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Holy Days Liturgy: 9:00 am or Previous Day at 7:00 pm

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CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

September 24, 2017 / Вересень 24, 2017

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

September 24, 2017, 16th Sunday after Pentecost. *The Holy Martyr Thekla.*

Tone 7: Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:1 - 10. / **Gospel:** Luke 5:1 - 11.

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.

10:15 am – (†)Yuriy Kachmar/Panakhya/ {4th Anniv.},
req. Kachmar & Grynyk Families) - **Ukr.**

12:00 – The Holy Sacrament of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and first Holy Eucharist) for Melanie Anna Beno at St. Josaphat's Basilian Monastery, Glen Cove, NY.

Sanctuary Candle: This week Sanctuary Candle is lit in Memory of
† Paul Popovici, req. by Popovici Family

Monday, September 25, 2017 – Euphrosyna Venerable.

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Halyna Podolska and Family,
req. Ruslan Paniush

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 – The Passing of John Apostle - Evangelist.

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Ihor & Olesia Warywoda,
req. Ruslan Paniush

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 – Callistratus and Others Martyrs.

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – Ukrainian

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Fr. Popovici & Family,
req. Ruslan Paniush

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

Thursday, September 28 2017 – Chariton Venerable - Confessor.

9:00 a.m. – †Peter J. Sainola, req. Gertrude K. Sainola

Friday, September 29, 2017 – Cyriacus Venerable.

7:00 p.m. – †40th day for Fevronia Tupyachak, req. Tupyachak Family

Saturday, September 30, 2017 – Gregory Illuminator Bishop Martyr.

8:00 a.m. – †Stella, †Francesca, req. Tomeo family

6:15 p.m. – Rosary (Вервиця)

October 1, 2017, 17th Sunday after Pentecost. Protection of the Theotokos.

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.

10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Marta Chornomydza & Family and 65th birthday for Nadia Chornomydza, req. Chornomydza Family) - **Ukr.**

Confessions: Can be heard by appointment daily and on Sundays before or after the Divine Liturgy.

Baptism and Chrismation: By appointment. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

Attendance at pre - Cana is required.

Ukrainian Culture School will be held Every Saturday from 9:15 am until 1:35 p.m. For more information please call the Rectory or contact the Director, Mr. Roman Vaskiv at (631) 225 -1203 or visit our Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HFUKrainianSchool>.

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot and Khrystyna Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups: ages (6 – 9) 1:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.; ages (10 – 14) 3:10 p.m. – 4:40p.m.; ages (15 – 19) 3:10 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will resume on September 18, 2017 and will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 5:55 p.m./6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: 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 **October 6, 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: 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 October 1, 2017 at 12:00 Noon.** All parents are requested to bring their children to church to celebrate the Holy Divine Liturgy. **After Divine Liturgy, there will be a special Blessing for all children and youth of our parish for the start of the school year.**

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 – September 17, 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: \$140, Tetrapod: \$3, Exaltation: \$125, Coffee: \$115, Liability Ins.: \$70, Voluntary Col.: \$60, Refund: \$15, Initial: \$5, Annual support: \$50,

Pledge: \$290.00, Sunday Offering: \$971.00, Total - \$1,844.00.

Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, September 17, 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 **September**, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

Our Church News:

1. Bishop Paul has requested that each Parish in our Diocese, have a special second collection today, to aid the many who desperately need assistance from the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey in Texas and Irma in Florida as well as some neighboring states. We ask all to respond to this request as generously as possible to help our brothers and sisters in Christ.

2. We extend our sympathy to: Mr. Ihor Melnychuk and his family for his mother ☩ Svitlana Melnychuk, a resident of Ukraine, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. May her soul rest in peace.

3. Fresh Pyrohy for sale with potatoes and kapusta (onions included); price for one dozen is \$6.00. This is a church fund raiser.

