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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

June 11, 2017 / Червень 11, 2017

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

June 11, 2017 – Sunday of All Saints. *The Holy Apostle Bartholomew and Barnabas.*

Note: *The Voluntary Apostles' Feast Petrivka begins after Vespers this evening.*

Tone 8: Epistle: Hebrew 11:32–12:2a. / Gospel: Matthew 10: 32–33; 37-38&19:27-30.

8:00 a.m. – Akatistos to Jesus Christ

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.

10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Marta, Oksana, Nadia, Lesya, req. Skrypoczka Family) – Ukrainian.

12:00 Noon – Starts Ukrainian Festival

Monday, June 12, 2017. *Onuphrius and Peter Venerables.*

**7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon all (Special Intention),
req. by Mothers in Prayer**

8:00 p.m. – Devotion to Jesus Christ (Moleben)

Note: *This Devotion is prayed every evening at 8:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, June 13, 2017 – Aquilina Martyr.

**9:00 a.m. - ☩ Deceased Members (Special Intention)/Panakhylal,
req. by Mothers in Prayer**

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – Elisha Prophet.

**7:00 p.m. – (Special Intention) God's Blessing upon all Members
of the Rosary Society, req. Rosary Society**

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

Thursday, June 15, 2017 – Amos Prophet.

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Maksym Sisawang

Friday, June 16, 2017 – Tychon the Wonderworker Bishop.

9:00 a.m. – Thanksgiving to God for Balaban Family, req. Family

Saturday, June 17, 2017. – Manuel, Sabel and Ishmael Martyrs.

9:00 a.m. – ☩ Serafyma Rykshynska {Anniv.}, req. Bohdan Fedun

**4:00 p.m. - The Holy Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism,
Chrismation and Holy Eucharist) for Veronika Luchka**

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

7:00 p.m. – ☩ All Deceased Father's - English

June 18, 2017 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost. *The Holy Martyr Leontius.*

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.

10:15 am – (All Living Father's) – 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 9:00 am until 1:30 p.m. For more information please call the Rectory or contact the Director, Mrs. Izolda Maksym at (631) 225 -1203 or visit our web page: ukrainskaschkola.com.

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups: ages (5 – 9) 1:35 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.; ages (9 – 12) 3:05 p.m. – 4:35p.m; ages (13 – 18) 4:35 p.m. – 6:10p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: Rev. 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 7, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.**

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

Rectory Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; Evenings by appointment. **Attention: Tuesday** 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 9, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.** 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 – June 4, 2017.

"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: \$225, Terapod: \$5, Coffee: \$62, Pentecost: \$1,136.00,
Donation: \$197, Church Debt: \$25, Ascension: \$17, Bishop's Appeal - \$300.00.
Pledge: \$980.00, Sunday Offering: \$586.00, Total - \$3,516.00.

Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, June 4, 2017. 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.

Our Church News:

1. Please Note: Father's Day is Sunday, June 18, 2017.

If parishioners would like to honor a living or deceased fathers, please provide the name(s) to Fr. Popovici as soon as possible.

Deceased fathers will be remembered during the English Divine Liturgy on Saturday, June 17th at 7pm. Living fathers will be remembered during the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 18th at 10:15 a.m. Please use the envelope provided in your boxed donation envelopes for 2017.

2. SUMMER SCHEDULE: Effective Sunday June 25, 2017 through September 10, 2017 our Summer schedule for Divine Liturgies will begin. The schedule is as follows: English Liturgy at 9:00 am (part of the liturgy (mass) will be read and part will be sung); Ukrainian Liturgy (Mass) at 10:00 am (liturgy/mass will be sung).

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

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

5. Upcoming events:

A. Apostleship of Prayer will sponsor a Father's Day Brunch on June 18, 2017 after both Divine Liturgies. The cost for this brunch is just \$6.00. Please make plans to attend! Thank you!

