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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**

**January 22, 2017 / Січень 22, 2017**

**DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:**

**36<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, January 22, 2017.** *The Holy Apostle Timothy.*

**Tone 3: Epistle:** 1 Timothy 1:15-17. / **Gospel:** Luke 18:35–43.

**9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – English.**

**10:15 a.m. – (God's` Blessing upon Oleh, Andriy, Halyna,  
req. Mir Family) – Ukrainian**

**Monday, January 23, 2017.** *The Holy Priest Martyr Clement, Bisop of Ancyra.*

**7:00 p.m. - † Sofiya/Panakhylida {Anniv.}, req. Borykailo Family**

**Tuesday, January 24, 2017.** *Our Venerable Mother Xenia the Roman.*

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

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

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017.** *Our Holy Father Gregory the Theologian.*

**9:00 a.m. – God's` Blessing upon Luba, Petro, Roman, Oksana,  
Andriana, Sofiya, Ivan, Ruslana, Petro, Eva, req. Family (5)**

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

**Thursday, January 26, 2017.** *Our Venerable Father Xenophn and his wife Maria.*

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

**Friday, January 27, 2017.** *Translation of the Relics of John Chrysostom.*

**9:00 a.m. – † Joan Semkow/Panakhylida {Anniv.}, req. Gloria Tolopka**

**Saturday, January 28, 2017.** *Our Venerable Father Ephrem the Syrian.*

**6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)**

**7:00 p.m. – † Nestor Hudziy, req. Balaban Family**

**37<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Zacchaeus), January 29, 2017.** *Translation  
of the Relics of Great Martyr Ignatius the God – bearer Of Antioch.*

**9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – English.**

**10:15 a.m. – (God's` Blessing upon Ihor, Antonina, Ihor and Artem  
Hyshko, req. Family) – 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](http://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 – 8) 1:35 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.; ages (8 – 12) 3:05 p.m. – 4:35p.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 **February 3, 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 today **Sunday February 5, 2017 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 – January 15, 2017. Voluntary Coll: \$115.00**

*"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." (Sir. 35: 9 – 10).*

Candles: \$215, Terapod: \$15, Shopka: \$10, Initial: \$15, Energy: \$265, Epiphany: \$67, Christmas: \$20, Pyrohy: \$50, Donation: \$240, Annual Support: \$50, Refund: \$200,

**Pledge: \$265.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,402.00, Total - \$2,929.00.**

**Dear Parishioners:** *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, January 15, 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 **January**, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

**Our Church News:**

1. We will make pyrohy on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 starting at 7:00 pm. We will make them with potatoes and cabbage for our Prospora Luncheon as well as for sale. Dear parishioners, please make every effort to come to help.

2. **February collections: Regular church cleaning:** The next free will donation will be collected on Sunday, February 19, 2017.

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

- a) the ladies from the Rosary Society and our parishioners especially to: M/M Yuriy & Svitlana Tulba, Mrs. Mariya Dankova, Ms. Nadia Chornomydza, Mrs. Oleksandra Blyshchak and Mr. Sergey Shelestov who, last week, organized and prepared a wonderful lunch for all parishioners and guests after both Divine Liturgies.
- b) those parishioners who donated funds last Sunday for the regular cleaning of our church. The sum of \$115.00 was collected.
- c) Mr. Martin Smith who recently donated his time and talent toward needed installation of rectory equipment.
- d) an anonymous parishioner who purchased flowers and decorated our church for last Sunday services.
- e) Rotary Club of Lindenhurst who recently donated \$100.00 for the needs of our Outreach program.
- f) Mr. Andriy Fostakovskyy who recently volunteered his time to make needed repairs and other work in our parish center and church.

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

4. In case of an emergency, at any time, whenever someone is in the hospital, seriously ill, or confined at home, please notify the parish office if it is the wish of the sick person or of his/her family that I should visit or administer the Holy Sacraments. I cannot visit a person who is ill without a request from the person or from their immediate family.

5. **Reminder to all parishioners and friends:** no animals or pets are permitted to enter our church property because of the proximity of the sanctuary and the Blessed Sacrament. In accordance with the limits of our liability insurance policy, the only animals that are permitted in the church are 'service animals' such as seeing eye dogs. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

6. **House Blessings with a special Prayer:** It is a long standing

custom among Ukrainians to have their homes blessed with holy water sanctified during the Feast of Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River.) If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact Fr. Popovici or call the office to make arrangements or to ask questions.

