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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**

**August 26, 2018 / Серпень 26, 2018**

**DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, August 26, 2018.** *Adrian and Natalie*

*Martyrs.*

**Tone 5: Epistle:** 2 Corinthians 1:21 – 2:4. / **Gospel:** Matthew 22:1 – 14.

**9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.**

**10:15 am – Divine Liturgy in ☩ Memoriam of Heroes of Ukrainian Independence/ Panakhyda / - Ukrainian.**

**12:30 p.m. - Note:** Celebration of 27<sup>th</sup> Independence of Ukraine (Parish Picnic).

**Monday, August 27, 2018.** *Poemen Venerable.*

**7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Olena Fostakovska, req. Family**

**Tuesday, August 28, 2018.** *Moses the Ethiopian Venerable.*

**9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – Ukrainian**

**6:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Mariya & Family, req. Family**

**Wednesday, August 29, 2018. Beheading of John the Baptist.**

**7:00 p.m. – Pro Populo - English**

**Thursday, August 30, 2018.** *Alexander, John and Paul Patriarchs.*

**7:00 p.m. – Special Divine Liturgy (In thanksgiving to God for All the workers and benefactors at our Parish Picnic)**

**Friday, August 31, 2018.** *Deposition of the Cincture of the Theotokos.*

**8:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Nadiya & Family, req. Family**

**Saturday, September 1, 2018.** *Beginning of the Church Year. Simeon Venerable.*

**9:00 a.m. – ☩ Stella Tomeo, ☩ Francesca Tomeo, req. Family**

**6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)**

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 2, 2018.** *Mammas Martyr.*

**9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.**

**10:15 am – (☩ Richard Russo, req. Nadia Russo) - Ukrainian.**

**12:00 Noon - Special Divine Liturgy for children and youth – E./U.**

**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 **September 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, September 2, 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 – August 19, 2018. 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - \$285.00**

*"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: \$155, Coffee: \$235, Holy Days: \$160, Home Mission: \$10, Tetrapod: \$9, Donation: \$20, Tetrapod/Blessing Fruit: \$15, Church Debt: \$25, **Pledge: \$325, Sunday Offering: \$1,419.00, Total - \$2,658.00.**

**Dear Parishioners:** Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday', August 19<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 August our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.**

### **Our Church News:**

**1. Dear Parishioners: Requests for Divine Liturgy.** The Divine Liturgy book for 2018 is available. If you wish to have Fr. Popovici offer the weekday Divine Liturgy for your intentions, please make such requests as far ahead as possible and at least 2-3 weeks before the date in which you are interested.

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

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

- those parishioners who made donations last Sunday to the monthly free will 2<sup>nd</sup> collection to clean our church; \$285.00 was donated.
- Mr. Thomas Laraia who on many occasion volunteer his skills in helping us necessary work for our parish center or office needs the life of the Church.
- Mr. Sergey Shelestov and his cleaning team who volunteered on Friday August 24<sup>th</sup> to perform necessary cleaning work at our Parish.
- Mrs. Sandy Motekew who volunteered on Friday August 24<sup>th</sup> accompanied by the children of summer camp to bake some carrot cake for our Parish Picnic.
- All of our Parishioner who came on Thursday, Friday, Saturday evening to perform all necessary work and preparation for our Parish Picnic. **May God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.**

**4. On Sunday September 2, 2018 at 12:00 Noon** a Special Divine Liturgy for children will be offered when Fr. Popovici will bless all the children and youth of our Parish on the occasion of the beginning of the school year. Please bring your children to church so they can receive a special Blessing and Grace from God who said: "Let the children come to me...."

**5. Please Note: on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 a special Home Mission Collection will be taken.** Please use the envelopes provided in your boxed envelopes or use the "Special Offering" envelopes in the vestibule. The Home Mission collection helps to support the needs of our Diocese. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**6. 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.

**7. News from our Diocese and other Parishes:** The Connecticut State Ukrainian Day Committee wishes to invite our parishioners to attend their annual Ukrainian Day Festival to be held on the grounds of St. Basil's Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, 195 Glenbrook Rd., Stamford, CT on Sunday,

September 9, 2018.