B. June collections: Regular church cleaning: The next free will donation will be collected on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

6. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. those parishioners who made donations of used clothes and other items to the Drogobych orphanage in Ukraine, and to the Mrs. Iryna Popovych who prepared just over 200 lbs of packages which have all been sent to Ukraine.

b. Mr. Thomas Laraia who continues to take care of providing drinking water at our Parish center purchasing and supplying gallons of water every month. God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.

The 2017 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 Martin & Silvia Smith

M/M Mykhailo & Maria Shafranski

M/M Anatolii & Oksana Pokaliuk

(To date - \$1,115.00 toward the Parish Goal of \$3,000.00)

May God bless you for your generosity with choicest Blessings!

The Symbol of Faith - Holy Spirit

And in the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father, who together with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets . . .

The Holy Spirit bears the title of Lord with God the Father and Christ the Son. He is the Spirit of God and Spirit of Christ. He is eternal, uncreated, and divine; always existing with the Father and the Son; perpetually worshipped and glorified with them in the oneness of the Holy Trinity. Just like the Son, there was no time when there was no Holy Spirit. The Spirit is before creation. He comes forth from God, as does the Son, in a timeless, eternal procession. "He proceeds from the Father," in eternity in a divinely instantaneous and perpetual movement (Jn 15.26). Eastern doctrine confesses that God the Father is the eternal origin and source of the Spirit, just as He is the source of the Son. Yet, the Church affirms as well that the manner of the Father's possession and production of the Spirit and the Son differ according to the difference between the Son being "born," and the Spirit "proceeding." There have been many attempts—by holy men inspired by God and with a genuine experience of His Trinitarian life to explain the distinction between the procession of the Spirit and the begetting or generation of the Son. For us it is enough to see that the difference between the two lies in the distinction between the divine persons and actions of the Son and the Spirit in relation to the Father, and so as well to each other and to the world. It is necessary to note further that all words and concepts about God and divinity, including those of "procession" and "generation" must give way before the mystical vision of the actual Divine Reality which they express. God may somehow be grasped by men as He has chosen to reveal Himself. However, the essence of His Triune existence remains—and will always remain—essentially inconceivable and inexpressible to created minds and lips. This does not mean that words about God are meaningless. It only means that they are inadequate to the Reality which they seek to express . . . The Holy Spirit is essentially one in his eternal existence with the Father and the Son; and so, in every action of God toward the world, the Holy Spirit is necessarily acting. Thus, in the Genesis account of creation it is written: "The Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters" (Gen 1.2). It is this same Spirit who is the "breath of life" for all living things and particularly for man, made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1.30; 2.7).

Generally speaking the Spirit in Hebrew is called the "breath" or the "wind" of Yahweh. It is He who makes everything alive, the "Giver of life" Who upholds and sustains the universe in its existence and life (e.g. Ps 104.29; Job 33.4). The Holy Spirit is also He who inspires the saints to speak God's word and to do God's will. He anoints the prophets, priests, and kings of the Old Testament; and "in the fullness of time" it is this same Spirit who "descends and remains" on Jesus of Nazareth, making him the Messiah (anointed) of God and manifesting him as such to the world. Thus, in the New Testament at the first epiphany (which means literally showing forth or manifestation) of Christ as the Messiah—his baptism by John in the Jordan—the Holy Spirit is revealed as descending and resting upon him "as a dove from heaven" (Jn 1.32; Lk 3.22, see also Mt 3.16 and Mk 1.9).

It is important to note, both here and in the account of the Spirit's coming on the Day of Pentecost, as well as in other places in the Scriptures, that the words "as" and "like" are used in order to avoid an incorrect "physical" interpretation of the events recorded where the Bible itself is literally speaking in quite a symbolical and metaphorical way....to be continued...

