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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 3, 2018 / Червень 3, 2018

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

June 3, 2018, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost. *The Holy Martyr Lucillianus and Those with Him.*

Tone 1: Epistle: Romans 2:10 – 16. / Gospel: Matthew 4:18 – 23.

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – English

(God's Blessing upon Yanna Sydyaha & Family, req. Sydyaha Family)

10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Mychailo & Mariya Shafranski, req. Shafranski Family) - Ukrainian.

12:00 Noon – Special Divine Liturgy for Family/children (First Solemn Holy Communion for 11 children).

Monday, June 4, 2018. *Metrophones Patriarch.*

9:00 a.m. – Special Intention, req. Mendyuk Family

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

- (it's held every day except Sundays during the month of June at 8:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, June 5, 2018. *Dorotheus Bishop Martyr.*

– Clergy Days – Mt. Alvernia

Wednesday, June 6, 2018. *Bessarion and Hilary Venerables.*

7:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy - General Intention (Let's pray together for our Ukrainian Festival event; ask God to send His Grace and Mercy upon all of us)

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

Thursday, June 7, 2018. *Theodotus Bishop Martyr.*

9:00 a.m. – Special Intention, req. Mendyuk Family

Friday, June 8, 2018. *Translation of the relics of the Great Martyr Theodore.*

9:00 a.m. – Special Intention, req. Mendyuk Family

Saturday, June 9, 2018. *Cyril of Alexandria Archbishop.*

6:00 p.m. – Rosary (Вервиця)

– † Gerardo Pozzaglia/Panakhya/, req. M/M Martin Smith

June 10, 2018, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost. *Timothy Bishop Martyr.*

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – English

10:00 am - Panakhya in Memoriam †Gerardo Pozzaglia (Anniv.), req. Smith Family

10:15 am – (Good health for Tomyk Omernik, req. Marta Skrypoczka) - Ukrainian.

12:00 Noon – Starts Ukrainian Festival.

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 9:15am-1:35pm

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 18, 2018 and will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 5:55 p.m./6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: Father Popovici will make visits to the sick on the first Friday of the month. It is the responsibility of an immediate family member to kindly notify Rev. Popovici at the Rectory office about any sick or aged individual who is hospitalized or confined at home or in a nursing home, and he will gladly visit and administer the sacraments. In case of emergencies please call any time.

Pray the Rosary: The Apostleship of Prayer requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **First Sunday** of each month, beginning 20 minutes before Divine Liturgy. The Rosary Society requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **Third Sunday** of the Month beginning at 10:00 a.m. before Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

Mothers in Prayer: Next prayer group will be held on **July 6, 2018 at 8:15 p.m.**

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

Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; Evenings by appointment. **Attention: Monday** is a free day for the priest. In case of an emergency, please call at any time.

Divine Liturgy: Dear Parishioners! Remember your faith; please come every Sunday and Holy Days to Church.

Divine Liturgy for Children: Special Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian language) for family/children will be held on **Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 12:00 Noon. (Also children from our Parish will receive Holy Solemn Communion during this Liturgy).** 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 – May 27, 2018.

"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, Sanctuary Light: \$20, Poor: \$10, Pyrohy: \$12, Ascension: \$1,
Pentecost: \$200, Tetrapod: \$10, Church Debt: \$25, **Bishop's Appeal - \$350.00**
Pledge: \$575.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,368.00, Total - \$2,706.00.

Dear Parishioners: *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday', May 27th, 2018. May God bless you all for your generosity.*

Our Prayer: *Please remember all those parishioners who are ill or elderly within your families. They are part of our parish and need to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. To schedule a visit by the priest, please call the rectory for an appointment.*

Attention: *To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of June our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.*

Our Church News:

1. Dear Parishioners, be aware that next Sunday is our Ukrainian Festival, in which our church is hosting. To make this festival happen, we need everyone's hands to work for this special event. On Thursday and Friday, after 6pm, we need help doing the holobtsi (stuffed cabbage) and other necessary foods for the festival. On Saturday (after 11am), we need to prepare the tents, chairs, etc. On Sunday, we need at least 30 people to help serve for the festival. We rely on your support and all the help.