4. We welcome M/M Roman Beno & Oksana Pena and their daughters Katherine and Malanie as new parishioners!

5. Upcoming events:

A. Dear Parishioners, please note: October 8, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. – a Pontifical Divine Liturgy to be offered by our Eparch, Bishop Paul Chomnycky.

B. October collections: Regular church cleaning: The next free will donations will be collected on **October 15, 2017.**

6. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

A. those parishioner who made donations last Sunday to the monthly free will collection to clean our church; \$60.00 was donated.

B. the ladies and gentlemen (21 people) of our Church who, this past Monday, Sept. 18th, voluntarily prepared in our kitchen, pyrohy with potatoes, cheese and sauerkraut to be offered for sale as a fund raiser.

C. M/M John & Olga Donalds who have, for the past few weeks, donated the rolls for Sunday coffee.

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

7. Annual Parish Support: If you have not yet made your minimum support offering for 2014, kindly do so as soon as possible. It is \$25 per individual or \$50 per family. Our Stewardship Council will soon be mailing reminders to your home regarding this vital support. Thank you for your assistance.

8. Dear Parishioners: Those of you who wish to offer the lighting of the sanctuary light, please see Fr. Popovici after Liturgy or call the rectory for more information.

9. Rosary: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Every evening during October, at 8pm we will pray the Rosary in Church to enrich and sustain our spiritual life and to obey the request of the Blessed

Virgin Mary at Fatima who requested that all people pray the Rosary every day. Please make every effort to come to church. On nights when you cannot attend please pray the Rosary at home at 8:00 pm or at some time during each day. Also we will pray for peace in Ukraine.

News from our Diocese and other Parishes: The Diocese of Stamford will organize an Eparchial Family Day Retreat "The Christian Family in Today's World" on October 1st, 2017 at Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, Sloatsburg, NY. More information is attached to our Church Bulletin.

Dear Parishioners: In light of world events, let us pray more every day for God's forgiveness and mercy and for His guidance.

Please Note:**What Is the Unforgivable Sin against the Holy Spirit?**

In Matthew 12:31 Jesus says, "Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven." Jesus called not all blasphemy unpardonable, but only that against the Holy Spirit. But what you describe does not resemble the "unpardonable sin." Looking at the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is the "deliberate refusal" to accept God's mercy and forgiveness (no. 1864). Six species of this sin have been identified over time as (1) Despair; (2) Presumption; (3) Impenitence or a firm determination not to repent; (4) Obstinacy; (5) Resisting divine truth known to be such; and (6) Envy of another's spiritual welfare. The one who despairs "ceases to hope for his personal salvation from God" (no. 2091). Despair is directly contrary to the theological virtue of hope, which is, in part, a reliance on the grace of the Holy Spirit (*Catechism*, no. 1817). Presumption is a sin against the Holy Spirit inasmuch as one presumes he can save himself apart from the grace of the Holy Spirit or that God will save him without conversion (cf. *Catechism*, no. 2092). Impenitence clearly resists the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us to conversion and repentance (cf. *Catechism*, nos. 1430-33). Obstinacy is akin to impenitence, because one not only resists the grace of the Holy Spirit, but willfully persists in what he knows to be grave sin. Resisting divine truth is to resist that which one knows to have been revealed by the Holy Spirit as necessary to "divine and catholic faith." One is guilty of heresy, thereby cutting himself off from God (cf. *Catechism*, no. 2089). Finally, envy is a sin against the Holy Spirit because it was through Satan's envy that death entered the world (cf. *Catechism*, no. 2538; Wis. 2:24). When one is envious of the spiritual good of another, he places himself on the level of Satan who wanted God's glory for himself rather than humbly accepting the gifts God had given him (Ezek. 28:11-19). *One must accept the blessings God has given him rather than look at how God has blessed another and desire that for himself. Envy of another's spiritual good is a sin against the Holy Spirit inasmuch as it is the Holy Spirit who pours out spiritual gifts to the faithful.* More on why blasphemy is unforgivable: Matthew 12:32 teaches, "but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come." How do we reconcile this passage with our reliance on the Father's infinite love and mercy for our salvation, such that, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). The short answer is from definition. The following is from a commentary by John Paul II on the Scriptural prohibition of blaspheming against the Holy Spirit: "According to such an exegesis, 'blasphemy' does not properly consist in offending against the Holy Spirit in words; it consists rather in the refusal to accept the salvation which God offers to man through the Holy Spirit, working through the power of the Cross" (*Dominum et Vivificantem*, Encyclical Letter on the Holy Spirit, no. 46). Thus, while it is usually defined as speaking against God (see *Catechism*, no. 2148), in this case blasphemy is "the refusal to accept salvation."

