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5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 28, 2026

*Epistle Rom 10:1-10; Gospel Mt 8:28-9:3; TONE 4*

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, June 28, 2026**

9:00 AM - Lit. for God's Blessings for Tetiana  
r/by Fuh family

11:30 AM - Lit. + Julian Hall r/by Nancy Bialkowski

**Monday, June 29, 2026**

**Feast of Saints Peter & Paul**

6:30 PM - Lit. Health of Maria, Maria and Roman

**Saturday, July 4, 2026**

5:00 PM - Lit. + Kash & Fedy r/by Helen and Jeff

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, July 5, 2026**

*Epistle Rom 12:6-14; Gospel Mt 9:1-8*

9:00 AM - Lit. for God's Blessings on our Parishioners

11:00 AM - Lit. + Elizabeth Baidy (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
r/by Sr. Mary Catherine, O.P.

**Prayer for Our Nation - Independence Day.**

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."*

(Psalm 33:12)

As we celebrate Independence Day on July 4th, we give thanks to God for the blessings of freedom and for the nearly 250 years of our nation's history since the founding of the United States in 1776. We remember with gratitude all those who have sacrificed to preserve our liberty and pray for our country, its leaders, and all its people. May God guide us to be a nation of justice, peace, unity, and respect for the dignity of every person.

**Questions on Catholic spirituality,  
moral & spiritual problems**

- **Why is it so important to go to the Divine Liturgy?**

The Eucharist is the supreme act of worshipping God because it is Christ offering Himself to the Father on our behalf (Lk. 22:19-20; I Cor 10:16; CCC 1324, 1365). It is the sacrifice of Calvary made present here and now. By participating at the Divine Liturgy we make Christ's sacrifice our own and receive the grace of salvation anew. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Jesus Himself (Jn 6: 51-59; CCC 1372, 1391).

We have an obligation to worship the Creator (Ps 22:23; Rev 5:16). It would be an insult to receive all the gifts we have received from God (our eyesight, our health, nice home, etc.) and then give Him nothing in return .... Is it not selfish if we do not give Him at least one hour of worship each week (Ex 20:8-11; Heb 10: 23-25; CCC 2177-2178)?

- **Why do we use incense at the liturgy?**

Incense symbolizes the pleasant odor of Christian virtue and our prayers rising to God

**ACS Summer Camp**

Our first week of Summer Camp was awesome! We were excited to welcome back many of our friends from our parish, and everyone jumped right into their reading and math activities on IXL—while still making plenty of time for fun. Campers enjoyed creative arts and crafts projects, worked together in exciting cup games, and shared lots of laughter along the way. These activities encouraged teamwork, quick thinking, and friendly competition.

We had a fantastic start to the summer and can't wait for all the adventures still to come!

**Father's Day Celebration.**

Last Sunday, we joyfully celebrated Father's Day with the Divine Liturgy, followed by a coffee hour and special greetings honoring our spiritual father Fr. Ivan and all fathers.

As a heartfelt expression of gratitude, the members of the Saint Anne Society presented every man who attended the Divine Liturgy with a small gift, recognizing and celebrating the gift of fatherhood and the important role men play in our families, our Church, and our community.

**Welcome** - to everyone who is with us today, especially all Visitors. We are pleased that you have come to pray with us this Sunday. May the Lord bless You.

**Pastor's Vacation**

Fr. Ivan will be on vacation through July 8 for a period of rest and renewal away from his pastoral duties.

If you have any needs during this time, please contact the church office. While Fr. Ivan is away, Fr. Raphael Strontsitsky, spiritual director of St. Basil the Great Seminary in Stamford, will serve as his substitute and provide pastoral coverage.

**The Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul.**

This Monday, June 29 at 6:30 pm liturgy at our parish we will honor the two apostles who were responsible for laying the foundation for the Church of Christ. Peter was a simple fisherman who realized the holiness of Jesus the first time he saw Christ. Christ called him the "Rock" (Peter) and said that upon this Rock He would build His Church. Saint Paul, on the other hand, had a different calling and role within the Church. His various letters to the Churches make him the patron of the Local Church. Saints Peter and Paul are honoured together since they bring together both understandings of the Church. The one brings light to the message of the Gospel and the other makes the light shine more brightly for us by adapting the message to our world-view.

**Summer Sunday Schedule Change**

Our July and August Sunday 11:30 Liturgy time will be changed to 11:00 a.m.

**Employment Opportunity at Assumption School**

Our elementary parish school is now seeking two full-time teachers. Candidates may send letter of interest and resume to Mrs. Lissette Shumny, principal at [acschooloffice@gmail.com](mailto:acschooloffice@gmail.com) or call 732-826-8721.

**VACATIONING WITH GOD.**

Now that summer is officially here and school is out, most of us are looking forward to some rest and relaxation and a break from our usual hectic schedule. But we should remind ourselves not to take a vacation from God and from prayer. It is important to remember the financial obligations to your parish over the summer months.