2. Today June 3, 2018 the following eleven children of our parish will receive their solemn First Holy Communion during the children/Family Divine Liturgy at 12:00 Noon: Anthony Yigit, Sofiya Hula, Veronika Leshko, Igor Hyzhko, Ivan Zakharyuk, Maksym Sisawang, Daniel Hamkalo, Steven Marks, Tylor Holzweiss, Ryley Holzweiss, Constance Atamanov. We extend to them congratulations and God's Blessing upon their Catholic life.

3. Please Note: Father's Day is Sunday, June 17, 2018.

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 16th at 7pm. Living fathers will be remembered during the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy on Sunday, June 17th at 10:15 a.m. Please use the envelope provided in your boxed donation envelopes for 2018.

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

5. Upcoming events:

A. June collections: Regular church cleaning: The next second collection will be collected on Sunday, June 17th, 2018.

B. Stewardship Council and Pastoral Council will have a monthly meeting on Monday, June 4th, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. This is a request and invitation for all of you who would like to take part in the life of the Church and also take part in preparations for our Ukrainian Festival on June 10th.

C. On June 9th and 10th, 2018 – our Parish will hold our second annual Ukrainian Cultural Dance Festival. Mark the dates on your calendar.

6. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

-The same Anonymous donor who has donated \$500 (total of \$5,000) to be used for the installation of the new altar in our church.

-M/M Mykhailo & Maria Shafranski donated \$1,000 to defray the cost of the icon of the Last Supper for our new altar, which will be painted in Ukraine. M/M Mykhailo & Nadiya Sorych donated \$110 and Ms. Neli

Voitovych donated \$300, M/M Ihor & Myroslava Smerechynsky donated \$50, which we defray the cost of freight of the icons from Ukraine to USA.

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

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

8. Dear Parishioners! Join us for our next Pilgrimage: "Steps of the Saints" – Italy (Rome, Padua, Asisi, etc). Save the dates: September 16 – 27, 2018. More information is attached to our Church Bulletin.

Dear Parishioners of the Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic

Church, I want to send my sincerest gratitude to everyone who made my 20th Anniversary of Priesthood a special day, in every way. From the decorations, to the food and cake, to the gifts and to the guests especially, the party has definitely made the entire night a special one. I really appreciate all of the parishioners, who made time into their daily schedules and put in their hard work to make my party happen because without the help of the church and parishioners, the party wouldn't have been successful. I want to thank everyone who has supported me for the 20 years since I've become a priest and helping me in every way possible. From important events, like the Parish Picnic, Chinese Auction, Christmas parties and more, you guys have been by my step through it all. I am truly grateful for the lovely gifts that the Apostleship of Prayer and Rosary Society have given me for my anniversary. I want to thank Bishop Paul Chomnycky, for his thoughtful gifts and prayers throughout my priesthood. I especially want to thank my wife, Nataliya Popovici for her incredible hard work in making this special event perfect. She has been the biggest supporter of my dreams since I became a priest in 1998. I want to thank our Trustees, Mrs. Nadiya Moskalyuk and Mrs. Silvia Lombardo-Smith for organizing the amazing party. Beautiful gifts, beautiful people, beautiful moments, beautiful toasts and a beautiful day – Thanks for coming and making my party a magnificent one. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I thank all of our parishioners for the wonderful donations and I greatly appreciate your thoughts and prayers. I wish to share my treasures with God, and will use the \$7,500 (worth in gifts) to be given to the church. I have opened a separate account for the new building of the church. May God Bless you all with choicest blessings!

From, Rev. Olvian N. Popovici

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

\$100.00 – M/M Mykhailo & Maria Shafranski;

M/M Martin Smith & Silvia Lombardi;

Rev. Olvian N. Popovici & Mrs. Nataliya Popovici

\$30.00 – Mr. Russell Englot;

\$20.00 – M/M Stepan & Galina Shustak.

