

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saints Moses and Ezekias -- August 28th

HOLY GHOST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 28-September 4 , 2016

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4 :6-15

Gospel: Matthew 22:35-46

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) +John Vedomsky – Peg Hutnik

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: August 28, 2016

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) +Most Rev. Richard Seminack :Bishop of Chicago

All daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM. Please support the prayer

life of our church by your participation.

MONDAY Feast of the Beheading of St John the Baptist

+Karen Bakros 40th Day intention: Paulette Bellis

TUESDAY No Divine Liturgy

WEDNESDAY +Fr. Joseph Szupa – Family & Friends

THURSDAY Beginning of the Church New Year September 1, 2016

+Michael Horon- M Kaufman

FRIDAY No Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) Special Intention: John Drozd Jr

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: September 4, 2016

9:00AM(Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English)+Anna Terleski- Helen & Betty Terleski

COLLECTION – \$1719.00 Thank you for your generosity and support

Eternal Light & Altar Candles In Memory of +Joseph & Stella Bodnar – Daniel and Loretta Bodnar

Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers

Helen Terleski

Teodozia Sroka

Catherine Kutzler

Olga Turczyn

Mae Kulczykcki

Sophie Troyan

Jean Lakomski

Michael Trusz

Sr. Stephanie SSMI

Peg Hutnik

Richard Suter

Martha Charon

Olga Bryksa

Julian Trusz

Michael Sidlar

Walter Kiniuk

Joseph Bodnar

Lillian Opp

Frank & Betty Maitski

Sarah Shanks

Kim Lightcap

Gregory Neff

Stephen Terleski

Sr Judith OSBM

Margaret Dashe

Helen Potak

Anna Drozd

Olga Trusz

Mary Heverling

Frieda Lubosky

Robin Mease

Estelle Troyan

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Troparion (6): Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord risen from the dead, glory be to You!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion (6): With His life-giving hand, Christ our God, the Giver of life, raised all the dead from the murky abyss and bestowed resurrection upon humanity. He is for all, the Savior, the Resurrection and the Life, and the God of all.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Theotokion (6): Undaunted patroness of Christians! O steadfast intermediary with the Creator, turn not away from the suppliant voices of sinners, but in your kindness come to help us who cry out to you in faith. Be quick to intercede, make haste to plead, for you are ever the patroness of those who honor you, O Mother of God.

Prokimenon (6):

Save, Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

Epistle: Reading of the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (2Cor 4,6-15)

Brethren: God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of [Jesus] Christ. But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not constrained; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being given up to death for the sake of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since, then, we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we too believe and therefore speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God.

Alleluia Verses:

Verse (6): He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse (6): He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God; in Whom I hope. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel:(Mt 22,35-46)

At that time, a scholar of the law tested Jesus by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus questioned them, saying, "What is your opinion about the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They replied, "David's." He said to them, "How, then, does David, inspired by the Spirit, call him 'lord,' saying, 'The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies under your feet?"' If David calls him 'lord', how can he be his son?" No one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Communion Verse:

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

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Why is Incense Used in the Ukrainian Catholic Church?



We find the use of incense as far back as the Old Testament, such as Psalm 141:2, "Let my prayer be set forth before you as incense; and the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice." In Malachi 1:11, it says, "...and in every place incense is going to be offered to my name." Much of our worship comes from the Hebrew rites and traditions established before Christ, including the reading of Psalms (which are in every service of the Church), incense, chanting, and much more. Incense is made from aromatic plant matter, and a binding agent to hold it together, either oil or resin. In the Old

