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ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Бюлетень – Bulletin

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8.2.2020

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost; The Transfer of the Holy Relics of the First-martyr and Archdeacon Stephen (5th c.)

Tone 8

Schedule of Sunday & Weekday Services

8.2.20 – 9-ша Неділя після Зіслання Святого Духа

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь

10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

8.6.20 – Святе Преображення Господа Бога і Спаса нашого Ісуса Христа

9:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

8.9.20 – 10-ша Неділя після Зіслання Святого Духа

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь

10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

8.2.20 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Rosary and Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

8.6.20 – Holy Transfiguration of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ

9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

8.9.20 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. – Rosary and Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Будемо освячувати фрукти 6 серпня на свято Преображення, та в неділю 9 серпня після служби.

Fruit will be blessed both on August 6, 2020, Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord and after Sunday Liturgy on August 9, 2020.



Why do we bless fruit on the Feast of the Holy Transfiguration?

The feast of the Holy Transfiguration is celebrated late in summer, at the time of the first fruits, which remind us of God's great goodness and His infinite bounty. To express our recognition and gratitude to God for His generosity we bring some of these first fruits to the church for blessing. The custom to bless the first fruits passed to us from the Old Testament, since the Jews at the very beginning of their exodus were ordered by Almighty God: “You must bring the best of the first-fruits of your soil to the house of the Lord, your God.” (Ex. 23:19) St. Gregory of Nazianz (d. 389) calls the practice to bless the fruits in church a “just and holy” custom. (cf. P.G., 37, 119) The Christian practice to bless the fruits in church can be traced back to Apostolic times. The oldest prayer for the blessing of fruits is registered by the Apostolic Constitutions in the fourth century. But there is also an older Prayer of Thanksgiving for the new fruits in the work of St. Hippolytus, the Apostolic Tradition, composed about 220 A.D. St. Hippolytus mentions the following fruits usually blessed: grapes, figs, pomegranates, pears, mulberries, peaches, and almonds.

Don't take a vacation from worshipping God!

Парафіяльні Оголошення

1. О. Володимир бажає відвідати хворих та старших парафіян, які не можуть приходити до церкви. Просимо повідомити його за номером 773-979-4737.
2. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні, а також щоб США зібралися разом і намагалися зрозуміти один одного.
3. Пригадайте у своїх молитвах тих, хто постраждали від пандемії Ковіда 19 - доглядачів, хворих та тих, хто перейшов у вічне життя, і тих, чиє життя було порушено через втрату роботи або доходу.
4. Як завжди, дотримуйтесь вказівок нашої церкви щодо соціального відстання. Копії конкретних вказівок розміщені ззаду церкви.
5. Вітаємо всіх парафіян і гостей, які завітали до нашої церкви сьогодні і запрошуємо на каву, канапки і солодке до церковної зали.

Parish Announcements

1. Father Volodymyr would like to visit our sick and elderly parishioners, especially those who cannot be with us for liturgies. Please call him at 773-979-4737 to let him know who would like a visit.
2. We call upon all our parishioners to pray for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine, and that the people of the USA come together and try to understand each other.
3. Please remember in your prayers those who have been affected by the Covid 19 Pandemic – caretakers, the ill, those who passed to eternal life, and those whose lives have been disrupted through loss of job/income.
4. As usual, please follow the guidelines for our church regarding social distancing. Copies of the specific guidelines are available at the back of the church.
5. We welcome any visitors we have today and invite everyone to join us for coffee, sandwiches and sweets in the hall after liturgy.

Prayer list of the sick or aged parishioners & friends of the parish

Finnbar Jones, Olga Wasylowsky, Olena Wasyliv, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Natalie Shuya, Irene Karpinec, Nadia Kusznir, Oksana Nosyk, Larry Baker, Rose Adamko, & young Samuel Rocha.
If you know of someone who should be on this list, please let me know the name of the individual.
Our intercessory prayer for the sick and aged is truly helpful and comforting.

If due to Covid 19, you are unable to attend church due to illness, or health or other concerns, please remember your church still needs your financial support.

Please mail your donations to: St. Josaphat, 8624 White Oak Ave, Munster IN 46321. **THANK YOU!**

Staying home? No computer? Listen to church on the radio! The services from St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church are available on WJOB locally at AM 1230/104.7 FM.

St. Nicholas' Divine Liturgy is on the radio on WJOB at 8:30 am Sunday.

Have a computer? Available online are many sources for live-stream of liturgy services as well as classes & more – please see our Facebook page for more links to many resources.



Who is Holy First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen?

The Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen was the eldest of the seven deacons, appointed by the Apostles themselves, and therefore he is called "archdeacon." He was the first Christian martyr, and he suffered for Christ when he was about thirty. In the words of Asterias, he was "the starting point of the martyrs, the instructor of suffering for Christ, the foundation of righteous confession, since Stephen was the first to shed his blood for the Gospel." Filled with the Holy Spirit, Saint Stephen preached Christianity and defeated Jewish teachers of the Law in debate. The Jews maligned Saint Stephen, saying that he had uttered blasphemy against God and against Moses. Saint Stephen came before the Sanhedrin and the High Priest to answer these charges. He gave a fiery speech, in which he recounted the history of the Jewish nation, and denounced the Jews for persecuting the prophets, and also for executing the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ (Acts ch. 7). During his speech, Saint Stephen suddenly saw the heavens opened and Jesus Christ standing at the right hand of God. The Jews shouted and covered their ears, and rushed at him. They dragged him out of the city and stoned him, but the holy martyr prayed for his murderers. Far off on the heights stood the Mother of God with the holy Apostle John the Theologian, and She prayed fervently for the martyr. Before his death Saint Stephen said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. O Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Then he joyfully gave up his pure soul to Christ. The body of the holy Protomartyr Stephen, left to be eaten by beasts, was secretly taken up by the Jewish teacher Gamaliel and his son Habib, who buried Stephen on his estate. They both believed in Christ, and later received holy Baptism. Saint Stephen is commemorated on December 27, on August 2 (Translation of his relics) and on September 15 (Uncovering of his relics in the year 415).

Sunday Collection for July 26, 2020:

Envelopes: \$395.00

Candles: \$80.00

Loose Cash: \$198.00

TOTAL: \$673.00

It is good for us to be here

Upon Mount Tabor, Jesus revealed to his disciples a heavenly mystery. While living among them he had spoke of the kingdom and of his second coming in glory, but to banish from their hearts any possible doubt concerning the kingdom and to confirm their faith in what lay in the future by its prefiguration in the present, he gave them on Mount Tabor a wonderful vision of his glory, a foreshadowing of the kingdom of heaven.

These are the divine wonders we celebrate today; this is the saving revelation given us upon the mountain; this is the festival of Christ that has drawn us here.

Let us listen, then, to the sacred voice of

God so compellingly calling us from high, from the summit of the mountain, so that with the Lord's chosen disciples we may penetrate the deep meaning of these holy mysteries, so far beyond our capacity to express.

Jesus goes before us to show us the way, both up the mountain and into heaven, and – I speak boldly – it is for us now to follow him with all speed, yearning for the heavenly vision that will give us a share in his radiance, renew our spiritual nature and transform us into his own likeness, making us for ever sharers in his Godhead and raising us to heights as yet undreamed of.

Sermon of St. Anastasius of Sinai

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Transfiguration -- August 6th