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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

June 24, 2018 / Червень 24, 2018

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

June 24, 2018, 5th Sunday after Pentecost. Birth of John the Baptist.

Tone 4: Epistle: Romans 10:1 – 10. / Gospel: Matthew 8:28 – 9:1.

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.

**10:15 am – (God’s Blessing upon Elizabeth Gereta & Family,
req. Nataliya Popovici) – Ukrainian.**

**12:00 Noon - The Holy Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism,
Chrismation and Holy Eucharist) for Angelina – Katherina Bator**

**Note: This week Sanctuary Candle Light will be in Memory of
✠ Yuriy Hudziy, req. Nataliya Popovici.**

Monday, June 25, 2018. *Febronia Venerable Martyr.*

8:00 a.m. – ✠ Marta Bojuk, req. Stefania Bojuk

**8:00 p.m. – Devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ (Moleben)
- (it’s held every day except Sundays during the month of June at 8:00 p.m.)**

Tuesday, June 26, 2018. *David of Thessalonica Venerable.*

**7:00 p.m. – ✠ Myroslav Chornomydza /Panakhyda/ {5th Anniv.},
req. Nadiya Chornomydza**

Wednesday, June 27, 2018. *Blessed Nicholas Chametsky; Sampson Venerable.*

8:00 a.m. – God’s Blessings upon Donors and Benefactors of our parish

8:15 p.m. - Bible Study (Reading, Explanation, etc) – Ukr.

Thursday, June 28, 2018. *Translation of the Relics of Cyrus and John.*

8:00 a.m. – God’s Blessings upon children and youth of our parish

Friday, June 29, 2018. STS Petr and Paul Preeminent Apostles.

Note: It’s a Holy Day of Obligation.

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo - English

**7:00 p.m. – God’s Blessings upon sick and homebound of our
parish - English**

Saturday, June 30, 2018. *Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles.*

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

**7:00 p.m. – God’s Blessing upon all the priest’s of our Eparchy &
their families**

**July 1, 2018, 6th Sunday after Pentecost. Cosmas and Damian
Unmercenaries.**

9:00 am – (✠ Ivan and ✠ Luba Zakoworotny, req. Family) – English.

10:15 am – Pro Populo – 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 **July 6, 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 held on **Sunday, July 8, 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 \$2.00 per person.**

Sunday Collection – June 17, 2018. Free will 2nd Collection: \$230.00.
“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: \$145, Church Debt: \$25, Peters' pence: \$5, Father's Day: \$35,
 Donation: \$200, Fathers' Day Luncheon: \$201, **Bishop's Appeal - \$150,**
Pledge: \$600.00, Sunday Offering: \$782.00, Total - \$2,373.00.

Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday', June 10th, 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 June our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

1. Reminder: Moleben (Devotion) to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ or Akafist is held every evening except Sundays at 8:00 p.m. throughout the month of June. We are looking forward to your participation in this inspiring service.

2. Congratulation were extended to Peter Rybak last Sunday June 17th on the occasion of receiving First Solemn Communion and First Penance. We extend to him congratulations and God's Blessing upon his Catholic life.

3. We welcome to our Parish life M/M Roman & Nadiya Serbyn and their daughter Sofiia for recently they sign up to become Parishioners of Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church.

4. Upcoming events:

A. July collections: Regular church cleaning: The next second collection will be collected on Sunday, July 8th, 2018.

B. August 11 – 12, 2018 - Pilgrimage to Sloatsburg, N.Y. (Our Patriarch Svyatoslav and Cardinal Dolan Archbishop of NY will be present for the pilgrimage.)

C. August 26, 2018 - our Parish Picnic.

5. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. those members of the Apostleship of Prayer (4 ladies) especially: Ms. Sandy Motekew, Mrs. Olesia Warywoda, Mrs. Barbara Fromel and Mrs. Olga Donalds who organized and prepared the Father's Day Brunch, last Sunday. The net profit was \$201.00, which was donated to the church.

b. M/M Ivan & Ruslana Rybak; Mr. Bohdan Truchym who donated \$100.00 each for the special needs of our Church.

c. those parishioners who made donations last Sunday to the monthly free will collection to clean our church; \$230.00 was donated.

d. Mr. Michael Kubarich, who has continued to voluntarily prune and take care of all the rose bushes around the church property and who repainted our Tryzub in front of our Church.

e. M/M Slawomir & Helen Samilo who donated over 20 lighters and who continue to donate items for the liturgical needs of our parish.

May God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.