(To date - \$350.00 toward the Parish Goal of \$3,000.00)

May God bless you for your generosity with choicest Blessings!

Homily of St. John Chrysostom on St. Ignatius the God-Bearer.

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.... Not indeed charged with anything monstrous, but because being freed from error, they hastened to piety; because they abstained from the service of demons, because they recognized the true God, and worshipped his only begotten Son, and for things for which they ought to have been crowned, and admired and honoured, for these they were punished and encountered countless tortures, all who embraced the faith, and much more they who had the oversight of the churches. For the devil, being crafty, and apt to contrive plots of this kind, expected that if he took away the shepherds, he would easily be able to scatter the flocks. But He who takes the wise in their craftiness, wishing to show him that men do not govern His church, but that it is He himself who everywhere tends those who believe in Him, agreed that this should be, that he might see, when they were taken away, that the cause of piety was not defeated, nor the word of preaching quenched, but rather increased; that by these very works he might learn both himself, and all those who minister to him, that our affairs are not of men, but that the subject of our teaching has its root on high, from the heavens; and that it is God who everywhere leads the Church, and that it is not possible for him who fights against God, ever to win the day. But the Devil did not only work this evil, but another also not less than this. For not only in the cities over which they presided, did he suffer the Bishops to be slaughtered; but he took them into foreign territory and slew them; and he did this, in anxiety at once to take them when destitute of friends, and hoping to render them weaker with the toil of their journey, which accordingly he did with this saint. For he called him away from our city to Rome, making the course twice as long, expecting to depress his mind both by the length of the way and the number of the days, and not knowing that having Jesus with him, as a fellow traveller, and fellow exile on so long a journey, he rather became the stronger, and afforded more proof of the power that was with him, and to a greater degree knit the Churches together. For the cities which were on the road running together from all sides, encouraged the athlete, and sped him on his way with many supplies, sharing in his conflict by their prayers, and intercessions. And they derived no little comfort when they saw the martyr hastening to death with so much readiness, as is consistent in one called to the realms which are in the heaven, and by means of the works themselves, by the readiness and by the joyousness of that noble man, that it was not death to which he was hastening, but a kind of long journey and migration from this world, and ascension to heaven; and he departed teaching these things in every city, both by his words, and by his deeds, and as happened in the case of the Jews, when they bound Paul, and sent him to Rome, and thought that they were sending him to death, they were sending a teacher to the Jews who dwelt there. This indeed accordingly happened in the case of Ignatius in larger measure. For not to those alone who dwell in Rome, but to all the cities lying in the intervening space, he went forth as a wonderful teacher, persuading them to despise the present life, and to think naught of the things which are seen, and to love those which are to come, to look towards heaven, and to pay no regard to any of the terrors of this present life. For on this and on more than this, by means of his works, he went on his way

instructing them, as a sun rising from the east, and hastening to the west. But rather more brilliant than this, for this is wont to run on high, bringing material light, but Ignatius shone below, imparting to men's souls the intellectual light of doctrine. And that light on departing into the regions of the west, is hidden and straightway causes the night to come on. But this on departing to the regions of the west, shone there more brilliantly, conferring the greatest benefits to all along the road. And when he arrived at the city, even that he instructed in Christian wisdom. For on this account God permitted him there to end his life, so that this man's death might be instructive to all who dwell in Rome. For we by the grace of God need henceforward no evidence, being rooted in the faith. But they who dwelt in Rome, inasmuch as there was great impiety there, required more help. On this account both Peter and Paul, and this man after them, were all slain there, partly, indeed, in order that they might purify with their own blood, the city which had been defiled with blood of idols, and partly in order that they might by their works afford a proof of the resurrection of the crucified Christ, persuading those who dwell in Rome, that they would not with so much pleasure disdain this present life, did they not firmly persuade themselves that they were about to ascend to the crucified Jesus, and to see him in the heavens. For in reality it is the greatest proof of the resurrection that the slain Christ should show forth so great power after death, as to persuade living men to despise both country and home and friends, and acquaintance and life itself, for the sake of confessing him, and to choose in place of present pleasures, both stripes and dangers and death. For these are not the achievements of any dead man, nor of one remaining in the tomb but of one risen and living. Since how couldest thou account, when he was alive, for all the Apostles who companied with him becoming weaker through fear to betray their teachers and to flee and depart; but when he died, for not only Peter and Paul, but even Ignatius, who had not even seen him, nor enjoyed his companionship, showing such earnestness as to lay down life itself for his sake?to be continued...

