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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

April 8, 2018 / Квітень 8, 2018

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

April 8, 2018, Thomas Sunday. *The Holy Apostles Herodion, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncretus, Phlegontus and Hermes.*

Festal Tone: Epistle: Acts 5:12 – 20. / Gospel: John 20:19 – 31.

7:30 a.m. – Ukrainian Divine Liturgy (Pro Populo)

10:30 am – Pro Populo followed by Myrovannya - English.

Note: This week's Sanctuary Candle Light for God's Blessing upon Nataliya, req. Family

Monday, April 9, 2018. *The Holy Martyr Eupsichius.*

9:00 am - Special Intention, req. Mendyuk Family

Tuesday, April 10, 2018. *Holy Martyrs Terence, Pompeius and Others with Them.*

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Vitaliy, Volodymyr, Nataliya, req. Family (1)

Wednesday, April 11, 2018. *The Holy Priest – Martyr Antipas.*

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

8:00 p.m. - Bible Study (Reading, Explanation, etc) – Uk.

Thursday, April 12, 2018. *Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil.*

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Vitaliy, Volodymyr, Nataliya, req. Family (2)

Friday, April 13, 2018. *The Holy Priest Martyr Artemon and Those with Him.*

9:00 a.m. – (Special Intention) - ☩ Deceased Souls in Purgatory, req. Maria Galyliuko (3)

Saturday, April 14, 2018. *Our Holy Father Martin the Confessor.*

5:15 p.m. – ☩ Gloria Tolopka, req. Peter Tomeo

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

April 15, 2018, Sunday of Myrrh – bearing Women. *The Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus.*

9:00 a.m. – (God's Blessing upon John and Debra Ann Tomeo, req. Peter Tomeo) - English

10:15 am – Pro Populo - 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 (5 – 9) 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.; ages (8 – 11) 2:15 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.; ages (10 – 14) 3:45 p.m. – 5:15 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 **May 4, 2018 at 8:15 p.m.**

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

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

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

Divine Liturgy for Children: Special Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian language) for family/children will be held today **Sunday, April 22, 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 – April 1, 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: \$285, Tetrapod/Pussy willow: \$200, Pyrohy: \$180, Good Friday: \$55, Shroud: \$277, Annual Support: \$150, Holy Days: \$20, Church in Need: \$7, Donation: \$50, Flowers: \$75, **Easter: \$2,875.00**, Bulletin Adds: \$300, **Pledge: \$937.00, Sunday Offering: \$873.00, Total - \$6,284.00**

Dear Parishioners: *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday', April 1st, 2018. May God bless you all for your generosity.*

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

Attention: To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of April 2018, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

Our Church News:

1. Memorial Donations: In honor of † Gloria Tolopka's request, memorial donations are to be used toward Construction/ Installation of a Bell Tower for Holy Family Church: the following parishioners/friends have donated: M/M John & Olga Donalds - \$100.00. To date, \$2,575.00.

2. We will make various Pyrohy for sale on Thursday April 12, 2018 starting at 7:00 pm. Parishioners, please make every effort to come help us on this day.

3. Upcoming events:

A. Stewardship Council/Pastoral Council will have a monthly meeting and moved to Tuesday, April 10, 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.

B. April collections: Regular church cleaning: The next second collection will be collected on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

C. SVYACHENE: On April 15, 2018, Myrhhbearers Women Sunday (both Calendars), our parish will hold a Pascal Luncheon (Svyachene) after both Divine Liturgies in the church hall. All are welcome!

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

4. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. Mr. Martin Smith who continues to perform a needed repairs in our parish center and church this past week. Also M/M Martin & Silvia Smith purchased and donated a few Douay Rheims Holy Bibles (English) and donated 12 children's Bibles for the parish children who will receive their First Holy Communion this year.

b. to those parishioners (both calendars) and friends especially: Mr. Andrew Steszyn - \$500; M/M Viktor Neyman - \$20 and to the parishioners who made donations of used clothes and other items, and to the anonymous lady parishioner who will prepared all the packages. All packages shortly will be prepared and monetary donations will be sent to Ukraine. Total funds collected - \$1,690.00.

c. our Parishioners for offerings made on Easter Sunday April 1, 2018 (Gregorian calendar) in the amount of \$2,875.00.

d. those ladies from the Rosary Society who again baked Paska on Tuesday this past week. The following ladies especially: Mrs. Nataliya Popovici, Mrs. Maria Gotra, Mrs. Ganna Maksymova, Ms. Elena Popovici, Ms. Nadia Popovych, also Mrs. Mariya Dankova, Mrs. Nadiya Sabadylo and Ms. Nadia Chornomydza who came once and baked Paska for both Gregorian and Julian Easter. The net profit realized was \$1,250.00.

e. M/M Mychailo & Olha Kachmar who recently came from Ukraine and

has brought over 500 various small icons cards to be distributed to our Parishioners during Sunday Divine Liturgy.

f. M/M Slawomir & Helen Samilo wh changed altar cloths on Saturday March 31st and and on Saturday April 7, for both Gregorian and Julian Easter Liturgies; also Mrs. Helen Samilo baked Arthos needed for both the Gregorian and Julian Easter liturgies.