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Isaiah told us the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Is 11:2 "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord."

They are: **wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.** These seven gifts, part of sanctifying grace, complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make us docile in obeying divine inspirations without need for reflection but always with full consent. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are greater than the theological and cardinal virtues. The virtues operate to the limits of human power and volition, but the gifts bring divine assistance. We are to pray to the Holy Spirit and ask for one of these gifts. If He gives us a gift, we may ask for another, and so on. The practice of virtue, enabled by the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, bring us the Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. They belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David. They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations. (CCC, 1831)

The Catholic Church derives this information on the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit from scripture: The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear; But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. (Isaiah 11:2-4)

1. Wisdom

Wisdom is not the quoting of facts. Wisdom is a gift that allows a person to understand things from God's point of view. In other words, Wisdom allows a person to recognize truth. A person with the Gift of Wisdom is able to take this truth and use it to glorify God by choosing Godly solutions to problems.

2. Understanding

Understanding is the second gift of the Holy Spirit, and people sometimes have a difficult time comprehending how it differs from wisdom. While wisdom is the desire to contemplate the

things of God, understanding allows us to grasp, at least in a limited way, the very essence of the truths of the Catholic Faith. Through understanding, we gain a certitude about our beliefs that moves beyond faith

3. Counsel

The Gift of Counsel is also known as a Gift of Right Judgment. Counsel, the third gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the cardinal virtue of prudence. Prudence can be practiced by anyone, but counsel is supernatural. Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.

4. Fortitude

The Gift of Fortitude is also known as the Gift of Courage. Through this Gift a person is no longer afraid to stand up for God and His truths. A person who has the Gift of Fortitude will stand up for good against evil and is encouraged to take a stand when the occasion arises.

5. Knowledge

The Gift of Knowledge allows a person to understand the meaning and purpose God has for him and to live up to this meaning. It differs from wisdom in that it is an action, not just a desire to live up to the ways of God. It differs from Understanding in that it is not just ability, it is a knowing.

6. Piety

Piety, the sixth gift of the Holy Spirit, is the perfection of the virtue of religion. While we tend to think of religion today as the external elements of our faith, it really means the willingness to worship and to serve God. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty, so that we desire to worship God and to serve Him out of love, the way that we desire to honor our parents and do what they wish.

7. Fear of the Lord

The Gift of Fear of the Lord puts God in the proper perspective. A person with this Gift understands the greatness and awesomeness of the Lord. They want to serve Him because of who He is. A person with a Fear of the Lord understands who they are and why they are here in relationship to God; In other words, everything they are is due to the wonder, love, grace, and perfection of God. They are totally dependent on the Lord as a child is to a parent. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. Once a person understands who God is and desires to please Him, they can begin to understand things from God's point of view or have Wisdom.

What Are the 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit?

Most Christians are familiar with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, fortitude and fear of the Lord. These gifts, granted to Christians at their baptism and perfected in the Sacrament of

Confirmation, are like virtues: They make the person who possesses them disposed to make proper choices and to do the right thing.

How Do the Fruits of the Holy Spirit Differ From the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

If the gifts of the Holy Spirit are like virtues, the fruits of the Holy Spirit are the actions that those virtues produce.

