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Sunday Divine Liturgies: 9:00 am - English / 10:15 am - Ukrainian

Weekday Divine Liturgies: 8:00 am or 9:00 am or 7:00 pm

Holy Days Liturgy: 9:00 am or Previous Day at 7:00 pm

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CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

September 16, 2018 / Вересень 16, 2018

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

Sunday after the Exaltation, September 16, 2018. *Euphemia Great Martyr.*

Tone 8: Epistle: Galatians 2:16 – 20. / Gospel: Mark 8:34 – 9:1.

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.

10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Ivan Jr. Zakharyuk & Family; God's Blessing upon Laryssa Atamanov & Family; God's Blessing upon Yaroslav & Natalia Serbyn & Family, req. Olena Yakubovska; Atamanov Family; Roman Serbyn) – Ukrainian.

5:00 p.m. – (Special Divine Liturgy) - God's Blessing upon All Pilgrims traveling to Italy – E. /U.

Monday, September 17, 2018. *The Holy Martyr Sophia and her three daughters: Faith, Hope and Love.*

8:00 p.m. – Private – Special prayer in the Church

Tuesday, September 18, 2018. *Eumenius Bishop.*

8:00 p.m. – Private – Special prayer in the Church

Wednesday, September 19, 2018. *Trophimus and Others Martyrs.*

8:00 p.m. – Private – Special prayer in the Church

Thursday, September 20, 2018. *Eustace and Others Martyrs.*

8:00 p.m. – Private – Special prayer in the Church

Friday, September 21, 2018. *Codratus Apostle.*

7:00 a.m. – Akathistos to the Mother of God - Ukrainian

Saturday, September 22, 2018. *Phocas Bishop Martyr.*

6:00 p.m. – (Special Intention) - Divine Liturgy - Ukrainian

18th Sunday after Pentecost, September 23, 2018. *Conception of John the Baptist.*

Tone 1: Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6 – 11. / Gospel: Luke 5:1 – 11.

9:00 am – (†Peter Abramchuk /Panakhyda/ {10th Anniv.}, req. Mychailo Abramchuk) - English

10:15 am – Pro Populo – Ukrainian.

Sanctuary Candle: This week Sanctuary Candle is lit in Memory of † Paul Popovici, req. by Popovici Family

Monday, September 24, 2018. *The Holy Martyr Thekla.*

8:00 p.m. – Private – Special prayer in the Church

Tuesday, September 25, 2018. *Euphrosyna Venerable.*

8:00 p.m. – Private – Special prayer in the Church

Wednesday, September 26, 2018. *Trophimus and Others Martyrs.*

8:00 p.m. – Private – Special prayer in the Church

Thursday, September 27, 2018. *The Passing of John Apostle - Evangelist.*

7:00 p.m. – Pro Populo – Ukrainian.

Friday, September 28, 2018. *Chariton Venerable - Confessor.*

9:00 a.m. – †Peter J. Sainola, req. Gertrude K. Sainola

Saturday, September 29, 2018. *Cyriacus Venerable.*

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

7:00 p.m. – Pro Populo - Divine Liturgy – Old Slavonic.

19th Sunday after Pentecost, September 30, 2018. *Gregory Illuminator Bishop Martyr.*

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English

10:15 am – (Thanksgiving to God for All the Benefactors present at Paul Tanchak Christening, req. Tanchak Family) – Ukrainian.

Confessions: Can be heard by appointment daily and on Sundays before or after the Divine Liturgy.

Baptism and Chrismation: By appointment. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

Attendance at pre - Cana is required.

Ukrainian Culture School will be closed for the summer and will resume on September 8, 2018. For more information please call the Rectory or contact the Director, Mr. Roman Vaskiv at (631) 225 - 1203 or visit our Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HFUkrainianSchool>.

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot and Khrystyna Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups: ages (5 – 9) 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.; ages (8 – 11) 2:15 p.m. – 3:55p.m.; ages (10 – 14) 3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will resume on September 17, 2018 and will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 5:55 p.m./6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: Father Popovici will make visits to the sick on the first Friday of the month. It is the responsibility of an immediate family member to kindly notify Rev. Popovici at the Rectory office about any sick or aged individual who is hospitalized or confined at home or in a nursing home, and he will gladly visit and administer the sacraments. In case of emergencies please call any time.