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

5. Dear Parishioners: If you have any unopened and unused merchandise (**with tags and in new condition**) that you don't need, consider donating it for our "Chinese Auction" scheduled for November.

6. Dear Parishioners! Join us for our next Pilgrimage: "Steps of the Saints" – Italy (Rome, Padua, Asisi, etc). Save the dates: September 16 – 28, 2018. More information is attached to our Church Bulletin.

Please remember, in the Eastern tradition, there is no kneeling in Church until Pentecost Sunday.

News from the Diocese of Stamford/St. Basil Seminary:

Dear Parishioners on Saturday April 21, 2018, St. Basil Seminary will have an Open House and invites young men ages 14 and up to "Come and See..." (John 1: 41). It has been an annual seminary tradition to invite young men from our parishes for a Seminary Open House during spring time. The Open House will be a chance to meet with the seminarians and enjoy each others company. If someone is planning to attend, pleas call 203-324-4578. More information is attached to our bulletin in the vestibule.

ON CONFESSION – "DO NOT LOOK BACK": Through the forgiveness of sins in confession, the past is no longer an intolerable burden but rather an encouragement for what lies ahead. Life acquires an attitude of expectation, not of despondency; and confession becomes the way out of the impasse caused by sin. In this respect, repentance is also an eschatological act, realizing in our very midst, here and now, the promises of the age to come. Looking backwards would seem to imply the fate of Lot's wife (Genesis 19:26); "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). God Himself is revealed *before* us and walks *in front* of us. "One thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead" (Phil. 3:13).

The Divine Liturgy: *"The Church took the simple act of offering bread and wine as Jesus had commanded, and over a period of years, developed a truly beautiful form of worship around that act..."*

The purpose of these inserts is to help us better understand our worship - when God comes and dwells among us. Frequent reading of this deep and mystic ritual will help you to participate in the Liturgy by increasing your understanding of the words and actions. The Liturgy is **not** something done for you, but something you must do for yourself. It is not a "performance". You must participate in this drama! To be involved you must have knowledge of all the ceremonies, prayers, hymns and the meaning of our worship. Through knowledge – your thoughts and feelings will be moved and your whole life will have more meaning. You will not participate in a thoughtless, merely external, habitual way with a feeling of burdensome duty – but you will come to a deeper knowledge of our conversation with God. May God bless you and help you experience the beauties and treasures of the Divine Liturgy; that it will inspire you to participate "**actively**" so that together we may be worthy to have Christ, the Son of God, with us!

Special Services and Blessings of the Eastern Church

Rev. Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald

At the center of the life of the Church is the Holy Eucharist, which is the principal celebration of our faith and the means through which we participate in the very life of the Holy Trinity. The major Sacraments are closely related to the Eucharist and they bear witness to the continuing presence of Christ in the lives of His people.

Besides the Eucharist and the major Sacraments, the Orthodox Church has a number of special services and blessings which are associated with the needs, events, and tasks of human life. In celebrating these various services and blessings, the Church is constantly bearing witness to the presence and action of God in our lives. Our God is one who loves us, cares for us, and is near to us. The liturgical services and blessings also serve to remind us that all of life is important, and that the many events and gifts of life can be directed toward God and receive their fulfillment in Him.

The special services are often referred to as non-sacramental services in the sense that they are events of community worship which are not usually counted among the major Sacraments. However, they clearly have a sacramental quality in the sense that they reveal the presence of the Holy Trinity. Many of these services, such as the Funeral, the Blessing of Water, and the Entrance into Monastic Life, just to name a few, are very significant to the life of the Church. The various blessings are brief ceremonies which are occasional and do not necessarily involve directly the entire parish community.

The Church blesses individuals, events such as trips, and objects such as icons, churches, flowers, fields, animals, and food. In so doing, the Church is not only expressing our thanks giving, but also affirming that no gift, event, or human responsibility is secular or detached from God. For the Eastern Christian, all good things have God as their origin and goal. Nothing is outside of God's love and concern.