### **Banns of Marriage (1<sup>st</sup> Banns)**

*Yuriy Rybiy son of Yaroslav and Yaroslava Rybiy from Holy Family Church and Chrystyna Veres daughter of Vasyl and Nataliya Veres from Holy Family Church. Marriage will take place on September 15, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.*

**The 2018 Stamford Bishop's Appeal.** Of the 179 families in our parish, 53 participated in this appeal, which is about 28%. The total amount donated was \$3,020.00. If any other family would like to contribute, all donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Please remember to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. May God bless you for your generosity with choicest Blessings!

**For Yours Attention: Dear Parents:** Blessed are the children who hear God's word given to them and learn more about His commandments, love and care. If your child does not attend a Ukrainian Saturday Cultural School, I invite you to come and register your child for Religious classes which will begin on September 10, 2018. The Religious classes are for children ages 5 – 14 and will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m./6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Children will be grouped by age. Remember that your children are growing in this distracted and debauched modern era, which is distant from God and His truth. As Catholic parents, you have the duty to do all you can to convey Catholic Patrimony and Tradition to your children. **Please bring your children to Church so they can receive the knowledge of God.** Thank you. If you need more information please call our Parish Rectory at (631) 225 1168.

### **THE CHURCH NEW YEAR – SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

On this day the Church of Christ observes the Indiction or proclamation of the beginning of the ecclesiastical year. The term derives from the practice of the Roman Emperors, who used to impose a tax every year at this time for the maintenance of the army. The rate of this annual levy was fixed by proclamation for fifteen years. This is why each cycle of fifteen years starting from the reign of Caesar Augustus, three years before the birth of Christ, is called an Indiction. Besides, September is the time for harvesting the fruits of the earth and for making ready for a new round of growth, so it is proper to honor the beginning of the agricultural cycle by giving thanks to God for His loving-kindness towards His creation. This is what the Jews did under the old Law. On the first day of their seventh month (corresponding to the beginning of September) they kept the Feast of Trumpets, resting from every kind of work and devoting themselves entirely to the offering of sacrifices of a sweet savor, and to the praise of God (Lev. 23:24-25). Christ, the Son and Word of God, Creator of time and space, pre-eternal King of all the ages, who took flesh to restore all things to unity and to reconcile the whole of humanity in one true Church, has also wished to gather to Himself the things subject to the laws of nature and what He ordained in the written Law. This is why, on this day, when nature is about to unfold anew the course of the seasons, we commemorate the occasion when the Lord Jesus Christ entered the synagogue and, opening the book of Isaiah, read the passage where the Prophet says in His name: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the good news to the poor... to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord (Luke 4:18-19). And so today all the Churches, gathered together in oneness of mind, praise with one voice Him who is single in His nature and threefold in His Persons, who dwells in bliss everlasting, and showers blessings upon the works of His hands at all times. It is Christ Himself who opens to us the gates of the year and who calls us to follow Him, so as to share in His eternity. - *From the Synaxarion*

**Why should I give to the Church?** This is an important question, and primarily for two important reasons: 1) offering our time, talent, and treasure is a necessary component of our spiritual life – we need to do this for our salvation; and 2) offering our time, talent, and treasure supports the ministry of the Church – we need to do this for not only our own salvation but also the salvation of others. Let's look at the first reason – our own salvation. The Lord says, "where your treasure lies, there also will your heart be." In other words, what we spend our time, energy, and money on reveals what is in our heart. The most clear examples of this in the New Testament are the poor old woman who offered her whole livelihood to God when she gave her two mites and the rich young man who chose not to follow our Lord because he could not part with his possessions. In this life each of us will gravitate between these two poles – love for God and love for the world. This is what Christ means when He says that "no servant can serve two masters. For either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (riches)." And so our offering of time, talent, and treasure should indicate to us, what God Himself already knows, that is how much we love Him or how much we love the things of this world instead of Him. Now, the second reason we give to the Church is to support the Lord's ministry on earth. Let us remember, we need God; God does not need us. He is the Creator of the universe and can do anything and everything or nothing. However, and this is important, while the Lord doesn't need us, He does want us, and He wants us to labor together with Him for our own salvation and that of our neighbor. The Lord wants us to be His hands helping those in need, His mouth preaching and teaching, and His feet carrying the Good News to any of those who will hear it. This is how we help build His mystical Body; the Catholic Church. For this to happen, for us to work together with God, for us to be His Body, we need to put our faith into action and invest of ourselves in building the Catholic Church.

