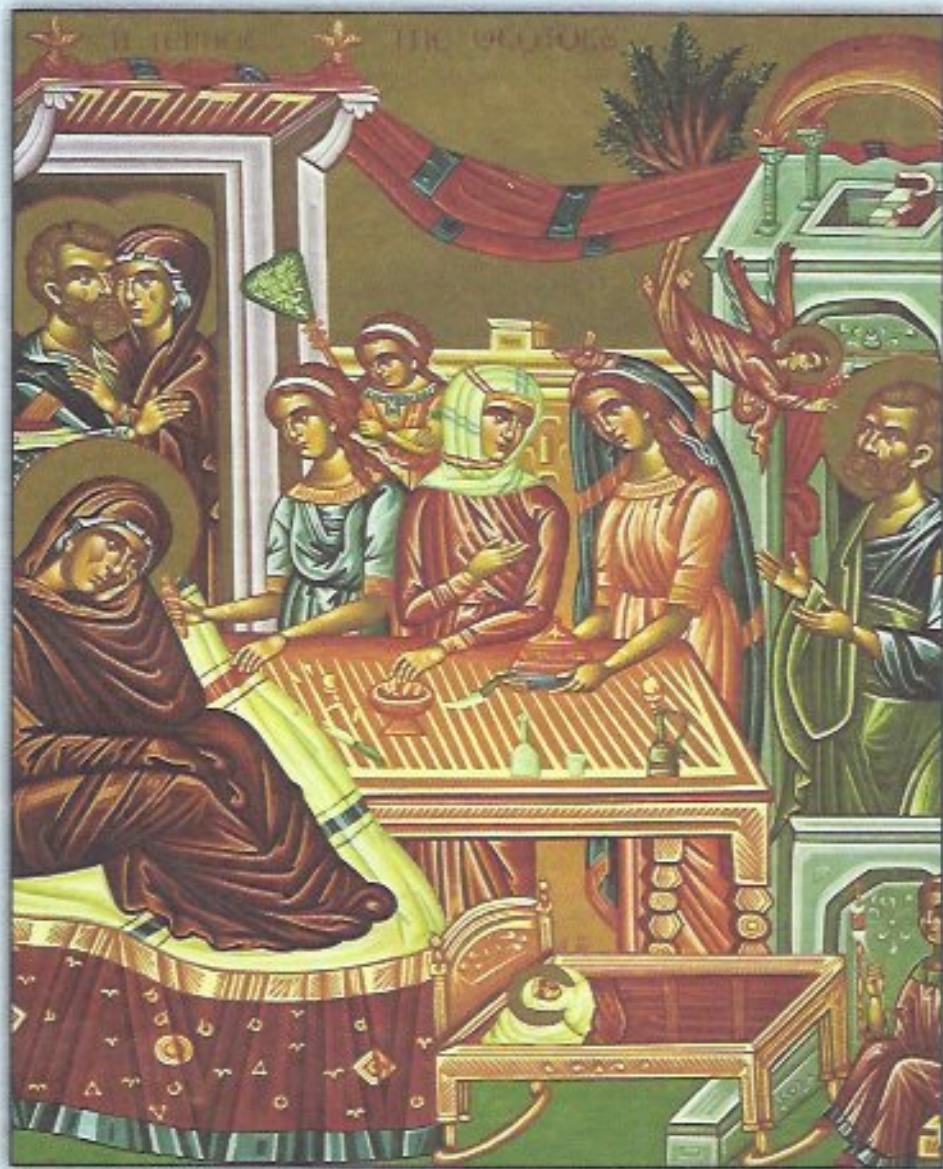


SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Nativity of the Mother of God -- September 8th

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September 4- 11, 2016

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) Special Intention Helen Potak - John Drozd

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: September 4, 2016

9:00AM(Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

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

All daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM. Please support the prayer life of our church by your participation.