Funeral Service

The death of a Christian not only affects the family, but also the entire Church, for we are all part of the Body of Christ. The Eastern Funeral Service, which expresses this fact, is not to be seen primarily as an opportunity to extol, in a sentimental way, the virtues of an individual. Rather, the various prayers and hymns emphasize the harsh reality of death, as well as the victorious Resurrection of Christ through which the power of death is conquered. The Funeral Service comforts those who mourn; it is also the means through which the Church prays for one of its members who has died in the faith of Christ. Eastern Theology views the end of physical existence only as the termination of one stage of life. God's love is stronger than death, and the Resurrection of Christ bears witness to this power.

The Eastern Funeral consists of three Services. First, there is a Vigil Service after death, which is usually conducted at the time of the wake. This service is called the Trisagion Service. The Church prays to Christ "to give rest with the Saints to the soul of Your servant where there is neither pain, grief, nor sighing but life everlasting." While the Church prays for the soul of the deceased, great respect is paid to the body. Eastern Christian believes the body of the Christian is sacred since it was the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

The body will share also in the final restoration of all creation. The Funeral Service is continued at the Church, where the body is brought on the day of burial. Ideally, the Divine Liturgy is celebrated. After the Funeral Service, the congregation offers its Farewell to the deceased. The Trisagion Service is repeated at the graveside.

Memorial Service

Death alters but does not destroy the bond of love and faith which exists among all the members of the Church. Eastern Christian believes that through our prayers, those "who have fallen asleep in the faith and the hope of the Resurrection" continue to have opportunity to grow closer to God. Therefore, the Church prays constantly for her members who have died in Christ. We place our trust in the love of God and the power of mutual love and forgiveness. We pray that God will forgive the sins of the faithful departed, and that He will receive them into the company of Saints in the heavenly Kingdom.

The Eastern Church remembers the departed in the prayers of every Divine Liturgy. Besides this, there is a Memorial Service in which the Church also remembers the dead. According to tradition, the Memorial Service is offered on the third, ninth, and fortieth day after a death, as well as on the yearly anniversary of the death. In addition to these times, the Memorial Service is always offered for all the faithful departed on four "Saturdays of the souls." These are: the two Saturdays preceding Great Lent; the first Saturday of Great Lent; and, the Saturday before Pentecost. In the United States the Service is also offered on Memorial Day. When the Memorial Service is offered, it is customary for the family of the deceased to bring a dish of boiled wheat to the Church. The boiled wheat is placed on a table in the center of the nave during the Service. The wheat, known as kollyva, is a symbol of the Resurrection. When speaking of the Resurrection, our Lord said: "Unless the grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies it bears much fruit." (John 12:24)

The Great Blessing of Water: Megas Agiasmos

Epiphany, one of the oldest and most important Feast days of the Eastern Church, commemorates the manifestation of the Holy Trinity which took place at the Baptism of Christ in the Jordan River. Recognizing rich meaning in this event, Eastern Christian believes that when Christ was baptized, it not only marked the beginning of its public ministry and revealed the Trinity, but also signified that the entire creation is destined to share in the glory of redemption in Christ. While Christ entered into the Jordan to be baptized, two things were happening: He was identifying Himself with the people He had come to save; and, He was identifying Himself with the whole of Creation which was represented by water. Through His baptism, the Lord revealed the value of the created world and He redirected it toward its Creator. Creation is good and it belongs to God.

The Great Blessing of Water is held on the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany and on the day itself, following the Divine Liturgy. The Blessing not only remembers the event of Our Lord's baptism and the revelation of the Holy Trinity but also expresses Eastern Christian belief that creation is sanctified through Christ. The Blessing affirms that humanity and the created world, of which we are a part, were created to be filled with the sanctifying presence of

God. After the solemn blessing, the Holy Water is distributed to the faithful and is used to bless homes during the Epiphany season. When the faithful drink the "Epiphany Water," we are reminded of our own baptism. When the Church blesses an individual, or object, or event with the water, we are affirming that those baptized, their surroundings, and their responsibilities are sanctified through Christ and brought into the Kingdom of the Father through the Spirit. In addition to the Great Blessing of Water, there is a Lesser Blessing of Water service which can take place at anytime. Usually, it is celebrated when a home is blessed, on the first day of the month, the beginning of the school year, and beginning of new responsibilities.

