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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

November 11, 2018 / Листопад 11, 2018

### DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, November 11, 2018.** *The Holy Martyrs*

*Menas, Victor and Vincent.*

Tone 8: Epistle: Ephesians 2:14 – 22. / Gospel: Luke 8:41 – 56.

9:00 am – Pro Populo - English

10:15 am – († Anastasia {20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.}, req. Oksana Vladychack) – Ukr.

**Monday, November 12, 2018.** *The Holy Priest – Martyr Josaphat of Polotsk (1623).*

9:00 a.m. – † Francesca Tomeo {3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.}, req. Peter Tomeo

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018.** *Our Holy Father John Chrysostom.*

9:00 a.m. – † Oleksiy Pistun/Panakhychal, req. Family

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018.** *Philip Apostle.*

11:00 a.m. – Funeral Services for † Joseph Dzus

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Roman, Oksana, Adrianna, Sofiya,  
req. Family

**Thursday, November 15, 2018.** *Gurias, Samonas and Habib Martyrs.*

**Note:** *Today after the Divine Liturgies we begin the Christmas Fast.*

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Valentina Falkowski, req. Family

**Friday, November 16, 2018.** *Mathew Apostle - Evangelist.*

7:00 p.m. – (Special Intention) God's Blessing upon all

Members of the Apostleship of Prayer, req. Nataliya Popovici

**Saturday, November 17, 2018.** *Gregory Wonderworker Bishop.*

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

7:00 p.m. – † Ivan, Olha /Panakhychal/ {Anniv.}, req. Mykola Panchuk

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, November**

**18, 2018.** *Plato and Roman Martyrs.*

9:00 am – Pro Populo - English

10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Ivan Zakharyuk & Family; God's  
Blessing upon Ihor, Nadia, Andriy & Family,

req. Olena Yakubovska and Nadia Koretska) – 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 held Every Saturday from 9:15 am until**

**1:35 p.m.** 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 (6 – 9) 1:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.; ages (10 – 14) 3:10 p.m. – 4:40p.m.; ages (15 – 19) 3:10 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.

**Religious Education:** Classes for religious education will resume on September 18, 2017 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 **December 7, 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, December 9, 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 – November 4, 2018. Donation - \$350.00, Pyrohy: \$36,**  
*"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: \$262, Tetrapod: \$4, Coffee: \$185, Church Debt: \$15, Ad Bulletin: \$125,  
**Pledge: \$740.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,308.00, Total - \$3,025.00**

**Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday',  
 November 4<sup>th</sup>, 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  
 November our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya  
 Lita and God's Blessing.**

### **Our Church News:**

**1. Parishioner** ☩ Joseph Dzus, fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday  
 November 6, 2018. We wish to express our sincere condolences to the  
 Dzus family on their loss. May his memory be everlasting.

**2. Dear Parishioners: Be aware that on John Street by our Church,  
 NEW PARKING SIGNS have been posted. Please abide by the signs  
 or you will be ticketed.**

**3. Attention Parishioners: Our vestibule and corridor is in need of  
 some refurbishment which will be ongoing over the next few weeks.  
 We ask for our patience and if you are able to donate anything extra  
 toward this latest project, we thank you in advance.**

**\*Any donations will be gratefully accepted and appreciated.**

**4. We will be making pyrohy with kapusta/mushrooms and potatoes for  
 sale on Thursday November 15, 2018 starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is  
 invited to help us! (This is a fund raiser). (This is the last time for this year!!)**

### **5. Upcoming events and November collections:**

**A. Regular church cleaning:** The next voluntary second collection will  
 be collected on Sunday, November 18, 2018.

**B. Dear Parishioners,** we would like to invite you to take part in our  
 parish Stewardship Council meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at  
 7:15 p.m. **Note: If 55% of the members are present at the meeting,  
 any decision made at the meeting is valid for the benefit and life of  
 our Church.**

**C. Gifts for Orphanages:** The Christmas season is approaching and  
 every year we prepare special packages to send to 2 orphanages in  
 Ukraine. We would like to prepare and ship the packages so they arrive  
 in time for Christmas. *Also we implore any parishioners able to make an  
 extra monetary donation to defray the shipping costs to please mark the  
 envelope "Shipping Charges, Orphanage".* Please remember all God's  
 children. **Dear Parishioners! We have received donations from the  
 following parishioners:** Mr. Adrian Saluk (Phoenix, Arizona) - \$500;  
 Anonymous - \$20. May God reward you with choicest blessings!

**D. Outreach Program for the Thanksgiving Holiday.** The  
 Apostleship of Prayer/Rosary Society is again sponsoring this drive for  
 the needy in our community. However, **we will only collect grocery  
 store gift cards or cash donations.** Please put all donations in an  
 envelope separate from your weekly parish donation. Mark the envelope  
 as "Outreach Program" with your name. (You can also donate  
 anonymously if you wish.) All cash donations will be used to purchase  
 grocery store gift cards. **We will accept donations through November  
 22, 2018.** M/M Ihor & Olesia Warywoda are in charge of this program. **We  
 have received donations from the following parishioners:**

Anonymous - \$200.00. May God reward you with choicest blessings!

