Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

Incense - It's hard to believe, but there was a time without regular showering and forced air ventilation. Back in the day, churches would start to smell foul and incense was used to help freshen the air inside the church. In fact, many of the things we do in Church have both practical and spiritual understandings. A censer is the "tool" that we use in the church to get the smoke and the smell to the people. The most common censers are gold and have four chains, standing for the four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), who wrote the four gospels that we have in the Bible. It also usually has twelve bells for the 12 Apostles, who were the closest of the followers of Jesus and the main people who spread the Word of God. Inside of the Censer, we place a piece of charcoal and on top of the charcoal we place incense. The fragrant smoke that is produced reminds us of our prayers rising to God while the gold censer resembles a church and helps us remember to pray. These golden censers also remind us of Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord, where the Magi, aka the 3 Kings, gave Jesus gold, frankincense and myrrh as frankincense is a commonly used incense.

According to the Holy Fathers, incense represents the grace of the Holy Spirit. Just as the Holy Spirit is "everywhere present and fills all things," the smoke of the censer fills the church with its fragrance. It is said that the smoke causes the light shining into the church to appear solid, and "as blinding sunbeams radiate out from the Pantocrator above, and the air itself glows opaque and gold, the entire temple is painted in light as icon of Christ transfigured on Mt. Tabor."

We incense a lot of things. We incense the Holy Altar because we consider it the Throne of God, as bread and wine are consecrated on it. We incense icons to honor and bless them. We incense the people because we are called to be saints, and like the saints, we were made in the image of God and also the temple of the Holy Spirit. We even incense the bodies of the departed. We incense to show that all of those things are in union, that God has blessed them all in heaven and on earth.



Weekly Liturgy Schedule				
Weekend		Week Day		
Saturday	4:00PM Northern Cambria	Monday	8:30AM Northern Cambria	
Sunday	9:00AM Northern Cambria	Tuesday	6:30PM Revloc	
	11:00AM Revloc	Wednesday	8:30AM Northern Cambria	
	5:00PM Northern Cambria	Thursday	8:30AM Northern Cambria	
Liturgy schedule may change due to Holy Days throughout the year.				

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Our Weekly Bulletin

Week of July 7 to 14, 2019

Welcome to our Parish

Christ is among us! He is and always will be! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week				
Sunday, July 7	4th Sunday after Pentecost - All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine	Kathleen for her health		
July 8	No Liturgy			
July 9	Divine Liturgy 6:30PM	Prabidhi Adhikari		
July 10	No Liturgy			
July 11	No Liturgy			
July 12	No Liturgy			
July 13	No Liturgy			
Sunday, July 14	5th Sunday after Pentecost - Fathers of the 1st Six Ecumenical Councils	₩ Richard Lucas		

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Romans 6:18-23 & Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 8:5-13 & Matthew 5:1-16

Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Feast Day Troparion (Tone 4)

O you who glorified Christ: princes and bishops, monastics and martyrs, and steadfast confessors of Christian Ukraine throughout all times, pray Christ God to look with favor on our people and to grant them the grace to persevere in the faith that the souls of prayerful faithful who revere your sacred memory may be saved.

Glory be... Kontakion (Tone 3)

You arose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power.

Now and forever ... = Kontakion (Tone 4)

You shine as bright beacons, O God-inspired and righteous saints of our Church. By your encouraging example you serve communities of faithful throughout the Christians world. Therefore we humbly bow our heads to you thanking our great and all-gracious God Who has made you our intercessors in heaven where you pray for our souls.

Prokeimenion (Tone 3)

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

Verse: Clap your hands, al you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His venerable ones.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - June 30, 2019 \$475.00 Thank you for your generosity.

Confessions - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

Birthday Sunday - Birthday Sunday will be July 21st.

Weekly Exercise - Thursday evenings at 6:30PM

Parish Picnic - The annual parish picnic is next Sunday, July 14 following the liturgy. Please bring a covered dish and a dessert. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the church. Bring your family and friends.

Up Coming Events:

Bible School - July 29 to August 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM Ebensburg Potato Fest - Saturday, September 28 for 9:00AM to 5:00PM Parish Fest Day Dinner - Sunday, October 6 (Covered Dish)

Prayer List

Parishioners: Francis Charney, Peter Datsko, Michael Lutak, Kathy Ott,

Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer

Friends of the Parish: Troy, Jennifer Maurer, George Datsko, Brian Smith,

Breanna Borlie, Robin Wagner, Mrs. Denny LuKatch, Mark Prewitt,

Danielle Adams, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Ryder McDermitt,

Fr. Bill Kiel, Kevin Rogers

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

of the Day

The pastor's wife walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with the fly swatter.

"What are you doing?", she asked.

"Hunting flies," he responded.

"Oh! Killing any?", she asked.

"Yep, 3 males and 2 females," he replied.

Intrigued, she asked, "How can you tell them apart?"

He replied, "3 were on the beer can and 2 were on the phone."