EPARCHIAL YOUTH CONVENTION will take place at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Yonkers, NY, **on Saturday June 24th and Sunday June 25th, 2017**. The motto of the gathering is: "Serving God by serving others." All children – ages of 8 through 17 are welcome to attend. For more information speak with your parish priest or see the flyer in our church vestibule.

The Horror of Committing Sin

Sin. *Why is that one 3 letter word is so dangerous to mankind?* Because it is the one thing that will keep us from ever being happy and fulfilled. Sin turns us all into monsters, instead of beautiful human beings. Sin keeps us away from Jesus and heaven and marries us to the devil and hell. Sin turns us all into food for Satan, who is a roaring lion and who wants to devour us all. Sin makes us do bad things that we don't want to do, and keeps us from doing good things that we need to do. Sin makes us lazy. Sin gives us certain disease. Sin makes us hate. Sin makes us say things that hurt people. Sin turns us into slaves. Sin kills. Sin is leprosy for our souls. We are the Church Militant and must engage in spiritual combat to avoid hell. History records the first sin of Adam and Eve. That sin was pride and disobedience. By listening to satan and disobeying God, they hoped to become like God, knowing the difference between right and wrong, good & evil. Their punishment for that sin was to be banished from the beautiful garden, and to endure suffering in their lives. We are all still living with the effects of that sin from our first parents. What the devil didn't say was that if you sin enough, then you lose the ability to distinguish between good and evil. This effect of sin is so prevalent in our society today, where abortion, the killing off of our next generation, is now seen as a human right, and is called by the innocuous name of "choice". *The Bible says that the punishment for our own sins today can be handed down to the fourth generation, to our great grandchildren. It is amazing to think that we today can be suffering for the sins of our great grandparents.* The really good news is that the Bible also says that God rewards down to the thousandth generation for those who truly love Him. The next recorded sin in the Bible was the murder of Abel, by his own brother, Cain. Cain was jealous of Abel, because Abel's offering to God was better than his. Rather than blaming himself for his inadequate offering, Cain turned his anger against his brother. How often today do we repeat this sin? Things that go wrong are never our fault for not doing enough. So we try to drag down others, either through word or deed. Cain's punishment for spilling the blood of Abel on the ground was that the ground would no longer yield crops for him, and he would be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth. The Old Testament "saved" were still in prison at the time of the crucifixion, and Jesus went to preach the Gospel to them in their spiritual prison after his death (1 Peter 3:19). The gates of heaven are still open for us now, but we each have to pick up our cross as individuals and follow Jesus. (Matthew 16:24). How do we overcome sin, especially the sins of our ancestors which may still be afflicting us? Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are three

great ways, along with the frequent reception of Holy Communion, where we become, like the Blessed Virgin Mary, living tabernacles of Jesus Christ. Eating the fruit of the cross, which is the body and blood of Jesus, therefore overcomes the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Prayer immediately after Holy Communion is the most powerful prayer, because at that moment, Jesus abides in us, and we in him (John 6:56). And all of this needs to be done from the heart, rather than from the brain. Our prayer has to be as specific as possible. While we don't know all of the sins of our ancestors, we need to ask forgiveness for their sins that we do know, and leave the rest to God, who knows all. Frequent confession and penance is also life-giving. While confession removes the sin, there is still the debt to be paid. It's like removing a nail from wood. Confession removes the nail, but there is still a hole in the wood that has to be filled in. Penance and sacrifice fill in that hole. Indulgences, or the remission of penalty due to sin, may be obtained from the Church if the penitent fulfills the obligations for the indulgence. A full indulgence, or plenary indulgence, may be obtained if the penitent goes to confession within 8 days of performing the indulgenced act, receives Holy Communion that day, prays for the intentions of the Pope, AND HAS NO ATTACHMENT TO SIN. The last condition is the hardest one to fulfill, but saying your rosary every day and asking for this grace every day will surely help you to achieve this goal. The indulgence has to be requested of God by the penitent, and it may be applied to you or to someone you love (by your request) in purgatory. If all of these conditions are not met, then a partial indulgence only is obtained. This is important to achieve in this life, because the pains of purgatory are a lot worse than any pain and suffering in this life. The church has the authority to grant indulgences under the binding and loosing power that Jesus gave it in Matthew 18:18. The most obvious biblical example of an indulgence is when Jesus told the good thief on the cross that he would be with him in Paradise that day, even though the thief had committed many sins. He was fully repentant for them, however, and he asked Jesus to remember him after death. So please think twice the next time you are tempted to sin. Not only will you be required to pay back the penalty for your sin, but your kids, your grandkids, and your great grandchildren may also suffer because of your lack of control.