Testament we see the cloud of smoke covering the mountain when God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. When we see the smoke rising and filling the air with its sweet fragrance we are reminded of God's presence among us. It fills our lungs and attaches to our clothing reminding us of the sweet fragrances in paradise, and how we carry that reminder of God on our person when we go back into the world. In fact, many of the things we do in Church have both practical and spiritual understandings. There was a time without regular showering and forced air ventilation. Back in the day churches used incense to help freshen the air inside the church. A *censer* or "*kadylo*" is the "tool" that we use in the church to get the fragrance to the people. The most common censers are gold and have four chains, standing for the four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), who wrote the four gospels that we have in the Bible. It also usually has twelve bells for the 12 Apostles, who were the closest of the followers of Jesus and the main people who spread the Word of God, so like the ringing of the church bell calling all to worship, the censor bells are the voices of the Apostles reminding us of the Way of the Lord. The use of incense during the Divine Liturgy especially precede important events during the service. The priest incenses prior to the reading of the Gospel, bringing the gifts in procession to be offered, and after the Gifts are changed by God into the presence of the Resurrected Lord. Inside of the Censer, we place a piece of charcoal and on top of the charcoal we place incense. The fragrant smoke that is produced reminds us of our prayers rising to God while the gold censor resembles a church and helps us remember to pray. The icons, holy places and people are incensed during the services reminding us that all these things and people that are honored are reflections of God: places in which and in whom God dwells.

FEAST OF THE BEHEADING OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Beheading of St John the Baptist, a Feast day established by the Church, will be celebrated at 9:00AM Monday. It is also a fast day because of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint. In some cultures pious people will not eat food from a flat plate, use a knife, or eat food that is round in shape on this day.

CHURCH NEW YEAR

The Church New Year begins on September 1. There will be a Divine Liturgy celebrated at 9:00AM to begin our new cycle of remembrance of the salvation of all people through the coming of Jesus Christ. All during the year we mark the significant events in the life of Jesus and Mary leading to Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection. The first in the cycle is the birth of the Mother of God Sept. 8th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Our Religious Education classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 5:00-6:00PM in the church hall. All children are encouraged to register by using the forms in the vestibule of the church. This year we will be covering stories from the Bible. We will begin with the story of creation through the coming of Jesus in the New Testament over the next few months. Many of our children are not familiar with the history or stories from the Bible. It is a necessary basis for their faith so please support our efforts. There will be two groups :Ages 5-12 and 13-18. Any children wishing to make their First Confession and Solemn Communion this year should register with Fr Dan.

Classes will begin on Tuesday September 6, 2016.

PYROHY TO START: September 6-7

We will resume our monthly pyrohy sale on September 6 & 7. If you would like to place and order please use the order form in the vestibule of the church or call the rectory at 610-252-4266 to place your order. Pyrohy are \$6.00 a dozen.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy invites you to it's **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** on Sunday October 16, 2016. Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka invites you to celebrate your wedding anniversary at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at a Divine Liturgy at 11:00AM in your honor followed by a banquet for all couples and guests. Registration forms are in the vestibule of the church. Cost is \$50.00 per couple \$30.00 for guests. Deadline for registration is October 1, 2016

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS to *Olga Bryksa, Leah Wright, and Happy 1st Birthday to Logan Thatcher* this week. May God grant them many more healthy happy years ! Mnohaya lita!

SPECIAL THANKS: CENTENNIAL CROSS

Our parish centennial is in 5 years: 2021. We thank a member of our parish who has fabricated from wood a cross which has been erected in the corner of our property to begin our celebration countdown. The cross reminds us of our commitment to the way of life Jesus has shown us. It will be blessed on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on Wednesday September 14, after the 5:30PM Divine Liturgy. May God bless our cross maker and benefactor for this beautiful symbol of our faith. Mnohaya lita!

HOLY GHOST T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

Anyone wishing to purchase a Holy Ghost t-shirt there are still small/ large/ and xtra large available in the dark blue. T-shirts are \$10.00 and support our Tower Repair Fund. Thank you

TRICKY TRAY DONATIONS

We will be holding our Annual Tricky Tray Fundraiser on October 16, 2016. We have sent a letter out to all of our parishioners asking for your support of \$50.00 for each family to help us prepare the prizes. The Tricky Tray is one of our major fundraisers and helps us to meet our goal of maintaining our church here in West Easton. Fliers will be available soon to distribute. If anyone is willing to help us solicit prizes from the local businesses please see Fr. Dan or John Drozd after the Liturgies. Thank you.