6. Today Sunday June 24, 2018 there will be an extra collection for the Holy Father – Peter's pence Collection; an envelope for this purpose is in your boxed envelopes.

7. We have for sale pyrohy with potatoes, meat, cheese or kapusta – \$6.00 per dozen/package. All proceeds go to our Church. This is a fund raiser.

8. Bible study: Dear Parishioners for the month of July and August we will not offer Bible study classes. Classes will resume immediately after Labor Day. Thank you.

9. On Sunday July 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. we will travel to the Mother of the Island Shrine in East Moriches to celebrate the ending Devotion

(Moleben) to Jesus Christ. Everyone is invited to attend.

10. Dear Parishioners a few sets of Vestments require cleaning.
Please make an extra donation to keep our vestments in good condition.
 Thank you in advance for your generosity at this time.

11. Dear parishioners, we look forward to the Pilgrimage in Sloatsburg, scheduled for August 13, 2017. The available transportation for the trip is both our church minivan that seats 15, and my own minivan that seats 7. Please contact Mrs. Halyna Podolska if you would like to attend. We ask for a \$10.00 donation per person to help defray the cost of the trip. However, if more people were to go, we would have to order a bus. This will result in a \$30 charge per person.

Thank you for the Festival: Dear Parishioners, I want to congratulate everyone for a wonderful festival this year! Even though it was only our second festival, we did a splendid job. I want to thank everyone who made June 9th and 10th a special time for the guests, performers, and workers. I want to especially thank the parishioners of Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church, who helped to prepare all of the necessary food items and for decorating the parish grounds. I also want to thank the parishioners for organizing this event and for spending an entire week cleaning up afterwards. I want to offer my sincere thanks to the people who helped on the day of our festival, by serving food, selling cakes and drinks, making cotton candy, and selling popcorn. This year we had a huge turnout thanks to the hard work of our parishioners. Without their help the festival wouldn't have been the celebration and success that it was. I want to thank Self Reliance for sponsoring the festival this year and all the vendors who were able to attend as well. Thank you also to everyone who were at the Ukrainian concert on Saturday, June 9th. We had a big turnout and it was an amazing night for all. I want to thank all of the performers who made the day such a memorable one on June 10th. Without their talent our festival wouldn't have happened. Thank you to everyone who cleaned the parish center which was used for the dancers as their "dressing rooms". The time everyone spent to help make the festival a tremendous success is much appreciated. Our diligent and tireless parishioners did a great job in order for everyone to have a marvelous time. I look forward to our 3rd annual festival to be as wonderful an experience as this year has been. The net profit donated to Holy Family Church was \$8,000. A million thank yous again to all!

From, Rev. Olvian N. Popovici

A special prayer: “Go now and know that the Spirit of Jesus will be watching over you. Go now and enjoy God's summer gifts of warm sun, cooling waters, and long, light days. Go now with the gift of faith, that you might see God's hand in all your work and play. Go now with the gift of hope, that you may know God's guidance, which is keeping you safe. Go now with the gift of love that you might offer kindness and care to all you meet. Go now with the gift of knowledge, remembering all that you have learned. With God's help, try to live it. Go now with these words of Jesus in your hearts and minds: “I will not leave you; I am with you always.”

The 2018 Stamford Bishop's Appeal. Each member of our Parish is also a member of the Eparchy (Diocese) and should participate by supporting the Stamford Eparchy. The following parishioners have already contributed:

\$100.00 – M/M Slawomir & Helen Samilo;

\$50.00 – M/M Volodymyr & Iryna Gereta;

\$20.00 – M/M Ivan Zakharyuk & Olena Yakubovska.

(To date - \$1,010.00 toward the Parish Goal of \$3,000.00)

May God bless you for your generosity with choicest Blessings!

A QUESTION OF WEIGHT: MORTAL AND VENIAL SINS.

Two women who were acquainted with one another were waiting to go into the confessional. The first woman was burdened by one terrible sin, over which her conscience troubled her continuously, and the other woman had no grave sin but a list of the "usual" venial sins. The priest, having listened to their confession, ordered that the women go to the orchard and bring stones from it. To the woman who had confessed the one serious sin, he said: "You take the heaviest stone that you can lift and bring it to me." And to the other woman he said: "Here's a bag for you. Gather small stones and bring them here." When they both had fulfilled their tasks, the priest thanked them for their obedience and said: "And now, take back that which you have brought to me and return it to where you found it." The first woman did this without difficulty, but the second woman became confused and returned with virtually a full bag of stones because she couldn't remember which stone she took from where and she was afraid to deceive the priest. The priest said to her: "Look, your acquaintance has a heavy sin, but she remembers it and constantly mourns over it. She sheds many tears of repentance over it. You are unable to mourn over your sins because you don't even remember them, but the weight of your bag is no less than the weight of a big stone." Indeed, we must all learn that our many "small" sins, the majority of which are forgotten, in their accumulated mass, form a terrible weight, which pulls us toward damnation unless we free our souls from them by a general, sacramental confession, true repentance and amendment of our lives.