MONDAY No Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY +John & Agnes Gutowski – Loretta & Dan Bodnar

WEDNESDAY No Divine Liturgy

THURSDAY FEAST OF THE BIRTH OF MARY :THE MOTHER OF GOD

5:30PM +Karen Bakros – Judy Palinkas

FRIDAY Anniversary Blessings: Andrea & Tyler Keeney – Stoken Family

SATURDAY 6:00PM (English)+John Hutnik- Frank & Marge O'Such

SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM (English) Health and Blessings Stefania Trusz – Trusz Family

COLLECTION – \$1718.00 Thank you for your generosity and support

Eternal Light & Altar Candles In Memory of +Joseph & Stella Bodnar – Dan & 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 Kulczycki	Sophie Troyan	Jean Lakomski	Michael Trusz
Archbishop Stefan	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	Bob Bassler
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Mary Heverling	Frieda Lubosky	Mary Heverling	Estelle Troyan

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Troparion:

By Your cross You destroyed death; You opened Paradise to the thief; You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy, and charged the apostles to proclaim that You are risen, O Christ our God, offering great mercy to the world.

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

Kontakion (7):

No longer shall the dominion of death be able to hold humanity, for Christ went down shattering and destroying its powers. Hades is bound. The prophets exult with one voice: The Savior has come for those with faith, saying: Come forth, O faithful, to the resurrection!

Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Theotokion (7):

O All-praised Treasury of our resurrection, we hope in you, bring us up from the pit and depth of sins, for you have saved those subject to sin by giving birth to our Salvation, O Most Holy Virgin Mother of God.

Prokimenon (7):

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O you children of God; bring to the Lord young rams.

Epistle: Reading of the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brethren: Working together, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says: "In an acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We cause no one to stumble in anything, in order that no fault may be found with our ministry; on the contrary, in everything we commend ourselves as ministers of God, through much endurance, in afflictions, hardships, constraints, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, vigils, fasts; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, in a holy spirit, in unfeigned love, in truthful speech, in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness at the right and at the left; through glory and dishonor, insult and praise. We are treated as deceivers and yet are truthful; as unrecognized and yet acknowledged; as dying and behold we live; as chastised and yet not put to death; as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet enriching many; as having nothing and yet possessing all things.

Alleluia Verses:

Verse (7): It is good to give praise to the Lord; and to sing in Your name, O Most High. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse (7): To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.

Gospel:(Mt 25,14-30)

The Lord told this parable: "A man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one -to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you greater responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER

We offer our love and congratulations to John & Kelsey Peleschak, new parishioners of Holy Ghost Church, on the birth of their first child, **Reagan Ashley Peleschak** on August 25th. Reagan will receive the sacraments of Initiation: Baptism,, Confirmation and Eucharist on October 2, 2016 during the 11:00AM Divine Liturgy. The paternal grandparents are John and Maryann Peleschak. May God grant them very many healthy happy years together!
MNOHAYA LITA

Commemorated on September 8 : Nativity of the Mother of God

The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary: The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born at a time when people had reached such a degree of moral decay that it seemed altogether impossible to restore them. People often said that God must come into the world to restore faith and not permit the ruin of mankind. The Son of God chose to take on human nature for the salvation of mankind, and chose as His Mother the All-Pure Virgin Mary, who alone was worthy to give birth to the Source of purity and holiness. The Nativity of Our Most Holy Mary is celebrated by the Church as a day of universal joy. Within the context of the Old and the New Testaments, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary was born on this radiant day, having been chosen before the ages by Divine Providence to bring about the Mystery of the Incarnation of the Word of God. She is revealed as the Mother of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Most Holy Virgin Mary was born in the small city of Galilee, Nazareth. Her parents were Righteous Joachim of the tribe of the Prophet-King David, and Anna from the tribe of the First Priest Aaron. The couple was without child. Having reached old age, Joachim and Anna did not lose hope in God's mercy. They had strong faith that for God everything is possible, and that He would be able to overcome the barrenness of Anna even in her old age. Sts Joachim and Anna vowed to dedicate the child which the Lord might give them, to the service of God in the Temple. The Lord fulfilled her petitions when the pious couple had attained to extreme old age and prepared themselves by virtuous life for a sublime calling: to be the parents of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the future Mother of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Archangel Gabriel brought Joachim and Anna the joyous message that their prayers were heard by God, and of them would be born a most blessed daughter Mary, through Whom would come the Salvation of all the World. The Most Holy Virgin Mary surpassed in purity and virtue not only all mankind, but also the angels. She was manifest as the living Temple of God, so the Church sings in its festal hymns: "the East Gate... bringing Christ into the world for the salvation of our souls"