### **What is the Role of Godparents in the Church?**

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#### **What To Look For In Potential Sponsors**

The Catholic Church requires that sponsors fit the following basic credentials: S/he must be at least 18 years old, and at least one of the two sponsors must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church (but it's preferable if both are practicing Catholics). Truthfully, the Church does not require that a child have two sponsors, but traditionally this is what most people select – one male and one female. It's important to realize that sponsors are people striving for holiness in their own lives. Oftentimes parents would lament over the difficulty in choosing Godparents for their child, because they believed they had to ask a family member in order to avoid inadvertently offending someone close to them. But my husband and I would ask them, "What's more important to you: keeping the peace and not offending someone, or asking a person who truly seems spiritually called to help you raise a holy child?" Ideally, Godparents should be people who are people you spend time with and trust very deeply, people you know well and recognize as faithful Catholics. You want to approach a person or people who would naturally fit into your family as spiritual parents for your children – not only if something unfortunate or drastic happened to you, but also to mentor and support you when you experience a particular spiritual darkness or aridity. When in doubt, pray for

discernment. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you who would be solid spiritual role models for your child.

#### **The Role Of Godparents In A Child's Spiritual Formation**

I'm not sure many people recognize the depth of commitment involved in witnessing a Baptism as a Godparent. It seems it's more for the sake of tradition or perhaps, much like at a wedding, it's more of a visible sign that a person is supporting the parents. But then nothing much happens after the Baptism. My Godparents were always present in my life from infancy onward. They attended every major milestone in my life, from First Communion to graduations and everything in between. They often sent me letters and holy cards or perhaps spent time with me to encourage and mentor me through tough situations that I felt a bit awkward discussing with my parents. They were solid examples of spiritual teachers, and I always knew they loved me as their own children. Godparents should really help the parents commemorate their godchild's Baptism annually, much like a birthday celebration. It's truly beautiful to use the Baptismal candle as a reminder of the joy of welcoming the little one into the Catholic family rather than allowing it to collect dust in a box at the bottom of a closet. Though the Church doesn't specify what Godparents must do, it's ideal for them to remain in close contact with the sponsored child and parents throughout the years.

#### **Practical Ways Godparents Can Fulfill Their Role**

Here are some suggestions on what you as Godparents can do to remain a constant presence in the life of your sponsored child:

**Enroll your sponsored child in perpetual Masses.** There are numerous organizations, such as shrines, that send Mass enrollment cards with your intentions. What a great spiritual gift, especially if it is from an apostolate with the child's given or spiritual name (e.g., The Society of the Little Flower for a girl named Therese).

**Attend as many important family functions as you are able to.**

This includes annual birthday celebrations, First Communions, Confirmation, graduations, and maybe even start a new tradition of a Baptism party! **Send occasional cards or notes of**

**encouragement throughout the year to your sponsored child.**

Include holy cards or clip inspirational quips and quotes from your favorite saints. **Offer up a Holy Hour once a month specifically for your sponsored child.** You can send the parents a card stating,

"I offered up a holy hour for \_\_\_\_\_." Bring spiritual gifts to special occasions, such as blessed rosaries, statues, icons, and – my

personal favorite – blessed medals of the child's namesake or adopted saint! **Take the child out for special one-on-one time**

**occasionally.** During that time, make a point to ask about your sponsored child's life and incorporate practical spiritual lessons into the conversation. This also builds trust between you and your

Godchild. Essentially, Godparents play a vital role in the life of a Baptized person, whether infant or adult. Most people I've spoken with have shared that their Godparents had a significant impact on their spiritual growth and interior life. That's not to say that parents aren't the primary spiritual educators for their children, but Godparents often develop special, unique relationships with their Godchildren. Perhaps children feel more at ease talking about difficult issues with their Godparents rather than their parents. Perhaps Godparents offer a fresh perspective on issues that kids face. Godparents can be mentors, educators, and spiritual support not only to the sponsored person through Baptism, but also to the

entire family and even community.