Prompted by the Holy Spirit, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit we bear fruit in the form of *moral action*. In other words, the fruits of the Holy Spirit are works that we can perform only with the aid of the Holy Spirit. The presence of these fruits is an indication that the Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian believer.

Where Are the Fruits of the Holy Spirit Found in the Bible?

Saint Paul, in the Letter to the Galatians (5:22), lists the fruits of the Holy Spirit. There are two different versions of the text. A shorter version, commonly used in Protestant Bibles and some newer Catholic today, list nine fruits of the Holy Spirit; the Catholic Bible which Saint Jerome translated into Latin, known as the Vulgate, includes three more. *The Vulgate is the official text of the Bible that the Catholic Church uses; for that reason, the Catholic Church has always referred to the 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit.*

What Are the 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit?

The 12 fruits are charity (or love), joy, peace, patience, benignity (or kindness), goodness, longanimity (or long-suffering), mildness (or gentleness), faith, modesty, continency (or self-control), and chastity. (Longanimity, modesty, and chastity are the three fruits found only in the longer version of the text.)

Charity (or Love)

Charity is the love of God and of neighbor, without any thought of receiving something in return. It is not a "warm and fuzzy" feeling, however; charity is expressed in concrete action toward God and our fellow man.

Joy

Joy isn't emotional, in the sense that we commonly think of joy; rather, it is the state of being undisturbed by the negative things in life.

Peace

Peace is a tranquility in our soul that comes from relying on God. Rather than getting caught up in anxiety for the future, Christians, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, trusts God to provide for them.

Patience

Patience is the ability to bear the imperfections of other people, through a knowledge of our own imperfections and our need for God's mercy and forgiveness.

Benignity (or Kindness)

Kindness is the willingness to give to others above and beyond what we owe them.

Goodness

Goodness is the avoidance of evil and the embrace of what's right, even at the expense of one's earthly fame and fortune.

Longanimity (or Long-Suffering)

Longanimity is patience under provocation. While patience is properly directed at other's faults, to be long-suffering is to endure quietly the attacks of others.

Mildness (or Gentleness)

To be mild in behavior is to be forgiving rather than angry, gracious rather than vengeful.

The gentle person is meek; like Christ Himself, Who said that "I am gentle and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29) he does not insist on having his own way but yields to others for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

Faith

Faith, as a fruit of the Holy Spirit, means living our life in accordance with God's will at all times.

Modesty

Being modest means humbling yourself, acknowledging that any of your successes, achievements, talents, or merits are not truly your own, but gifts from God (to be used wisely).

Continence

Continence is self-control or temperance. It does not mean denying oneself what one needs or even necessarily what one wants (so long as what one wants is something good); rather, it is the exercise of moderation in all things.

Chastity

Chastity is the submission of physical desire to right reason, subjugating it to one's spiritual nature. Chastity means indulging our physical desires only within the appropriate contexts—for instance, engaging in sexual activity only within marriage.

According to Christians, the Holy Spirit gives his believers the fruit of charity, which is the ability to show compassion to friends and strangers. The fruit of chastity is the ability to avoid sexual temptations that are contrary to Christians' beliefs.

Generosity refers to sharing your belongings with people deserving or undeserving. The fruit of gentleness allows Christians to react calmly to tense situations. According to Christians, goodness refers to honoring God's wishes and avoiding sin, while faithfulness is a commitment to the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The fruit of joy according to Christians is characterized by finding happiness not in material possessions but from knowing Jesus Christ. Kindness is similar to the gift of goodness and generosity and refers to treating other how a person wants to be treated. The fruits of modesty and self-control are related because Christians are supposed to be pure in thought and actions, while also exercising self-control in avoiding temptation.

The fruit of peace refers to the inner calmness that Christians believe God's word offers and patience refers to being thoughtful and tolerant while dealing with others.