Pray the Rosary: The Apostleship of Prayer requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **First Sunday** of each month, beginning 20 minutes before Divine Liturgy. The Rosary Society requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **Third Sunday** of the Month beginning at 10:00 a.m. before Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

Mothers in Prayer: Next prayer group will be held on **October 5, 2018 at 8:15 p.m.**

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer: group will be held every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours: **Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm;** Evenings by appointment. **Attention: Monday** is a free day for the priest. In case of an emergency, please call at any time.

Divine Liturgy: Dear Parishioners! Remember your faith; please come every Sunday and Holy Days to Church.

Divine Liturgy for Children: Special Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian language) for family/children will be on **Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 12:00 Noon.** All parents are requested to bring their children to church to celebrate the Holy Divine Liturgy.

Sunday Bulletin Deadline: Notices should be phoned in or brought to the Parish Office **NO LATER** than 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the Sunday of publication.

Bequests: In making out your will, kindly remember your church. Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church of Lindenhurst, N.Y. is our legal title.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Holy Family Church! To all who are tired and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are friendless and need friendship, to all who are discouraged and need hope, to all who are hopeless and need sheltering love, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please stop by the Rectory to introduce yourselves and register. We look forward to meeting you.

Change in address or telephone? Parishioners, kindly provide the rectory with your new address and telephone numbers as soon as possible.

Parishioners and guests: after each Divine Liturgy, coffee, rolls, & cakes are served in the Parish Center for a donation of \$3.00 per person.

Sunday Collection – September 9, 2018.

"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." (Sir. 35: 9 – 10).

Candles: \$185, Tetrapod: \$7, Coffee: \$138, Church Debt: \$15, Sower: \$5, Holy Days: \$185, Liability Ins.: \$70, Donation: \$100,

Pledge: \$230, Sunday Offering: \$1,187.00, Total - \$2,132.00.

Dear Parishioners: *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday', September 9th, 2018. May God bless you all for your generosity.*

Our Prayer: *Please remember all those parishioners who are ill or elderly within your families. They are part of our parish and need to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. To schedule a visit by the priest, please call the rectory for an appointment.*

Attention: *To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of September our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.*

Our Church News:**1. Congratulations were extended to:**

A. M/M Dominick & Katherine Cavallo who received the Sacrament of Marriage on September 14, 2018 at St. Kilian Roman Catholic Church in Farmingdale, NY. May God Bless and protect them in their new life with "Happy Healthy Many Years".

B. M/M Yuriy & Chrystyna Rybiy who received the Sacrament of Marriage on September 15, 2018 at our Church. May God Bless and protect them in their new life with "Happy Healthy Many Years".

2. Dear Parishioners: From late afternoon on Sunday September 16th through September 27th I will be traveling with our parishioners on our Steps of the Saints pilgrimage in Italy (Europe). On Sunday, September 22nd, Fr. Ilie Babota will offer the Divine Liturgies at regular times. You will also have the opportunity to prepare yourselves, before or after, Divine Liturgies for Confession. In any emergency during my absence you can reach Fr. Wasil Hryniw a pastor of St. Vladimirs' Ukrainian Catholic Church in Hempstead, N.Y. at 1-516-481-7717. Thank you for your attention.

3. Fresh Pyrohy for sale with potatoes and kapusta (onions included); price for one dozen is \$6.00. This is a church fund raiser.

4. Dear Parishioners: Those of you who wish to offer the lighting of the sanctuary light, please see Fr. Popovici after Liturgy or call the rectory for more information

5. Upcoming events: September collections: Regular church cleaning: The next voluntary second collection will be collected on Sunday, September 16, 2018.

6. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. M/M Roman & Tetyana Kotyk who donated \$130.00 and M/M Oleksandr & Olena Shchomak who donated \$100.00 to be used for the new tetrapod icons which are to be painted sometime in the late fall in Ukraine. **To date \$1,180.00** has been donated for this purpose.

b. Mrs. Larysa Atamanov who recently made a special donation to support our Church with her skills.

c. the ladies and gentlemen (23 people) of our Church who, this past Wednesday, Sept. 12th, voluntarily prepared in our kitchen, pyrohy with potatoes, cheese and sauerkraut to be offered for sale as a fund raiser.

d. M/M John & Olga Donalds who have, for the past few weeks, donated the rolls for Sunday coffee.

e. Mr. Ihor Mysak who preformed needed work in our parish center this past week.

f. a parishioner who wishes to remain anonymous who generously purchased 846 Gallons of heating oil in the amount of \$2,140.00. As is written by the Ap. Paul in 2 Cor. 9:6-7, 10-11: Now this I say: He who soweth sparingly, shall also reap sparingly: and he who soweth in

blessings, shall also reap blessings. Everyone as he hath determined in his heart, not with sadness, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

g. Mr. Sergey Shelestov and his cleaning service who, this past Thursday, voluntarily cleaned our church and parish center. Through his voluntary services our Church has saved extra expenses. *May God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.*

7. Dear Parishioners: A friendly reminder to all those who have not yet used their Annual Parish Support envelope for 2018; the envelopes are part of your boxed envelopes. Family support is \$50 and individual support is \$25. This is a minimal support level as a parish member. Thank you for your assistance.