St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226): Francis of Assisi was a poor little man who astounded and inspired the Church by taking the gospel literally—not in a narrow fundamentalist sense, but by actually following all that Jesus said and did, joyfully, without limit and without a sense of self-importance. Serious illness brought the young Francis to see the emptiness of his frolicking life as leader of Assisi's youth. Prayer—lengthy and difficult—led him to a self-emptying like that of Christ, climaxed by embracing a leper he met on the road. It symbolized his complete obedience to what he had heard in prayer: "**Francis! Everything you have loved and desired in the flesh it is your duty to despise and hate, if you wish to know my will. And when you have begun this, all that now seems sweet and lovely to you will become intolerable and bitter, but all that you used to avoid will turn itself to great sweetness and exceeding joy.**" From the cross in the neglected field-chapel of San Damiano, Christ told him, "**Francis, go out and build up my house, for it is nearly falling down.**" Francis became the totally poor and humble workman. He must have suspected a deeper meaning to "build up my house." But he would have been content to be for the rest of his life the poor "nothing" man actually putting brick on brick in abandoned chapels. He gave up all his possessions, piling even his clothes before his earthly father (who was demanding restitution for Francis' "gifts" to the poor) so that he would be totally free to say, "Our Father in heaven." *He was, for a time, considered to be a religious fanatic,*

begging from door to door when he could not get money for his work, evoking sadness or disgust to the hearts of his former friends, ridicule from the unthinking. But his genuineness became evident. A few people began to realize that this man was actually trying to be Christian. He really believed what Jesus said: "**Announce the kingdom! Possess no gold or silver or copper in your purses, no traveling bag, no sandals, no staff**" (Luke 9:1-3). Francis' first rule for his followers was a collection of texts from the Gospels. He had no idea of founding an order, but once it began he protected it and accepted all the legal structures needed to support it. His devotion and loyalty to the Church were absolute and highly exemplary at a time when various movements of reform tended to break the Church's unity. He was torn between a life devoted entirely to prayer and a life of active preaching of the Good News. He decided in favor of the latter, but always returned to solitude when he could. He wanted to be a missionary in Syria or in Africa, but was prevented by shipwreck and illness in both cases. He did try to convert the sultan of Egypt during the Fifth Crusade. During the last years of his relatively short life (he died at age 44), he was half blind and seriously ill. Two years before his death, he received the stigmata, the real and painful wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. On his deathbed, he said over and over again the last addition to his Canticle of the Sun, "Be praised, O Lord, for our Sister Death." He sang Psalm 141, and at the end asked his superior to have his clothes removed when the last hour came and for permission to expire lying naked on the earth, in imitation of his Lord.

Comment: Francis of Assisi was poor only that he might be Christ-like. He recognized creation as another manifestation of the beauty of God. He did great penance (apologizing to "Brother Body" later in life) that he might be totally disciplined for the will of God. His poverty had a sister, humility, by which he meant total dependence on the good God. But all this was, as it were, preliminary to the heart of his spirituality: living the gospel life, summed up in the charity of Jesus and perfectly expressed in the Eucharist. **Quote:** "We adore you and we bless you, Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all the churches which are in the whole world, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world" (St. Francis).

TEMPTATION. Temptation is a universal human experience due to our fallen human nature and it is a form of suffering that we must endure daily. Certainly our past indulgence in sin can make us more susceptible to certain temptations. Temptation speaks to our desires and hence presents what seems to be a pleasurable prospect. It would not be temptation if it did not have this quality. Because temptation is directly associated with sin, many people wrongly equate being tempted with actual sin. But temptation is not the same as sin. If it were, how could the Scriptures say to us that Jesus was tempted in every way we are and yet was without sin? (Heb 4:15) Therefore, the experience of temptation is not sin. Properly understood, temptation it is a form of suffering—even a kind of martyrdom—that the faithful must endure, and through it bear witness to the supernatural power of God's grace. We should

remember that God does not tempt us beyond our ability to resist. God is in fact our helper especially in times of temptation. We should not feel ashamed or afraid of running to God for his deliverance, and to ask his Blessed Mother and all the angels and saints for their assistance.