**E. Thirteenth Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by the  
 Parish.** All parishioners are invited on **Sunday November 25, 2018 after**

**both Divine Liturgies.** This is an opportunity to share a meal as a parish  
 family. Adults \$7 and youth (ages 11-16) \$3. This charge is to cover our  
 expenses.

### **F. NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE, "ZABAVA" – 2018/2019**

**Sponsored by Holy Family Church, Monday, December 31, 2018  
 beginning at 9:00 p.m. Live music provided by "My Ukraintsi".  
 More information is attached to our Church bulletin.**

### **7. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:**

**a. M/M John & Olga Donalds** who have, for the past three months,  
 donated rolls for Sunday coffee.

**b. Mrs. Valentina Falkowski, Mrs. Olga Donalds, M/M Ihor & Olesia  
 Warywoda, M/M James & Barbara Fromel, Mrs. Irene Von Kaszner, Mrs.  
 Diane Sullivan, Mrs. Irene Gereta and M/M Sławomir & Helen Samilo;**  
 who volunteered this past week to perform needed work in our parish  
 center.

**c. Mr. Ihor Mysak** who performed needed work in our Church and parish  
 center this past week.

**d. to those ladies from the Rosary Society and our parishioners (5 ladies)  
 for donating their time and energy this past Monday to make holubtsi with  
 meat for our upcoming fundraiser and for sale; and 3 ladies prepared and  
 baked kapusta (sauerkraut) for the Chinese Auction.**

**e. Mr. Serhiy Shelestov and Mr. Petro Dankov** who closed the wall,  
 removed the pews and prepared all tables and chairs for our Chinese  
 Auction.

**f. An Anonymous Donor** who donated \$300.00 and Ms. Neli Voitovych  
 who donated \$50.00 to be used for the new tetrapod icons. The icons  
 should be arriving from Ukraine shortly. **To date \$1,500.00** has been  
 donated for this purpose.

**g. Mr. Anndriy Fostakovskyy** who continues to volunteer to perform  
 needed work in the church and parish center. *May God bless all those  
 who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His  
 choicest Blessings.*

**8. Panakhyda in Memory of the 1932/33 Victims of forced famine in  
 Ukraine will be offered on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> after Ukrainian  
 Divine Liturgy.**

**News from other Parishes or Organizations: On Saturday November  
 17, 2018, the Ukrainian-American Community** of the tri-state  
 Metropolitan area will hold its annual commemoration of the forced Great  
 Famine in Ukraine with a solemn ecumenical memorial prayer service at  
 St. Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan at 4:00 p.m. Please make every  
 effort to commemorate this solemn occasion.

### **Please Note: What is Philip's Fast? Philip's Fast: A Time of**

**Repentance:** In the Roman Catholic Church Advent is called a "little Lent,"  
 because, like Lent, it is a time of repentance. In the Roman Catholic Church,  
 Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before  
Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and  
 refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's  
 birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace  
 and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His Second Coming at the  
 end of time. Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of  
 fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today is  
 supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by Christmas Day, many  
 people no longer enjoy the feast. Our preparations, therefore, should have all  
 three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.  
 Both the Western and Eastern Churches used to observe Advent with the  
 traditional Lenten practices: fasting and abstinence, prayer, and almsgiving.  
 While fasting during Advent has fallen by the wayside in the West, the Eastern  
 Orthodox and the Eastern Catholic Churches continue to observe an Advent fast:  
 Philip's Fast, named after the Apostle Philip, because it begins on November 15,  
 the day after his feast day (November 14, in the Eastern calendar).

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.....It runs through Christmas Eve, December 24—a period of 40 days, mirroring Lent. Like most fasts in the Eastern Church, Philip's Fast is fairly strict and includes abstinence from meat, eggs, and dairy products on all weekdays, and fish, oil, and wine on most days. On Sundays and certain feast days, fish, oil, and wine are allowed; different Eastern Churches observe the fast more or less strictly. (Because extreme fasting can affect your health, you should never increase the strictness of a fast beyond what your particular Church prescribes without consulting with your priest.) While Roman Rite Catholics are no longer bound to fast during Advent, reviving the tradition of repentance during this season can help us better appreciate our Christmas celebration. Pope John Paul II called on Western Catholics to learn more about the traditions of the Eastern church by doing the same sorts of things the Eastern rites do —abstaining from meat (especially on Fridays), not eating between meals, restricting the amount of food that we eat. Combining these practices with almsgiving (this time of year is particularly hard for the poor) and efforts to increase our prayer (and perhaps to spend a bit of time in front of the Blessed Sacrament or to attend weekday Liturgy when we can), and we can begin to return Advent to its proper role as a season of preparation. And when Christmas Day finally arrives, we may find that our fast has increased the joy of our feast

### The Icon of the Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos



... from previous Bulletin....

