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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

July 8, 2018 / Липень 8, 2018

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

July 8, 2018, 7th Sunday after Pentecost. *Procopius Great Martyr.*

Tone 6: Epistle: Romans 15:1 – 7. / Gospel: Matthew 9:27 – 35.

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.

**10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Bohdan Shafranski & Family,
req. Maria Shafranski) – Ukrainian.**

12:00 Noon - Special Divine Liturgy for Family/children – Eng./Ukr.

**Note: This week's Sanctuary Candle Light for God's Blessing
upon Fr. Popovici & Family, req. Zakharyuk Family.**

Monday, July 9, 2018. *Pancratius Bishop Martyr.*

**7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon James & Barbara Fromel,
req. Nataliya P.**

Tuesday, July 10, 2018. *Anthony of the Cave Venerable.*

8:00 a.m. – ☩ Sofiya, req. Sofiya Popko

Wednesday, July 11, 2018. *Euphemia Martyr.*

8:00 a.m. – ☩ Felicia Woolsey; ☩ Gloria Tolopka, req. +Gloria Tolopka

Thursday, July 12, 2018. *Proclus and Hilary Martyrs.*

9:00 am – Pro Populo – Ukrainian.

7:00 p.m. – ☩ Ivan/Panakhyyda/ {Anniv.}, req. Nadiya Moskalyuk

Friday, July 13, 2018. *Sisoies the Great Venerable.*

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Elaine Eluk & Family, req. Nataliya P.

Saturday, July 14, 2018. *Thomas and Acacius Venerables.*

9:00 a.m. – ☩ Mariya; ☩ Hanna, req. Sofiya Popko

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

7:00 p.m. – (☩ Olha Hudziy, req. Nataliya P.) – Old Slavonic

**July 15, 2018, Sunday of the Fathers of the Six Ecumenical
Councils. Vladimir the Great Equal to the Apostles.**

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.

**10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Ivan Zakharyuk & Family,
req. Nataliya P.) – Ukrainian.**

**2:00 p.m. – Parastas in Memoriam ☩ Vitaliy Yershov {1st Anniv.},
req. Yershov Family.**

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 **August 3, 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 today **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 – July 1, 2018. Donation: \$250.00.

"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: \$135, Tetrapod: \$2, Coffee: \$135, Church Debt: \$20, Peters' Pence: \$45, Holy Days: \$125, Liability Insurance: \$50, Sundry: \$25, **Bishop's Appeal - \$510, Pledge: \$645.00, Sunday Offering: \$811.00, Total - \$2,753.00.**

Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday', July 1st, 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 July our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

Our Church News:

1. Upcoming events:

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

2. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. the Rotary Club of Lindenhurst which made a special donation of \$100.00 for our Outreach Program.

b. M/M Morino Glic & Lyudmyla Kostiusenko who made a special donation of \$150.00 for the needs of our Church.

c. How wonderful it was to enjoy, together with some of our parishioners last Sunday, the Devotion to Jesus Christ at the Shrine of the Mother of the Island in East Moriches. Despite the hot weather, we were able to pray the Moleben and the Rosary at the shrine.

d. Mr. Martin Smith who voluntarily performed much needed repairs in our church, parish center and rectory over the past two months.

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. We extend our sympathy to: Mr. Ivan Khomyk and his Family for his mother ☩ Mariya, a resident of Ukraine who have recently fallen asleep in the Lord. May her soul rest in peace.

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 recently contributed:

\$150.00 – M/M Ihor & Olesia Warywoda;

\$100.00 – Rosary Society;

M/M John & Olga Donalds;

\$99.00 – Anonymous;

\$60.00 - M/M Alfred & Claire Iskandar

\$1.00 – Anonymous.

(To date - \$1,570.00 toward the Parish Goal of \$3,000.00)

May God bless you for your generosity with choicest Blessings!

News from other Parishes:

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church will hold a Chicken Barbecue on Sunday, August 5, 2018 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist is located at 820 Pond View, Riverhead, N.Y. 11901. More information is attached to our Church Bulletin.

Question: "What does it mean that God is love?"

Answer: Let's look at how the Bible describes love, and then we will see a few ways in which God is the essence of love. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8a). This is God's description of love, and because God is love (1 John 4:8), this is what He is like.