It is important to remember that there are 2 ways to be sorry for sin. One way, the imperfect way, is to be sorry for committing a sin because we could go to hell. The best way, the perfect way, to be sorry for sin is to fear offending Almighty God. Perfect contrition of our sins leads to perfect forgiveness of them from God. And never forget that people who are baptized, at that moment, have all of their sins forgiven immediately, as well as the temporal punishment due them. And there are also 2 kinds of sin - The evil things we do (the sin of commission), and the good things that we fail to do (sin of omission). Every sin we commit is like joining with the Roman soldiers in spitting on Jesus' face. Every sin we commit adds weight to Jesus' cross. Every sin we

commit is another lash with the whip for Jesus. Every sin we commit is a nail in Jesus' body. Venial sins are like having our souls covered with manure. Mortal sins are like our souls committing suicide so that they can be tortured in hell forever. Some great Biblical references to the horror of committing sin are as follows: Genesis 19:24-25: **Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;** and he overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. 1 Samuel 31:4: Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and make sport of me." But his armor-bearer would not; for he feared greatly. **Therefore Saul took his own sword, and fell upon it.** 2 Samuel 12:7-14: Nathan said to David, "You are the man. Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul; and I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in His sight? You have smitten Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have slain him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.'" David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, **"The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child that is born to you shall die."** (**NOTE – David was forgiven for his sin, but STILL had to pay the penalty for that sin, the death of his son. He could have used a plenary indulgence here).

Genesis 29: 21-26: Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) And in the morning, behold, it was Leah; and Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have one to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? **Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "It is not so done in our country, to give the younger before the first-born.** Exodus 1:8-14: Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war befall us, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." **Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens;** and they built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and Ramses. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. **So they made the people of Israel serve with rigor, and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field; in all their work they made them serve with rigor.** Numbers 14:18: 'The

LORD is slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of fathers upon children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation.' Deuteronomy 5:9: you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, **Deuteronomy 7:9: Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.** 1 Kings 11:11-12: Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this has been your mind and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant. Yet for the sake of David your father **I will not do it in your days, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son.** **Sirach 7:8: Do not commit a sin twice;** even for one you will not go unpunished.

2 Maccabees 6:12-16: Now I urge those who read this book not to be depressed by such calamities, but to recognize that these punishments were designed not to destroy but to discipline our people. In fact, not to let the impious alone for long, but to punish them immediately, is a sign of great kindness. **For in the case of the other nations the Lord waits patiently to punish them until they have reached the full measure of their sins;** but he does not deal in this way with us, in order that he may not take vengeance on us afterward when our sins have reached their height. Therefore he never withdraws his mercy from us. Though he disciplines us with calamities, he does not forsake his own people.

Luke 11:48-51: So you are witnesses and consent to the deeds of your fathers; for they killed them, and you build their tombs. Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' that **the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation,** from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. **Yes, I tell you, it shall be required of this generation** Matthew 23:30-36: saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' Thus you witness against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly, I say to you, all this will come upon this generation.

Matthew 5:25-26: Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison; truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny. 1 Corinthians 6:18: Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; **but the immoral man sins against his own body.** 1 John 5:16: If any one sees his brother committing what is not a mortal sin, he will ask, and God will give him life for those whose sin is not mortal.