St. Ambrose (Bishop of Milan) spoke eloquently to the martyrdom of temptation: As there are many kinds of persecution, so there are many kinds of martyrdom. Every day you are a witness to Christ: You were tempted by the spirit of *fornication*, but feared the coming judgment of Christ and did not want your purity of mind and body to be defiled: you are a martyr for Christ. You were tempted by the spirit of *avarice* to seize the property of a child and violate the rights of a defenseless widow, but remembered God's law and saw your duty to give help, not act unjustly: you are a witness to Christ. Christ wants witnesses like this to stand ready, as Scripture says: Do justice for the orphan and defend the widow. How many hidden martyrs there are, bearing witness to Christ each day and acknowledging Jesus as the Lord! ... *Be faithful and courageous when you are persecuted within ...* in those unseen persecutions there are kings and governors, judges with terrible power. You have an example in the temptation endured by the Lord. *Do not let sin be king in your mortal body* (Romans 6:12). You see the kings before whom you are made to stand, those who sit in judgment over sinners... There are as many kings as there are sins and vices; it is before these kings that we are led and before these we stand. But if anyone acknowledges Christ, he immediately makes a prisoner of this kind of king and casts him down from the throne of his own heart. How shall the devil maintain his throne in one who builds a throne for Christ in his heart?

From a commentary on Psalm 118 by Saint Ambrose (Sermon 20, 47-50; CSEL 62, 467-469)

And thus we see that temptation is a form of suffering, even of martyrdom, if we engage in battle and refuse to be mastered. Our martyrdom makes us witnesses to the surpassing value of what God offers as compared to the trinkets and passing pleasures of this world. **Temptation is a form of suffering,** but to endure it brings us a share in the crown of martyrs. As St. Paul beautifully said near the end of his life, *For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing* (2 Ti 4:6-8). **Do not be ashamed of your temptations; do not be fearful that on account of them** you have already sinned or that God is displeased. Rather, see them as a summons to battle and to glorious martyrdom. Let it not be said of you, *In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood* (Heb 12:4). **In every temptation, hear the battle cry.** Take to the field manfully and resist. Win through to the victory and remember the glory of the martyrs, whose company, through temptation, you are able to join.

Why Do People Sin? By Ron Boatwright

We are free moral agents. God could have made us as robots, but He didn't. We have a choice in the matter. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). There are several reasons why people sin. People sin because, "There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Romans 3:18). They have no respect for God, our Creator. But the "whole duty of man" is to "fear God and keep His commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Before we can keep God's commandments we must know what they are. But God says, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). We must study God's word because, "Your word, I have hidden in my heart that I might not sin against You" (Psalms 119:11). We must develop an awesome respect for God and His word so we will not sin against Him. People sin because we are deceived by sin. We are to, "Exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:13). We can even deceive ourselves by denying we have sinned. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). Because of the deceitfulness of sin, we are to, "Beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked" (2 Peter 3:17). We are warned, "Let no man deceive you with vain words" (Ephesians 5:6). Yes, sin is deceiving. People sin because there is temporary pleasure in sin. Moses chose "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews 11:25). Because of the pleasures of sin, we are tempted and enticed. "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin, and sin when it is finished, brings forth death" (James 1:14-15). People sin because, "The soul of the wicked desires evil" (Proverbs 21:10). Jesus asks, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?" (Matthew 9:4). People sin because they "love evil more than good, lying rather than speaking righteousness" (Psalms 52:3). And because of this they "call evil good and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20). People sin because they are deceived by false doctrine. "If anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:9). If one wanders away into the sin of denominationalism, he will be lost. "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God" (1 John 9). We must be faithful to God and His word. People sin because of the influence of the people with whom they associate. "Do not be deceived: evil company corrupts good habits" (1 Corinthians 15:33). We must carefully choose our associates. To protect ourselves from sin we must, "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:22). We also sin when we don't do what we should do. "Therefore, to him that knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). One of the things some people fail to do is they fail to assemble for worship. But we are not to "forsake the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some...for if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sin" (Hebrews 10:25-26). If we continue willfully in our sin and don't repent, we will die in our sins and be lost (John 8:24). Let us not be deceived by sin, because the wages of sin is spiritual death in Hell forever (Romans 6:23).