Love (God) does not force Himself on anyone. Those who come to Him do so in response to His love. Love (God) shows kindness to all. Love (Jesus) went about doing good to everyone without partiality. Love (Jesus) did not covet what others had, living a humble life without complaining. Love (Jesus) did not brag about who He was in the flesh, although He could have overpowered anyone He ever came in contact with. Love (God) does not demand obedience. God did not demand obedience from His Son, but rather, Jesus willingly obeyed His Father in heaven. "The world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me" (John 14:31). Love (Jesus) was/is always looking out for the interests of others.

The greatest expression of God's love is communicated to us in John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Romans 5:8 proclaims the same message: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." We can see from these verses that it is God's greatest desire that we join Him in His eternal home, heaven. He has made the way possible by paying the price for our sins. He loves us because He chose to love us, as an act of His will. Love forgives. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). So, what does it mean that God is love? Love is an attribute of God. Love is a core aspect of God's character, His Person. God's love is in no sense in conflict with His holiness, righteousness, justice, or even His wrath. All of God's attributes are in perfect harmony. *Everything God does is loving, just as everything He does is just and right.* God is the perfect example of true love. Amazingly, God has given those who believe and love His Son Jesus the ability to love as He does, through the power of the Holy Spirit (John 1:12; 1 John 3:1, 23-24).

Please Note: Some quotes of St. Basil the Great:

- I have learned from Jesus Christ Himself what charity is, and how we ought to practice it; for He says: "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye love one another." Never can I, therefore, please myself in the hope that I may obtain the name of a servant of Christ if I possess not a true and unfeigned charity within me.

- There is still time for endurance, time for patience, time for healing, time for change. Have you slipped? Rise up. Have you sinned? Cease. Do not stand among sinners, but leap aside.

- Every divine action begins from the Father, proceeds through the Son, and is completed in the Holy Spirit.

- If every man took only what was sufficient for his needs, leaving the rest to those in want, there would be no rich and no poor.

Venerable Anthony of the Caves – July 10th

Saint Anthony of the Kyiv Caves was born in A.D. 983 at Liubech, not far from Chernihiv, and was named Antipas in Baptism. Possessing the fear of God from his youth, he desired to be clothed in the monastic schema. When he reached a mature age, he wandered until he arrived on Mt. Athos, burning with the desire to emulate the deeds of its holy inhabitants. Here he received monastic tonsure, and the young monk pleased God in every aspect of his spiritual struggles on the path of virtue. He particularly excelled in humility and obedience, so that all the monks rejoiced to see his holy life. The igumen saw in St. Anthony the great future ascetic, and inspired by God, he sent him back to his native land, saying, “Anthony, it is time for you to guide others in holiness. Return to your own land, and be an example for others. May the blessing of the Holy Mountain be with you. Returning to the land of Rus, Anthony began to make the rounds of the monasteries about Kyiv, but nowhere did he find that strict life which had drawn him to Mt. Athos. Through the Providence of God, Anthony came to the hills of Kyiv by the banks of the River Dnieper. The forested area near the village of Berestiv reminded him of his beloved Athos. There he found a cave which had been dug out by the Priest Hilarion, who later became Metropolitan of Kyiv. Since he liked the spot, Anthony prayed with tears, “Lord, let the blessing of Mt. Athos be upon this spot, and strengthen me to remain here.” He began to struggle in prayer, fasting, vigil and physical labor. Every other day, or every third day, he would eat only dry bread and a little water. Sometimes he did not eat for a week. People began to come to the ascetic for his blessing and counsel, and some decided to remain with the saint. Among Anthony’s first disciples was St. Nikon (March 23), who tonsured St. Theodosius of the Caves at the monastery in the year 1032. The virtuous life of St. Anthony illumined the native land with the beauty of monasticism. St. Anthony lovingly received those who yearned for the monastic life. After instructing them how to follow Christ, he asked St. Nikon to tonsure them. When twelve disciples had gathered about St. Anthony, the brethren dug a large cave and built a church and cells for the monks within it. After he appointed Abbot Barlaam to guide the brethren, St. Anthony withdrew from the monastery. He dug a new cave for himself, then hid himself within it. There too, monks began to settle around him. Afterwards, the saint built a small wooden church in honor of the Dormition of the Mother of God over the Far Caves. At the insistence of Prince Izyaslav, the igumen Barlaam withdrew to the Dymytrijiv monastery. With the blessing of St. Anthony and with the general agreement of the brethren, the meek and humble Theodosius was chosen as igumen. By this time, the number of brethren had already

