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21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCT. 18, 2026

Epistle Gal 2:16-20; Gospel, Matthew 21:28-32; TONE 4

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

21st Sunday After Pentecost, October 18, 2026

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Helen and George Melnykevich
r/by Family

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

7:45 AM - Lit. + Ostap and Halyna Jakubowycz

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

7:45 AM - Lit. Health of soldier Volodymyr and family

Thursday, October 22, 2026

7:45 AM - Lit. + Pelaheia and other family members

Friday, October 23, 2026

8:45 AM - Lit. + Fr. Anthony DiStefano, ACS alumni

Saturday, October 24, 2026

5:00 PM - Lit. Health and blessings for Bruce Terefenko

22ND Sunday After Pentecost, October 25, 2026

Epistle Gal 6:11-18; Gospel Lk 16:19-31

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Lydia Kernitsky r/by husband, Roman

First Confession and Solemn Communion Classes.

The First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes led by our Sisters for our parish children (2nd Grade, 6-7 years old) in English are held Sundays in the parish school from 9:00 AM till 10:00 AM.

Parish Canapés

This Sunday, following the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, all parishioners are warmly invited to gather in the parish hall for coffee, fellowship, and delicious homemade treats!

Homemade crêpes filled with sweet cheese, meat, and apples, along with other delightful treats, will be available for purchase. All proceeds from "Parish Canapés" will go toward supporting those suffering in Ukraine.

Donations to Church

\$300.00 - In Memory of + CAROLYN TEREFENKO

Parish Catechesis for October:

- Oct 18 - young adults, over 17 years old (grade 12 and older), Sunday 11:15 am - 12:30
- Oct 20 - women (English), Tuesday, 6:30 pm
- Oct 24 - teenagers 13-17 years old (grades 8, 9, 10, 11), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Oct 25 - parish Sodality of Mary group for girls 8-12 years old (grades 3, 4, 5, 6), Sunday 11:15 am - 12:15

Baptized in the Lord.

With great joy, our parish family welcomes the newest Child of God: DAMIAN (DAMIR) SYDOR, baptized in our church on Saturday.

Children Praying for Children.

Next Sunday, October 25, the Ukrainian National Women's League of America (UNWLA), Branch 135, invites all children to participate in the "Children Praying for Children" initiative following the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Wearing their Ukrainian embroidered shirts (*vyshyvanky*), children will gather in the front pews to pray for Ukrainian children forcibly taken from their families and homeland during the war.

OCTOBER IS CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

During this month, we unite in prayer and compassion for all those affected by cancer, especially those recently diagnosed and those undergoing treatment. We pray in a special way for Pope Leo XIV, who has been diagnosed with lung cancer, asking God to grant him healing, strength, courage, and a smooth recovery.

A SINCERE THANK YOU!

We are grateful to our parishioner, Volodymyr Derevenskiy, for generously sharing his time and skills to complete several electrical repairs and installations. He repaired and secured the exterior hanging light fixture at the church, installed a new electrical outlet in the church kitchen, and installed three ceiling light fixtures at the convent and one at the rectory.

CEMETERY: Please make sure that summer items are removed from the cemetery prior to the ground freezing in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity. We will also be shutting off the water to the cemetery soon.

Eternal Memory.

The passing of Fr. Anthony DiStefano (North Arlington, NJ) occurred on October 14, 2026. Fr. Anthony was an Assumption School alumni and ordained a priest in 2017.

ASK FATHER A QUESTION?

- *Father, what is the Anaphora of the Divine Liturgy?*

The Anaphora is the great Eucharistic prayer and the most sacred part of the Divine Liturgy, during which the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It begins with the invocations, "Let us stand well," "Lift up your hearts," and "Let us give thanks to the Lord." The Consecration is the most sacred moment in the Divine Liturgy. It is the time when the body and blood of Our Lord become present on the altar. It is the time when Our Lord offers Himself again to His Father as He did on the Cross of Golgotha. AT THE CONSECRATION OUR LORD HIMSELF IS THE PRIEST. The words and actions are those used at the Last Supper. The priest takes the bread into his hands, blesses it and says the words of consecration aloud. "Take, eat: THIS IS MY BODY, which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins." In like manner the priest blesses the chalice of wine, bends over it and says the words of consecration. "Drink of it, all of you. This My blood of the New Covenant which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." The priest says quietly the last prayers of the Anaphora which are Prayers for the Sanctification by Holy Spirit, while the people sing, "We sing of You, we bless You, we thank You...."

- *When does a minor or lessor sin become a grave sin?*

When you let yourself habituate a minor sin to the point of thinking "Oh, it's only a minor sin, it doesn't really matter," you have now led yourself to the opposition of Jesus's Christ teaching. "If you desire heaven, be perfect like your heavenly Father is perfect." At this point, through your habits you have led yourself to believing that a particular sin is not a sin and it is at this point that this minor sin has become a grave sin.