8. Updating Parish Email List: Those who wish to receive our Church Bulletin via e-mail, please email your current email address to the rectory or call the rectory.

9. News from our Diocese and other Parishes:

Diocese of Stamford will organize Eparchial Youth Event entitled: "Children United in Prayer" to be held on September 29th, 2018 at Saint Basil Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, 195 Glenbrook Rd., Stamford, CT 06902. I encourage our parish youth to take part in this educational, spiritual and fun day.

Please Note: *When you are seeking Good, then God will come to you. (Knock and it shall be opened unto you...seek and ye shall find...)*

Never depend only on yourself. God's plan involves more than you are able to see, hear or understand today. Although our Lord knows all that you need, you must pray and ask to Him to assist you.

Question: *What should I do if I think that I may not have confessed a sin fully? How specific should I be in confession?*

Answer: The question of how specific to be in confession is a difficult one. But before we consider it, we must remember that confession is more therapeutic than it is juridical. Confession is about being healed, not appeasing an angry God. We want to expose the sin fully so we can be healed from it. Like going to the doctor, it doesn't profit us if we conceal our ailments. As a general rule it is good to be a specific as necessary but no more. Here's an example, which might make things easier to understand: If someone killed another person in a fight, and then went to confession, they should not simply say for instance, "I got in a fight and hurt someone" that would be concealing what really happened. But at the same time, they should not give a blow by blow account of the murder; that would be too much information. They should just simply and honestly give an account of what happened, why it happened, when it happened, who was killed, if they turned themselves in, etc., revealing all those things necessary for the priest to understand the nature of the sin so that if required he might give a penance in order to help heal the spiritual wound. The person giving the confession will have to determine the level of detail that is necessary to fully disclose the nature of the sin. This is sometimes hard to do. But if after the confession, we realize that there are important details related to the sin that we forgot to confess or perhaps weren't spiritually attune enough to realize at the time, then we should confess that at as soon as possible. For instance, in the situation described above, if the murder was committed because of envy but the person didn't realize that at the time of confession, he should confess the sin of envy later, saying that it led to murder. One thing to remember is that as God works with us, we will become more sensitive spiritually. We will want to expose everything in all its ugly details so that we can be fully healed. This is good, of course. *Yet at the same time we should seek to preserve the sanctity of the sacrament with holy conversation. And it is important to remember that, as with any good thing, if our spiritual sensitivity becomes too extreme (leading to despair or false humility by exaggerating our confession) then it has become unhealthy. This is referred to being overly scrupulous. This extreme should be avoided as should the outright concealment of a sin be avoided. Finally, if we ever have a specific question about how much to say, it is always a good idea to just simply ask the priest.*

THE ICON CORNER – THE HEART OF THE FAMILY CHURCH

Every Sunday, feast day and other holy day, when we go into our parish church, we see the heart of the parish which is the sanctuary, where the holy Altar and relics are located. When we go into a Catholic home, we hope to see the icon corner, the heart of the family. Just like the sanctuary is the heart of the parish church, the icon corner is the heart of the family. In the parish church, the parish family prays together before the sanctuary and the iconostas; in the family home, the family prays together before the icon corner. What is an icon corner? An icon corner is a shelf or table or cabinet, where icons are placed and where a lamp is kept burning. Many people have icons of Jesus Christ, the Theotokos and icons of the patron saints of the family members. There are many ways to set up the icons and the important thing is just to do it. The icon corner doesn't have to be a corner; it can be a wall or other place in the house where the family can go to pray. It is best if the icon corner faces the east, to remind us of the second coming of Jesus Christ. Besides the icons and the lamp, it is traditional for pious Catholics to keep a Bible and prayer book, holy water, and blessed bread from church, holy oil, the palms or willows from Palm Sunday, and other holy things from the services of the church year. The icon corner can be very simple or very fancy but the main thing is that the icon corner is not just a decoration for the house but that it is the heart of the family and that the family uses it. Many Catholic homes arrange the icon corner so that it can actually be used for celebrating the Divine Liturgy, if the priest needs to do this. This reminds us of the history of our Faith and that we must always be ready for times when the churches suffers persecutions from those who do not believe. If you do not have an icon corner, ask your priest to help you start one in your home. If you are unable to read the prayers from the prayer book because there is not enough time, then, at least go to the icon corner and ask for God's blessing before beginning whatever it is that you are doing. Try to begin each day by going to the icon corner and reading the prayers from the prayer book for the morning, take some holy bread and holy water. In this way, you are getting God's blessing for the new day. If you cannot read the prayers for some reason, still go to the icon corner, make the sign of the cross and take the holy bread and holy water, still asking God to bless the new day. Many people have seen the icon corner make a big difference in their home. When you see the lamp burning, you will remember that God is always near and that the saints are always praying for your family. When you use the icon corner every day, you will see that God is kept close to your heart and mind and this will help you to be closer to Him and His Faith.