reached a hundred men. The Kiev Great Prince Izyaslav (+1078) gave the monks the hill on which the large church and cells were built, with a palisade all around. Thus, the renowned monastery over the caves was established. Describing this, the chronicler remarks that while many monasteries were built by emperors and nobles, they could not compare with those which are built with holy prayers and tears, and by fasting and vigil. Although St. Anthony had no gold, he built a monastery which became the first spiritual center of Rus. For his holiness of life, God glorified St. Anthony with the gift of clairvoyance and wonderworking. One example of this occurred during the construction of the Great Caves church. The Most Holy Theotokos Herself stood before him and St. Theodosius in the Blachernae church in Constantinople, where they had been miraculously transported without leaving their own monastery. Actually, two angels appeared in Constantinople in their forms. Having received gold from the Mother of God, the saints commissioned master architects, who came from Constantinople to Rus on the command of the Queen of Heaven to build the church at the Monastery of the Caves. During this appearance, the Mother of God foretold the impending death of St. Anthony, which occurred on July 10, 1073. Through Divine Providence, the relics of St Anthony remain hidden.

Why should we honor the Saints?

Our Master, Jesus Christ, has provided us with the relics of the saints as salvific springs, which gush forth an array of blessings, and streams of fragrant myrrh. No one should doubt this. If God, when He so desired, made water flow from a jagged rock in the desert (Ex 17:6) and from the jaw of a donkey (for Sampson who was thirsty) (Judges 15:19), is it impossible for fragrant myrrh to flow forth from the relics of the martyrs? Not at all! Not for them who know the power of God and the honor that He gives to His saints. According to the Law, anyone who touched a dead person became unclean (Numbers 19:11); however, the saints are not dead. Ever since the source and cause of Life was numbered among the dead, we no longer call “dead” them who have fallen asleep with faith in Him and with hope in the resurrection. How is it possible for a dead body to perform miracles? How is it possible for demons to be cast out, for the sick to be healed, for the blind to see, for lepers to be cleansed (Mt. 11:15), for temptations to be dispersed, and for every good gift from the Father of lights (James 1:17) to descend through the saints upon the people who ask with undoubting faith? Shouldn’t we honor the protectors of the entire human race who pray to God on our behalf? Yes! We certainly should honor them by building churches for God dedicated in their names, by offering fruits, by praising their memories and spiritually rejoicing during their feast days. Let us, O faithful, honor the saints by “speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs” (Eph. 5:19), with compunction and the oil of prayer, through which God is especially worshipped. Let us raise pillars and visible icons of them, and let us become living pillars and icons of them by mimicking their virtues. Let us honor the Theotokos as literally and truly the mother of God. Let us honor the prophet John as the Forerunner, Baptist, apostle, and martyr, who became the first preacher of the Kingdom of Heaven; “for there is no one amongst them born of women greater than John” (Mt. 11:11), as the Lord attested. Let us honor the Apostles as brothers of the Lord, as

witnesses and servants of His sufferings, whom God the Father "foreknew, and predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29); "first apostles, second prophets, third shepherds and teachers" (1 Cor. 12:28). Let us honor the martyrs of the Lord, who were selected from various ranks as soldiers of Christ, who drank from His cup, and who were baptized in the baptism of His life-giving death. Let us honor them as communicants of His sufferings and His glory, of whom first is the archdeacon of Christ, the apostle and first-martyr Stephan. Let us honor our righteous fathers and the God-bearing ascetics who contested in the lengthy and toilsome martyrdom of the conscience, who "wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth—of whom the world was not worthy" (Hb. 11:37-38). Let us honor the prophets, the patriarchs, and all the righteous people who lived prior to the period of grace, and who announced to us the advent of the Lord. Let us carefully examine the conduct of each one of them and let us desire to imitate their faith (Hb. 13:7), their love, their hope, their zeal, their life, their perseverance in sufferings, and their patience unto death, so that we may also share with them in the crowns of glory.

--**Saint John Damascene**

RELICS and the INCORRUPTIBLES

Exodus 13:19 "And Moses took Joseph's bones with him: because he had adjured the children of Israel, saying: God shall visit you, carry out my bones from hence with you."

