
- We also thank Charles Boyko for conducting the asbestos inspection at the school.

We are truly fortunate to have such dedicated parishioners who generously donate their time and talents to support projects around our church and school.

ASK PASTOR:

- *Why are Byzantine Catholic and Orthodox clergy “adorned” in fancy vestments at worship services? Doesn’t this stand in conflict with Christ’s teachings on humility?*

The idea of those who preside at public worship services wearing garments that set them apart is not unknown in Scripture. In Exodus 28, Moses is commanded by God to have a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a woven tunic, a turban and a sash for Aaron and his sons to serve God as priests. God even stipulated what each garment piece should look like and what should be affixed to it.

In virtually every Christian tradition—Orthodox, Catholic, and much of Protestantism—presiding clergy wear vestments of some type, albeit not of the same “style,” when engaged in leading the faithful in worship. Know Your Church . . . So, those who lead public worship are “set apart” by wearing “formal” robes specific to their calling, and not for the purpose of exalting themselves above the so-called “rank and file.”

The purpose here is not to “personally adorn” the clergy or to elevate them “above the common people,” any more than judges who wear black robes or physicians who wear a white jacket are being aggrandized because of their vocations. When discharging their “official duties,” judges and physicians vest themselves accordingly, indicating their “functions,” so to speak.

So too clergy, when officiating at liturgical services, wear vestments. Vestments, obviously, do not resemble “secular” garb, in line with the fact that liturgical celebrations are not “secular” gatherings, nor are they designed to resemble them. Liturgy is our experience of and participation in the very Kingdom of God, yet to be fully revealed but already fully present in the life of the Church, her worship, and her sacraments.