GUARDING THE MIND AND THE HEART Saint Nicodemus of the Holy Mountain

Everyone finds calm and rest at their center. As snails find rest within their crusty shell, as octopus in their chambers, as four-footed land animals in their dens, and as birds in their nests, so also with man, whose mind has the natural attribute to be calm, to find rest and to be in peace when it enters the heart and the inner man. Man too has the body as a region and dwelling, and the heart as its own center and room for resting. St. Isaac called the heart "the house of understanding." And as the animals when troubled and frightened run to their dens to be protected, so also the mind of man, when troubled by some assault of evil thoughts or some other internal or external circumstance, runs to the heart and shouts, "My Jesus help me! My Jesus save me!" and is thus liberated. St. John Climacus

said: "The name of Jesus chastises enemies" and "Let the memory of Jesus be united with your breathing and then you will know the benefit of silence." The Apostle Peter preached: "And there is salvation in no one else [except Jesus], for **there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved**" (Acts 4:12). This is why St. Macarios also noted: "For as it is not possible for the eye to see without light and for speech to be made without a tongue, or for hearing to take place without an ear, so also it is not possible without Christ to be saved and to enter the kingdom of heaven."

ON PURITY OF HEART. For every man, peace of soul is precious. With those who have attained peace of soul, the body can be in constant motion; in work, in pain, but their souls, affixed to God, always remain in unwavering peace. St. Seraphim of Sarov teaches: "It is necessary to concern oneself with all means in order to preserve peace of soul and not to be disturbed by the insults of others. That is why it is necessary, at all costs, to restrain yourself from anger with the help of vigilance over one's self, preserving the mind and heart from indecent movements. For preserving peace of soul, it is also necessary to avoid judging others. By not judging and by silence, peace of the soul is preserved. When a man is in such a state of mind, he receives divine revelations. In order for man to be preserved from judging others, he must be vigilant over himself; he must not receive from anyone non-spiritual thoughts and he should be dead toward everything worldly. We must tirelessly guard the heart from indecent thoughts and influences. 'With closest custody, guard your heart for in it are the sources of life.' (Proverbs 4:23). From perpetual vigilance over the heart, purity is born, in which the Lord is seen according to the words of eternal truth: 'Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God'".

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS On Forgiveness A brother who was insulted by another brother came to Abba Sisoës, and said to him: "I was hurt by my brother, and I want to avenge myself". Abba tried to console him and said: "Don't do that, my child. Rather leave vengeance to God". But he said: "I will not quit until I avenge myself". Then Abba said: "Let us pray, brother; and standing up, he said: "Our Father... forgive us our trespasses as we forgive NOT those who trespass against us..." Hearing these words, the brother fell at the feet of the Abba and said: "I am not going to fight with my brother any more. Forgive me, Abba." **On Encounter with Holiness** Three Fathers used to go and visit Blessed Anthony every year and two of them used to discuss their thoughts and the salvation of their souls with him, but the third always remained silent and did not ask him anything. After a long time, Abba Anthony said to him, 'You often come here, but you never ask me anything,' and the other replied, 'It is enough for me to see you, Father.' **On Acquisition of Virtue** Abba Anthony said, "Whoever hammers a lump of iron, first decides what he is going to make of it, a scythe, a sword, or an axe. Even so we ought to make up our minds what kind of virtue we want to forge, or else we labor in vain." **On God's Will** When Abba Anthony thought about the depth of the judgments of God, he asked, "Lord, how is it that some die when they are young, while others drag on to extreme old age? Why are there those who are poor and those who are rich? Why do wicked men prosper and why are the just in need?" He heard a voice answering him, "Anthony, keep your attention on yourself; these things are according to the judgment of God, and it is not to your advantage to know anything about them."