**7. Dear Parishioners: Our Prospora (end of the Christmas season) Luncheon will be held on January 29, 2017 after the 10:15 am Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. Admission will be \$25.00 per person. To bring the Christmas Season to a close, please plan to attend and celebrate as a parish family with Honored Artist of Ukraine Mrs. Iryna Lonchyna. More information is attached to our bulletin.**

**Dear Parishioners: ANNOUNCING our 2nd parish pilgrimage: A MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY SITES OF EUROPE is scheduled from April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Only 43 seats are available.** Join us on a ten day spiritual journey focusing on the apparitions of the Mother of God in Lourdes and Fatima. As St. Louis Marie DeMontfort, author of *True Devotion to Mary* said, "To Jesus Through Mary." **VISIT 3 COUNTRIES – STAY IN 10 CITIES – ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE SHOWERED WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS!** We invite you, not just on another trip, but a spiritual journey you will never forget. **For more information ask Fr. Popovici.**

**House Blessing:** *It is the custom among many Ukrainian and Eastern Christians to have their homes blessed with the holy water sanctified on the feast of Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River). The Purpose: The annual blessing of homes is a custom of special beauty and significance. We again ask Christ to bless and enter into our homes and our lives. We ask Him to be with us, as we desire to be with Him. We ask that by the sprinkling of blessed water, the Holy Spirit renew us, our families and our lives in our homes. As Christ brought salvation to the house of Zacchaeus; we ask the same for all those who dwell in our homes. Theologically speaking, the blessing of home constitutes an invocative blessing, meaning that by prayer and by the sprinkling of the Holy Water the priest invokes God's protection upon the home and those living in it. One of the prayers used in the blessing of homes declares: "Now, You, O Lord, protect also all those who dwell in this house from all harm and injury; grant them Jordan's blessing, purifications, which are for their salvation and life eternal." As our souls, so also our homes become tainted by the sins of those living in them and, consequently, lose God's protective power. Every year then, at the Feast of Theophany, they should be blessed again to secure for them God's blessings and protection. **If you would like your home blessed, please write your name and daytime contact telephone number on a sheet of paper and drop it in the Sunday collection or call Fr. Popovici for an appointment. House blessings can be done through February 15, 2017.***

**Please Note:** There is a difference between **veneration** of Mary and **worship** of Jesus. This was formalized in writing way back in 757 AD at the Seventh General Council: **Latria** - adoration that is given to the Trinity alone; occurs 5 times in the Bible but always refers to God (Jn 16:2, Rm 9:4, 12:6, Heb 9:1,6); **Hyper-dulia** - veneration to Mary (as the mother of God; **Dulia** - honor paid to saints and angels; occurs 5 times in the Bible (Rm 8:15, 21; Gal 4:24, 5:1; Heb 2:15). There are plenty of Old Testament references that distinguish veneration from worship. "Then Moses went out to meet his father in law, and he bowed down and kissed him.." (Exo 18:7)...(also 1 Chron 29:20, 1 Sam 24:8). Some evangelicals say "consecration" shows that Catholics worship Mary. The word "consecrate" means to entrust.

## A GUIDE TO THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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### How is the Church able to forgive sins?

The Church professes belief in "the forgiveness of sins" and is fully aware that only God forgives sins. It also believes that Jesus, through His death, washed away all sin and, after His resurrection, gave to His Church the power and authority to apply to us the redemption He won on the cross, namely God's forgiveness of our sins. As the *Catechism* points out, our faith in the forgiveness of sins is tied to faith in the Holy Spirit and the Church: "It was when he gave the Holy Spirit to his apostles that the risen Christ conferred on them His own divine power to forgive sins: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained'" (976; cf. John 20:22-23). We bring our failings to the Church, then, because Jesus imparted to His apostles, their successors, and through them to all ordained priests, His own power to forgive sins, to restore and reconcile the sinner with God and also the Church. This power to forgive sins is often referred to as the "power of the keys", the power entrusted to the Church when Jesus told St. Peter, "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt 16:19). This power is manifested and operative in the Sacrament of Penance.

### Why do we continue to need forgiveness if we are, as Protestants think, already "saved"?

The new life received in Christ does not abolish the weakness of human nature or our inclination to sin. "If we say, 'We are without sin,'" Saint John wrote, "we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). There are a great many kinds of sins, some mortal, others venial. But all sin has a detrimental effect. It impedes the soul's progress in the exercise of the virtues and the prevalence of the good. "Sin creates a proclivity to sin," the *Catechism* reminds us. "It engenders vice by repetition of the same acts" (1865). As a result, even though we are baptized into new life, we must continue to return to the Sacrament of Penance to cleanse ourselves of sin and receive God's mercy. We are always in need of God's forgiveness through the sacrament of Penance if we are to grow in a life of grace and if we are to attain heaven.

### Why do I need to go to a priest for confession?

It is most unfortunate that many people have adopted a mindset that they do not need to go to Confession. Many say "I just tell my sins to God and He forgives me." There is on the part of such persons a failure to recognize that the

Sacrament of Penance is not an invention of the Church. Rather, the sacrament of Penance is Christ's gift to the Church to ensure the forgiveness He so generously extends will be made available to every member of the Church. Once again, we cite the words of our Holy Father in highlighting the connection between Christ, his Church and the sacrament of Penance: "From the revelation of the value of this ministry and power to forgive sins, conferred by Christ on the Apostles and their successors, there developed in the church an awareness of the sign of forgiveness, conferred through the Sacrament of Penance. It is the certainty that the Lord Jesus himself instituted and entrusted to the Church - as a gift of his goodness and loving kindness to be offered to all - a special Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins committed after Baptism" (*Reconciliation and Penance*, 3).