The Nativity of the Mother of God marks the change of the times when the great and comforting promises of God for the salvation of the human race from slavery to the devil are about to be fulfilled. This event has brought to earth the grace of the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of Truth, piety, virtue and everlasting life. Mary is revealed to all of us by grace as a merciful Intercessor and Mother, to Whom we have recourse as her children.

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!

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

AS we begin our new liturgical year, we begin with the birth of Mary the Mother of God. Her parents Joachim and Ann were blessed with a child in their old age and Mary was conceived to be the God-bearer for our salvation. We honor her birth with a Divine Liturgy on Thursday evening at 5:30PM. Please join with us in prayer and honor of our Blessed Mother.

TODAY: CANONIZATION OF MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

This Sunday in Rome, Pope Francis will raise Mother Teresa of Calcutta to the rank of Saint in the Catholic Church. She will now be known as St. Teresa of Calcutta. After each liturgy this weekend we will recite the prayer to St. Teresa and remind ourselves of the godliness of this good woman who worked tirelessly and selflessly for the good of all of God's children.

STREET PAVING ON 4TH STREET

The street in front of the church will be paved this week from September 6-8 between the hours of 6:00AM & 6:00PM. There will be no street parking during that time. If you are coming to pyrohy, you can park across the street on the grass lot by the chapel, or come down the alley behind the church and park behind the rectory on the grass there. We didn't receive any advance warning, so please be careful when coming to church this week or picking up your pyrohy. Thank you.

ARCHBISHOP STEFAN HOSPITALIZED

Please remember in your prayers our Archbishop Stefan Soroka who was hospitalized this past week due to chest pains which had been attributed to a heart issue he has had since birth. He will be released from the hospital this Sunday with a new drug protocol to help his condition.. If you would like to send him a get well card and let him know he is prayed for, I'm sure it would be very much appreciated:
Archbishop Stefan Soroka, 827 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia PA 19123.

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 : Helen Terleski, Dan & Loretta Bodnar, Richard Suter, Andrea Suter, Jeanne Lakomski, Kathy & Will Sargent, Wilhelmina Wichryk, Adam Wichryk, Olga & Roman Semenyuk, Charles & Helen Morykan,

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 THIS WEEK: 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.

Tuesday 9:00AM-12:00Noon Potato Prep 3:00PM-7:00PM Potato Prep

Wednesday 9:00AM- finish. Please join us as a volunteer...your help is appreciated

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



PRAYER MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Heavenly Father, You blessed Mother Teresa with gifts of love and compassion so she could spend her life in service for the poorest of the poor. May we imitate her examples of holiness by sharing our faith and reaching out to those in need.

O Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, so compassionate were you toward the sick, the hungry and the unwanted. Your heroic virtues and the graceful faithfulness in which you lived as a servant of God are beautiful examples of your love and union with Him.

*We rejoice in your beatification and we praise and thank our loving God for your life and generosity. Help us to follow the Gospel as faithfully and lovingly as you did.
Amen.*

Virgin Mary, All Nature is Blessed by You

Blessed Lady, sky and stars, earth and rivers, day and night - everything that is subject to the power or use of man - rejoice that through you they are in some sense restored to their lost beauty and are endowed with inexpressible new grace.

To Mary God gave His only-begotten Son, whom He loved as Himself. Through Mary God made Himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave Himself form through Mary, and thus He made His own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake His ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the re-created world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to Him as the Savior of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed.

Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to Himself.

St. Anselm of Canterbury

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