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Divine Liturgy Schedule

June 14, 2020

Saturday, June 13

6:00 PM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

†Russell, Elizabeth, Pearl, Anna & Mary Cirko

-Anna Kutsup

Sunday, June 14

10:30 AM

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

Saturday, June 20

6:00 PM

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Anniversary Blessings for Tom & Jen Jones

-Mary Ann Jarolen

Sunday, June 21

10:30 AM

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners Assisted Living: Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopiak, Mary Hoolick At Home: Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela; MaryAnn Kelly Away: Leona Kobela Prayer Request: Mike Sawczuk; Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2020

TROPAR: Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans, and soldiers guarded Your most pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, and gave life to the world. And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your kingdom! Glory to Your saving plan, O only Lover of mankind.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

KONDAK: You arose in glory from the tomb and with Yourself You raise the world. All mankind acclaims You as God. and death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master, and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy: "You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

PROKEIMON: Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.
verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

A reading from St. Paul's Epistle to Romans 2:10-16:

Brethren, there will be glory, honor and peace to everyone who does good, likewise the Jew first, then the Greek. With God there is no favoritism. Sinners who do not have the law will perish without reference to it; sinners bound by the law will be judged in accordance with it. For it is not those who hear the law who are just in the sight of God; it is those who keep it who will be declared just. When Gentiles who do not have the law keep it, as by instinct, these men although without the law serve as a law for themselves. Their conscience bears witness together with that law, and their thought will accuse or defend them on the day when, in accordance with the gospel I preach, God will pass judgment on the secrets of men through Jesus Christ.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3) God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me. Alleluia (3) Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. Alleluia (3).

The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark." - Michelangelo

Gospel of Matthew 4:18-23



At that time Jesus was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brother, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea, (for they were fishermen). And he said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." And at once they left the nets and followed him. And going further on, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John, in a boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And immediately they left their nets and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

"Chrysostom says (Hom. lxxxii in Matth.): 'Judas was not converted while partaking of the sacred mysteries: hence on both sides his crime becomes the more heinous, both because imbued with such a purpose he approached the mysteries, and because he became none the better for approaching, neither from fear, nor from the benefit received, nor from the honor conferred on him.'"- **St. Thomas Aquinas**

Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness. -**Saint John Chrysostom**

If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice. -**Saint John Chrysostom**

Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward & learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude.

- **Saint John Chrysostom**

CHURCH NEWS

WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!! VITAEMO!

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES: Father's Day is Sunday, June 21st, remember your Father at our Father's Day Divine Liturgy.

LITURGY SCHEDULE ADDITION: There will be a Divine Liturgy on Monday, June 15 at 7:00AM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! A Very Happy Birthday to Denise Kaminsky who celebrates her birthday on June 18. Mnohaya Lita!



THE HISTORY OF FLAG DAY (June 14) The first celebration of the U.S. Flag's birthday was held in 1877 on the 100th anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777. However, it is believed that the first annual recognition of the flag's birthday dates back to 1885 when school teacher, BJ Cigrand, first organized a group of Wisconsin school children to observe June 14 - the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes as the Flag's Birthday. Cigrand, now known as the 'Father of Flag Day,' continued to publicly advocate the observance of June 14 as the flag's 'birthday', or 'Flag Day' for years. Just a few years later the efforts of another school teacher, George Balch, led to the formal observance of 'Flag Day' on June 14 by the New York State Board of Education. Over the following years as many as 36 state and local governments began adopted the annual observance. For over 30 years Flag Day remained a state and local celebration. In 1916, the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 became a nationally observed event by a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson. However, it was not designated as National Flag Day until August 3rd, 1949, when an Act of Congress designated June 14th of each year as National Flag Day. The Stars and Stripes originated as a result of a resolution adopted by the Marine Committee of the Second Continental Congress at Philadelphia on June 14, 1777. The resolution read: "*Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field representing a new constellation.* " The resolution gave no instruction as to how many points the stars should have, nor how the stars should be arranged on the blue union. Consequently, some flags had stars scattered on the blue field without any specific design, some arranged the stars in rows, and some in a circle. The first Navy Stars and Stripes had the stars arranged in staggered formation in alternate rows of threes and twos on a blue field. Other Stars and Stripes flags had stars arranged in alternate rows of four, five and four. Some stars had six points while others had eight. In 1916, the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 became a nationally