According to Nestorius, She was merely a pipeline, which Christ had merely passed through. **That is a theological error.**

How was Christ born? What do we confess in the Creed? "...incarnated by the Holy Spirit and Mary the Virgin, and become Man...". Two events are taking place here. Just as the birth of a child requires the collaboration of a man and a woman, here, the grace of the Holy Spirit is the collaborator: "...incarnated by the Holy Spirit and Mary the Virgin, and become Man...". What does the Holy Mother do? She provides human (worldly) flesh to Christ. Therefore the Holy Mother's participation is not simply the participation of a pipeline that serves a situation. Christ does not merely pass through Her, from inside, without the Holy Mother offering the human magnitude. Christ assumes the human magnitudes thanks to the Holy Mother; therefore, **She is a Theotokos**. It is God Who is born, and made incarnate. The difference is huge. And a whole Ecumenical Synod had been convened on this topic alone - if the Holy Mother is a "Christotokos" or "Theotokos". And this theology was tackled by very many of the major Fathers, such as Cyril of Alexandria and other theologians, who had originally theologized on the Person of our Holy Mother. I will now return to the first icon of the Annunciation. There are secondary elements in there, which can be presented chromatically also. There is the throne. Or even that red cloth that is draped at the top. We insert that draped cloth in other icons also - usually in depictions of Magisterial feast-days, or in the portrayals of Christ and the Holy Mother; that red cloth is a statement of a

joyous event. We could call it a joyous-resurrectional event. However, it is only a secondary element, in the sense that it may or may not be inserted in an icon. You will not see it in every icon. It alternates, according to the iconographer's choice. **The theological elements however are used exactly as they are.** For example, the platform that the Angel or the Theotokos is standing on is a secondary element. It is very important to distinguish between the theological elements and the secondary ones. The colour of the Holy Mother's garment, Her external robe is dark red, which is the colour that Eastern Church regards as a deeply solemn colour. Our Church never uses the colour black. It is highly unfortunate when priests dress in black vestments - especially during Great Lent - or place black covers atop the Holy Altar during Lent. We do not have that absolute degree of sorrow. As we shall also see from the shape of the mouth that is depicted, we are speaking of that "joyous-sorrow". These are two elements combined. We are never in absolute joy and absolute sorrow. Absolute joy is a utopia, because we are living in a post-Fall state. And absolute sorrow is a tragedy, because sorrow indicates that you have lost everything, that there is no hope in Christ. The only thing that we feel sorry for. We are sorry for our sins. It is what Christ had said: "be angered, and do not sin". We need to be angry over our sins only. We should not sin for any reason. And we should only feel sorrow for our sins. During His moments of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, Christ (according to Mark's Gospel) is mentioned as being "sorrowful". Specifically, His words were: **"My soul is surrounded by sorrow, even unto death"** (Matt.26:38). This does not imply that Christ was disillusioned. You must notice the (Greek) word used here. He is "sorrow-surrounded"; He is not sad; He is merely engulfed by sorrow. Which means that sorrow is around ("peri") Him. It is the sorrow of sin that is in action around Him, and that is why He is surrounded by sorrow - sorrow for our sins. Our Church never indulges in events of absolute sorrow or grief. Good Friday is not a day of sorrow. This is an entirely mistaken approach. It is a day of "joyous sorrow". We feel sorrow for one thing: for having dared to crucify Christ. And at the same time, we feel joy, because Christ was resurrected. That is why, when you go to church on the morning of Good Friday - which is when the Vespers of Holy Saturday are celebrated - you will see the priests are obliged to wear white vestments. And even if they had worn black vestments during the Lenten period, they must necessarily change them and wear white, because that is when the mystery of Christ's descent into Hades takes place, and at the moment that He is dead on the Cross, that is also when death is conquered. We do not have events of sorrow and grief; we have that "joyous sorrow", which is ministered to, throughout our life. As I said, absolute joy is a utopia. It is a fictitious psychological state that cannot do anything more than make us get away from our confrontation of sorrow for our sins. If you have something, you can ask me on the things I just told you. I have said everything very briefly, but I wanted to mention every aspect, so that you can gradually handle the theology of the icon.

**Question:** Why is the Holy Mother seated in this icon of the Annunciation? I already mentioned the theology behind the seated pose. The Holy Mother is not always depicted in a seated position in the icons of the Annunciation. However, this example is very correct, because the seated position that refers to Christ and the Holy Mother denotes certainty. The seated position implies certainty - what is to ensue is a certainty. The Holy Mother is certain about what She is doing. She is accepting God's proposal. And She does it, without knowing the facts analytically.

**Why are secondary elements so sumptuous in some icons?** They are not sumptuous because they merely highlight the persons. For example, those platforms do not overwhelm the image; they are subordinate to the image. A hagiographer has the freedom to work the secondary elements. What he doesn't have is the freedom to tamper with the theology. The freedom for the hagiographer to express himself remains a possibility, only in those secondary elements. But in the primary ones (that pertain to theology) he does not have that freedom. If he does change them, he may well fall into heresy. ....to be continued.....