Akathist Hymn

The Eastern Church worships God alone. Yet, she does offer veneration to individuals who have been important human instruments of God in the history of salvation. Among those so venerated is Mary, the Mother of God the Theotokos. The Eastern Church greatly honors Mary because she was chosen to give birth to the Son of God. As one of the hymns declares:

"By singing praise to your maternity, we exalt you as a spiritual temple, Theotokos. For the One Who dwelt within your womb, the Lord who holds all things in his hands, sanctified you, glorified you, and taught all to sing to you ... "

The most beautiful and poetic service of the Eastern Church in honor of Mary, the Theotokos, is the Akathist Hymn. The word akathist means without sitting. The congregation stands throughout the Service out of respect for Mary and her unique role in our salvation in Christ. The Akathist Hymn is chanted in four parts during the first four Fridays of Great Lent. On the fifth Friday, the entire Service is chanted.

The Service of Supplication: Paraklesis

The Service of Supplication, which is also known as Paraklesis, is one offered especially at times of sickness, temptation, or discouragement. The various prayers ask the Lord for guidance, personal strength, and healing. Many of the hymns and prayers are directed toward Mary, the Theotokos, and they ask for her assistance. Eastern Theology affirms that each of us, with Mary, the Saints, and the faithful departed is united in a bond of faith and love in Christ. Therefore, just as in this life we can turn to each other for prayer, the Church believes that we can also turn to Mary - the human being closest to God - and ask her to pray to God for us. This belief is expressed in the hymn which says:

"O never failing protectress of Christians and their ever-present intercessor before the Creator; despise not the petitions of sinners who have recourse to you, by your goodness extend your help to us to call upon you with confidence. O Theotokos, to intercede for us, O who have always protected those who honor you."

There are two forms of the Service of Supplication: the Greater and the Lesser. It is Lesser Service of Supplication which is briefer and the one most frequently offered. Both forms of the Service are offered during first fourteen days of August which precedes the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos celebrated on August 15th.

THE PARTICULAR DUTIES OF EVERY CHRISTIAN

Saint Tikhon, Wonderworker of Zadonsk

Godliness alone is needful in this life: Compare time with eternity, the present with what is to come, living people with the dead, and so your mind will be enlightened and you will know for yourself and acknowledge that they err greatly who lay up treasure for themselves

but are not rich toward God (cf. Luke 12:21). The dead have all left the world, and with the world, they have left everything. You too will leave it, even though you may have the whole world at your feet. Godliness alone will stay with us into the next age. Be godly to the end, then, and have godliness as your treasure.

What to think on at the beginning of work: Whatever tasks you may begin, consider whether it is in agreement with conscience and with the Law of God, and whether it is truly profitable to you. When it is in accordance with the Law of God, begin and labor. When it is opposed to it, turn away from it lest you fall into the snare of the enemy who always seeks to catch a man in his snare. Not everything that seems useful to you is in fact useful, but only that which is in agreement with healthy reason and the word of God.

Seek God's blessing before eating and drinking: When you wish to eat or drink, call on the Name of the Lord, and ask a blessing of Him for your food and drink, saying, "Lord bless." And think here that you will taste and enjoy the good things of your Lord. For everything that is God's is good, as was said above, *The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof* (Ps. 23:1). Whoever gains possessions by theft or injustice has a curse, and not the blessing of God. For this reason he should not call upon the Name of God here. Likewise, also, they that wish to become drunk ought not to call on the Name of God, for drunkenness is forbidden by God.

By no means offend anyone: Be extremely careful not to offend anyone in word or deed, for it is a grave sin. When someone is offended, God, Who loves the man, is also offended, for there can be no offending man without offending God. Whoever sins against man, also sins against God. This is a serious matter, as you can see for yourself. And when you offend your neighbor, straightway humble yourself before him and beg forgiveness of him with humility, lest you fall under God's just condemnation.

How to stand in church: While standing in church attend diligently to the reading and singing. This gives birth to compunction, true prayer, heartfelt singing and thanksgiving. Avoid, then, standing bodily in church while wandering outside the church in mind, and standing bodily before God while wandering about in spirit in worldly affairs, lest that saying be applied to you, *These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me* (Mt. 15:8). While standing bodily in church, then, stand with heart and spirit as you stand before God. When you look upon the icons of the saints, call to mind that He Who created them also created you, and that His purpose was the same for them as it is for you, that is, to save both them and you. They are glorified, and before you lies the same glory, only imitate their lives and you shall be saved.

Give What You Cannot Keep

A person is no fool who gives what they cannot keep, to gain what they cannot lose. Ultimately, what can we keep? Not our money, not our material goods, not the time spent doing foolish things. We can keep only what we have won by losing our lives for Christ's sake: our inner peace, our salvation, and our good name listed among the servants of God. This is the Lord's promise, "Whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." (Matt 8:35).