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***Archbishop Fulton Sheen: Excerpt from The Priest Is Not His Own
Pages 134-135***

What inexhaustible subjects for sermons the Spirit give us in the Scriptures. There is no occasion for which the Bible lacks a fitting theme, a pertinent application. There is for example, the judgement on men who defy God, such as Balaam (NUM 23:7-24:25; 31:8) Goliath (1 Kings 17:1-55[1 Sam 17:4-58, RSV]), Sennacherib (2 Par 32:1-21 [2 Chron 32:1-22, RSV]).

Then there are the parables of the Old Testament, for example, Balaam's seven parables (NUM 23:7-18; 24:3; 15:20-23); Samson's (JUDG 14:12); the ewe Lamb (2Kings 12:3[2 Sam 12:3, RSV]); the wise woman of Tekoa (2 Kings 14:6[2 Sam 14:1-20]); the trees choosing a king (Judg 9:7-15); the poor wise man in a little city (Eccles 9:14); and the parable of old age (Eccles 12:1-7).

Wonderful indeed would be the preacher who could improve on the five cries for mercy in the Gospel: blind Bartimaeus (Mk 10:46-47); the ten lepers (Lk 17:11-13); the woman of Canaan (Mt 15:21-22); the father of a demon-possessed boy (Mt17:14-15); and the rich man in hell (Lk 16:23-24).

What is more applicable today than the story of Rahab (Josh 2:21 & Heb 12:27), whose red string typified the long current of blood clamoring Redemption; the woman full of good deeds—the only person Peter ever raised from the dead (Acts 9:36-42); or Naaman the leper (4Kings 5:1-14[2Kings 5:1-14, RSV]), who ridiculed the idea that God should use “sacraments” to manifest His saving power?

The lesson of the seven great intercessors is similarly pertinent to our times: Abraham for Sodom (Gen 18); Judah for Benjamin (Gen 44:18); Moses for Israel (Ex 32:11); Jonathan for David (1Kings 20:32 [1Sam 20:32, RSV]); Joash for Absalom (2Kings 14 [2Sam 14, RSV]); Esther for the Jews (Esther 5); Christ for His priests (Jn 17).

He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven. - Edward Herber



PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHURCH

O glorious St. Michael, guardian and defender of the Church of Jesus Christ, come to the assistance of the Church, against which the powers of hell are unchained, guard with especial care her august Head, and obtain that for Him and for us the hour of triumph may speedily arrive.

O glorious Archangel St. Michael, watch over us during life, defend us against the assaults of the devil, assist us especially at the hour of death; obtain for us a favorable judgement, and the happiness of beholding God face to face for endless ages. Amen.

PSALM 54

Save me, O God, by Your name;
vindicate me by Your might.

Hear my prayer, O God;
listen to the words of my mouth.

Arrogant foes are attacking me;
ruthless people are trying to kill me—
people without regard for God.

Surely God is my help;
the Lord is the one who sustains me.
Let evil recoil on those who slander me;
in your faithfulness destroy them.

I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;
I will praise Your name, LORD, for it is good.
You have delivered me from all my troubles,
and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.



JUNE CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by Mrs. Geraldine Adamchak in loving memory of her husband, Daniel Adamchak.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz For God's Blessings & Good Health for their grand-son, Peyton Schwartz.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of June

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by MaryAnn Jarolen for the 12th Wedding Anniversary of Jenn & Tom Jones.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by Donna Davis for

All The deceased members of the Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

The **Candle Before the Icon of John the Baptist** is given by Anna Kutsup in loving memory of Sophie Wieczerek.