4 Kings 13:20-21 "And Eliseus died, and they buried him. And the rovers from Moab came into the land the same year. And some that were burying a man, saw the rovers, and cast the body into the sepulchre of Eliseus. And when it had touched the bones of Eliseus, the man came to life and stood upon his feet."

Matthew 9:20-22 "And behold a woman who was troubled with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of His garment. For she said within herself: If I shall touch only His garment, I shall be healed. But Jesus turning and seeing her, said: Be of good heart, daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour."

Acts 19:11-12 "And God wrought by the hand of Paul more than common miracles. So that even there were brought from his body to the sick, handkerchiefs and aprons: and the diseases departed from them: and the wicked spirits went out of them."

How is it a culture that is filled with autograph hounds and those who clamor to be around those glittered with "star dust" can consider the Catholic veneration of relics as a joke? A lovely dish is just a lovely dish, but one owned by your great-grandmother is a treasure. Some stranger's pocket watch is just a timepiece, but one given to you by your grandfather is something you'd literally mourn losing. We pay \$20,000 for a \$200 jacket worn by Jacqueline Kennedy, faint at Beatles concerts, engage in riotous behavior to get our hands on one of Elvis's scarves, but when a relic of St. Catherine is mentioned, people snicker.

As you can see, however, from the verses above, veneration of relics is absolutely scriptural, and the earliest Christians saw things in the same way as did the ancient Israelites and those in the New

Testament accounts. St. Augustine (A.D. 354 - 430) wrote in *City of God*: If a father's coat or ring, or anything else of that kind, is so much more cherished by his children, as love for one's parents is greater, in no way are the bodies themselves to be despised, which are much more intimately and closely united to us than any garment; for they belong to man's very nature, St. Jerome (ca. A.D. 340 - 420) clarified Catholic belief in his *Ad Riparium*: We do not adore, I will not say the relics of the martyrs, but either the sun or the moon or even the angels -- that is to say, with the worship of "latria"...But we honor the martyrs' relics, so that thereby we give honor to Him Whose [witness] they are: we honor the servants, that the honor shown to them may reflect on their Master... Consequently, by honoring the martyrs' relics we do not fall into the error of the Gentiles, who gave the worship of "latria" to dead men.

When considering relics, it is to be remembered that the body and soul are forever one, even when they seem to be separated by death. The body of the saved will be resurrected and glorified (the bodies of the damned will also be resurrected, for that matter). Forever is there a connection between the remains and the soul that has departed from them-- and the great souls whose remains are left to us have a power described well by St. John of Damascus (a.k.a. "John Damascene"), ca.A.D. 676 - 754/87, in his "Exposition of the Orthodox Faith": These [the bodies of the Saints] are made treasuries and pure habitations of God: For I will dwell in them, said God, and walk in them, and I will be their God. The divine Scripture likewise saith that the souls of the just are in God's hand and death cannot lay hold of them. For death is rather the sleep of the saints than their death. For they travailed in this life and shall to the end, and Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. What then, is more precious than to be in the hand of God? For God is Life and Light, and those who are in God's hand are in life and light.

Further, that God dwelt even in their bodies in spiritual wise, the Apostle tells us, saying, Know ye not that your bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit dwelling in you?, and The Lord is that Spirit, and if any one destroy the temple of God, him will God destroy. Surely, then, we must ascribe honour to the living temples of God, the living tabernacles of God. These while they lived stood with confidence before God. The Master Christ made the remains of the saints to be fountains of salvation to us, pouring forth manifold blessings and abounding in oil of sweet fragrance: and let no one disbelieve this. For if water burst in the desert from the steep and solid rock at God's will and from the jaw-bone of an ass to quench Samson's thirst, is it incredible that fragrant oil [see below] should burst forth from the martyrs' remains? By no means, at least to those who know the power of God and the honour which He accords His saints.

In the law everyone who toucheth a dead body was considered impure, but these are not dead. For from the time when He that is Himself life and the Author of life was reckoned among the dead, we do not call those dead who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and in faith on Him. For how could a dead body work miracles? How, therefore, are demons driven off by them, diseases dispelled, sick persons made well, the blind restored to sight, lepers purified, temptations and troubles overcome, and how does every good gift from the Father of lights come down through them to those who pray with sure faith?

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