ITS BETTER TO LET TEENAGERS BE, PRAY FOR THEM AND SURROUND THEM WITH LOVE"

Archimandrite Andrei (Konanos)

Many ask us priests, "What is your opinion on teenagers?" Around 20 years ago I used to teach high school classes, and I was also asked that question. The majority of them want to hear that "the youth of today needs to change, correct themselves, or do something or other." I cannot say that today's youth are bad; usually bad people become better. Some break things, destroy, and curse. These external manifestations that we have noted do not express their souls. It is only an illness. If we look more deeply we will discover that the person has not been able to feel what it means to love, to be kind. The child has not seen the living image of Christ in his parents, teachers, or instructors; after all, if that had happened he would have definitely been touched and received benefit. Children today are after all sincere. We can blame today's complex times of something, but children are more sincere now than they were before. In order to convince a child of something you have to show proof not only in words but in deeds. Neither do young people need an authority today. The father may say to the son, "Do as I say, and that's all. I said so!" No. Today children want dialogue, discussion,

they want to understand why they should do it that way and not some other way. When I say for example, "Come to church. You will find joy there," the child will search whether there really is joy there. And if he comes and I start making nothing but reprimands, he'll say to me, "Father, why did you call me here?" When I taught in school, children were my best teachers; they made me think about many things. Children want to look at things objectively: Father talks about humility; but do I have it? I say that you'll find joy with Christ, but have I felt it? Anxiety, anger, and rage arise, and then I demand that they learn to pray. I talk about how Christ brings peace and tranquility to the soul, but do I have that tranquility? It seems to me that it's better to let teenagers be; that is, to pray for them and surround them with love, without too much talk. Our words often bring results contrary to our expectations. We say one thing, and they do the opposite. Usually parents repeat the same thing over and over again without thinking about the consequences. Let the child be. It's better to show him that you are a happy family that the Lord makes you joyful — this will be the best sermon. One young man says to me, "I don't go to church because I know what they'll say to me there." "What?" I ask. "Everything's forbidden." "What do you mean?" "It's forbidden to have fun. Forbidden to spend time with certain people. Forbidden to smoke. It's a place of bans." However in fact this does not reflect reality in the Church. But that is the image that we create. Instead of showing how we can rejoice in Christ, we teach them what they can't do. St. Porphyrios said, "Panic, stress, or worry does not make darkness go away. You hit the light switch and the light turns on. You open the curtains and the sun shines in. Darkness automatically disappears." We should bring young people to us through love, sympathy, condescension, and complete understanding. Complete understanding does not mean justifying one or another sinful deed, but the awareness of why our children do one thing and not another. And they will definitely understand and feel this. Do you know why St. Paisios and other ordinary elders attracted so many people to themselves? Because they disposed people toward themselves with something that made an anarchist from Thessalonki write a letter to St. Paisios. He began with the words, "My beloved daddy." Not knowing how to officially address a monk, he wrote as his heart told him to, because his heart had felt geronda's love for him. One day I asked someone with whom I was having a discussion, "Who is your greatest teacher?" Hoping to hear the name of some saint, I heard instead the reply, "My greatest teacher is my sins, misfortunes, and mistakes." St. Paisios said, "Hardships and adversities are like flying carpets that can bring us to heaven." Young people who are zealous about correcting their mistakes should be optimistic and know that they are walking the right path and will soon meet with Christ, Who is Light and Love.