### What is the role of the priest in forgiving sins?

In establishing his Church, Christ passed on to her the power to forgive sins. Just as He forgave sins, so would those chosen by Him to be his apostles have the extraordinary power to forgive sins. In the priesthood today, the visible external sign of Christ's mercy and forgiveness is exercised in the Sacrament of Penance. Just as the whole Church makes visible in our world the presence of Christ, so the priest makes visible the forgiveness and mercy of Jesus in this sacrament. The priest who by ordination is configured to Christ absolves sinners, not in his own name and power, but in the name and person of Jesus.

### What do I need to do to be forgiven?

What leads us to the sacrament of Penance is a sense of sorrow for what we have done. The motivation may be out of love of God or even fear of the consequences of having offended God. Whatever the motive, contrition is the beginning of forgiveness of sin. The sinner must come to God by way of repentance. There can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow at least to the extent that we regret it, resolve not to repeat it and intend to turn back to God. While we cannot be certain that we will not sin again, our present resolve must be honest and realistic. We must want to change, to be faithful to the Lord, and intend to take steps to make faithfulness possible. Christ's forgiveness always calls for such a commitment: "Go, and sin no more." (John 8:11).

### What happens in Confession?

In the sacrament of Penance, the contrite sinner comes before Christ in the person of the priest who hears the sins, imposes a penance and absolves the sinner in the name and by the power of Jesus Christ. The sinner comes before the merciful judgment of God and approaches the Lord in sorrow, admitting guilt before His representative. It is in the

person of Christ that the priest hears the confession of guilt. The words spoken in Confession are guarded by the most solemn obligation of complete confidentiality. In fact, Church law prescribes a serious penalty for any confessor who directly violates the "seal of Confession." It is in the name of Christ that the priest pronounces the Savior's mercy: "I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The *Catechism* reminds us that "absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused" (1459). Thus, the priest imposes a penance on the penitent, which can take the form of "prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service to neighbor, voluntary self-denial, sacrifices, and above all the patient acceptance of the cross we must bear" (1460).

### **How do I prepare for Confession?**

Confession is not difficult, but it does require preparation. We should begin with prayer, placing ourselves in the presence of God, our loving Father. We should harbor in our hearts a sense of sorrow for all we have done. The motivation for our sorrow may be out of love of God or even fear of the consequences of having offended God. Whatever the motive, contrition is the beginning of forgiveness of sin. We need to have sorrow at least to the extent that we regret it, resolve not to repeat it and intend to turn back to God. With this disposition of heart, we should review our lives since our last confession, searching our thoughts, words and actions to discover those that did not conform to God's love, to his law or to the laws of the Church. This is what is known as an "Examination of Conscience."

### **How do I go to Confession?**

The following may be helpful in preparing for confession. Above all, do not be afraid. If you are hesitant about what to do, ask the priest for help:

**Greeting:** The priest welcomes the penitent warmly and greets him or her with kindness.

#### **Sign of the Cross:**

Then the penitent makes the Sign of the Cross, which the priest may also make.

#### **Invitation to Trust in God:**

The priest invites the penitent to have trust in God using one of the formulas in the ritual or similar words. If the penitent is unknown to the priest, it is proper for the penitent to indicate his or her state in life (married, single, or clergy), the time of

his or her last confession and anything else that may help the confessor in exercising his ministry.

**Confession of Sins and Acceptance of Satisfaction:** The penitent states: "Forgive me Father, for I have sinned. It has been about [number of] months since my last confession. These are my sins." The penitent then confesses his or her sins and accepts the prayers or deeds that the priest proposes as a penance.

#### **Prayer of the Penitent and Absolution:**

The priest asks the penitent to express sorrow by praying one of the prayers found in the ritual or in his or her own words. The priest then prays the Prayer of Absolution, to which the penitent responds: "Amen."

#### **Proclamation of Praise and Dismissal:**

The priest continues: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." The penitent responds: "His mercy endures for ever." The priest then dismisses the penitent, using one of the formulas found in the ritual.

### **Why do I receive a penance?**

To complete the process, a penance is imposed. Absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all disorders caused by sin. While we are not capable of truly satisfying God for the evil we have done and its consequences, we must make satisfaction for our sin through some action or prayer that will express our desire to make amends and to repair something of the disorder, damage or harm which our sinful actions have brought into the world. The penance imposed takes into account the penitent's personal situation and serves to support his or her spiritual good. It corresponds as much as possible to the gravity of the sins confessed. It may be a prayer, an offering, works of mercy, sacrifices or service to another. But this penance is in a real way our share in the Cross and helps us to be more closely joined to Christ. In the *Introduction to the Rite of Penance*, we are reminded that true conversion is completed by acts of penance or satisfaction for the sins committed, by amendment of conduct, and also by the reparation of injury. The kind and extent of the satisfaction should be suited to the personal condition of each penitent. In this way the penitent is helped to be healed of the evil which caused him to sin. Therefore, it is necessary that the act of penance really be a remedy for sin and a help to renewal of life.....