\$50.00 : Stefania Trusz, Oxana & Ivan Savkanitch, Ihor Mirchuk, Mary & Joseph Corea, Jane Atherholt, Michael & Olga Trusz, Heather Hill,

UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL: TRYZUB August 28, 2016

The Ukrainian American Sports Center at County Line and Lower State rds in Horsham PA invite you to the 25th Annual Ukrainian Festival from 12:00-8:00PM. A vibrant outdoor summer Concert of Ukrainian Dance Music and Song celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Ukraine's independence. Performer for the day: "Voloshky" and "Iskra" Dance ensembles, "Vox Ethnika" and "Living in Song" Ensemble and Chamber Choir. A Ukrainian "zabava" dance will follow the show. Food, BBQ, refreshments baked goods will be available. For more info: 267-664-3857 or www.tryzub.org

CALL TO PRAYER: CENTRALIA PA

On Sunday August 28, Assumption of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church in Centralia is sponsoring a day of pilgrimage and prayer from 12:00PM – 4:00PM. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 12:00 noon with Archbishop Soroka with Fr Wasyl Kharuk as the homilist. The Assumption Church has been designated as a "Door of Mercy" during this jubilee year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. There will be a Living Rosary at 2:30PM, and a Moleben to the Mother of God at 4:00PM. There will be a food service from 1-4:00PM and handicap parking with shuttle service available. All are invited.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS,SISTERS AND SEMINARIANS AND FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE.

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Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion. Classes are required for parents and godparents prior to sacrament. Please contact the parish office

Marriages: Couples wishing to be married must be registered in the parish and attending Pre-Cana classes. One year notification is required.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation of the Sick: Anyone wishing to be visited with Holy Communion and/or anointed for healing, please contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.

Confession: Regular confession helps us in our journey of faith.

Confessions will be held

Saturday's from 5:15PM-5:45PM Sunday from 10:15AM-10:45AM

My Yoke is Easy, My Burden Light

God's will is to save us, and nothing pleases Him more than our coming back to Him with true repentance. . . . It was precisely in order to show that there is nothing closer to God's heart than the divine Word of God lived among us in the flesh, and did, suffered, and said all that was necessary to reconcile us to God the Father, when we were at enmity with Him. He also taught us in many different ways that we should wish to imitate Him by our own kindness and genuine love for one another.

So it was that Christ proclaimed that He had come to call sinners to repentance, not the righteous, and that it was not the healthy who required a doctor, but the sick. To give the same lesson - he revived the man who, having fallen into the hands of the brigands, had been left stripped and half-dead from his wounds; he poured wine and oil on the wounds, bandaged them, placed the man on his own mule and brought him to an inn, where he left sufficient money to have him cared for, and promised to repay any further expense on his return.

Again, He told of how that Father, who is good-

ness itself, was moved with pity for his profligate son who returned and made amends by repentance; how he embraced him, dressed him once more in the fine garments that befitted his own dignity, and did not reproach him for any of his sins.

So too, when he found wandering in the mountains and hills the one sheep that had strayed from God's flock of a hundred, he brought it back to the fold, but he did not exhaust it by driving it ahead of him. Instead, he placed it on his own shoulders and so, compassionately, he restored it safely to the flock.

So also He cried out: Come to me, all you that toil and are heavy of heart. Accept my yoke, He said, by which He meant His commands, or rather, the whole way of life that He taught us in the Gospel. He then speaks of a burden, but that is only because repentance seems difficult. In fact, however, my yoke is easy, He assures us, and my burden is light.

St. Maximus the Confessor

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