How to Become a Saint

First of all, a clarification: The Catholic Church doesn't *make* saints like Hollywood makes movie stars. Catholics saints are men and women who lived holy lives in obedience to God's will, and they became saints at the moment they entered heaven. However, the Church does recognize those souls that the Church can confirm are in heaven as saints. The process for being declared a saint is ancient, traditional, and often mysterious. Evidence must be presented to persuade Church officials that the person in question in fact lived a virtuous life, had faith, and had the support and help of God. The Church also looks at miracles as evidence that God is working through that person.

Stages on the road to sainthood

Usually, the process of recognizing a saint starts no earlier than five years after a person's death. Usually, the potential saint's pastor presents the case to the bishop. Specific stages are met on the path to being declared a saint:

Servant of God: As soon as the person is accepted for consideration, she's called a *Servant of God*.

Venerable: After the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints determines that the servant of God lived a life of heroic virtue, she is granted the title of *venerable*. *Heroic virtue* doesn't mean a person was perfect or sinless, but that she worked aggressively to improve herself spiritually and never gave up trying to be better and grow in holiness.

Blessed: After the Church establishes one miracle, the venerable person's cause is presented to the pope to see whether he deems her worthy of being called *blessed*. This step is called *beatification* and is the next-to-last step.

***Saint:** Another miracle and the blessed person's cause is presented to the pope again for his judgment. If he determines that the evidence is clear and that contrary reports aren't credible, he may initiate the canonization procedure. If all goes well, the candidate is publicly recognized as a saint.

The process: Only people whose existence can be verified and whose lives can be examined are possible candidates for canonization. Candidates for sainthood undergo an investigation: Informative inquiries are made into the person's life, reputation, and activities while they lived on earth. Proof that no one has proclaimed or is already proclaiming and honoring the person as a saint before it's been officially declared. A thorough examination of the person's written and spoken (transcripts) works. If the thorough background check leads the investigators to declare the candidate venerable, evidence of miracles attributed to the candidate's intercession with God is sought. Miracles need to be documented and authenticated, so eyewitnesses alone are considered insufficient. Medical, scientific, psychiatric, and theological experts are consulted, and evidence is given to them for their professional opinion. If a scientific, medical, or psychological explanation exists for what had only appeared to be a miracle, then it isn't an authentic miracle. Only immediate, spontaneous, and inexplicable phenomena are up for consideration as authentic miracles. A group of Italian doctors (*Consulta Medica*) examine the healing miracles. Some of the doctors aren't Catholic and some are, but all are qualified and renowned physicians. They don't declare a healing a miracle, but instead say, "We can find no scientific or medical explanation for the cure." Besides miraculous healings, the commission examines other phenomena:

Incorruptibility: Long after the saint is dead, the body is found free of decay when exhumed from the grave. The Church considers St. Catherine of Siena to be an example. She died in 1380, and 600 years later without any embalming, her flesh hasn't decomposed.

***Liquefaction:** The dried blood of the saint, long dead, miraculously liquefies on the feast day. The Church considers St. Januarius (*San Gennaro* in Italian; A.D. 275?–305), the patron saint of Naples, to be an example. According to the Church, a vial of his dried blood liquefies every year on September 19.

Odor of sanctity: The body of the saint exudes a sweet aroma, like roses, rather than the usual pungent stench of decay. The Church considers St. Teresa of Avila (1515–82) to be just such an example. The Church believes her grave exuded a sweet fragrance for nine months after her death. The pope alone decides who is publicly recognized as a saint in churches all over the world and gets a feast day. The actual act of beatification, in which a person is declared *blessed*, or of *canonization*, which is officially recognizing a saint, usually takes place in St. Peter's Square outside the Vatican and St. Peter's Basilica.