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The Church New Year September 1

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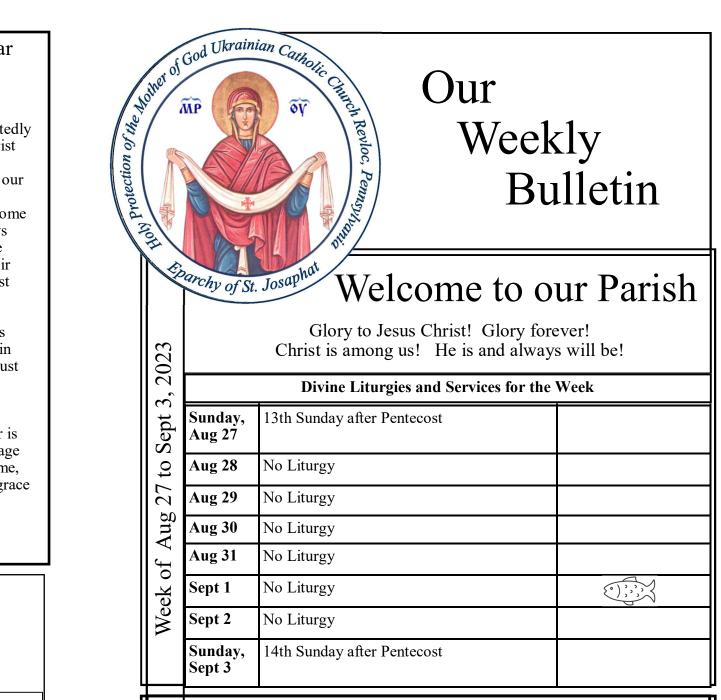
The liturgical year is a system of yearly church celebrations by which the faithful repeatedly relive the salutary mysteries of their salvation. In the liturgical year Our Lord Jesus Christ continues to live with us, to teach us, and to lead us to our heavenly destination. The liturgical year, like a beautifully painted iconostasis, again and again places before our eyes Christ's sublime work of redemption in order to keep us intimately united to our Divine Redeemer. It inspires us and gradually forms a living Christ in us " until we become a perfect man". It is indeed "a year of grace," a year of God's favor. The Church follows the computation of time according to the civil calendar year. However, in the Byzantine Rite, the liturgical year begins on September 1st, while the Western Churches begin their liturgical year on the first Sunday of Advent. The Byzantine Church inaugurated the first of September as the beginning of the liturgical year in honor of the victory of Emperor Constantine the Great over his adversary, Emperor Maxentius, in 312 A.D. Prior to Constantine, Christianity was constantly exposed to persecution. But with Constantine's victory, as attested to by St. Ambrose, the Church began a new life. The liturgical year in the Byzantine Church ends with the feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist (August 29), with whom the Old Testament also concludes. The New Testament, liturgically symbolized by the New Year, begins with the preaching of Our Lord, as indicated by the Evangelist: "After John's arrest Jesus appeared in Galilee, proclaiming the good news:-The time has come and the kingdom of God is at hand". Hence the liturgical year is often referred to as "a year of salvation." The liturgical year is inaugurated by the message of the Prophet Isaiah, which Jesus applied to Himself: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news, to announce a year of grace (favor) from the Lord". In this way the beginning of the liturgical year symbolizes the beginning of the New Testament, inaugurated by the preaching of the gospel (good news) in the person of Jesus Christ, the Anointed One of God.



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If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home. 13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

Matthew 21:33-42

#### Troparion (Tone 4)

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

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

#### Kondakion

My Savior and Deliverer from the grave as God has raised out of bondage the children of earth and shattered the gates of Hades; and as Master, He rose on the third day.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

#### Theotokion

By your birth, O Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were freed from the reproach of childlessness, and Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And your people, redeemed from the guilt of their sins, celebrate as they cry out to you: "The barren one gives birth to the Mother of God and nourisher of our Life."

#### Prokeimen

How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom. *Verse:* Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great. How great are Your works, O Lord; You have made all things in wisdom.

## Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse:* Poise yourself and advance in triumph and reign in the cause of truth, and meekness, and justice.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse: You have loved justice and hated iniquity.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

# PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - August 20, 2023 - \$339.00. Thank you for your generosity. Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.

**Relief for Ukraine** - Financial help to Ukraine can be done by writing a check to: Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat and on the memo line: Aid for Ukraine.

**Potato Fest** - The annual Ebensburg Potato Fest will be September 30th.

Ukrainian Classes - There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for basic Ukrainian Language

Class. The class will be for 3 days - Sept. 22 & 23 from 5:00 to 7:00PM and Sept 24 from 1:30 to 3:30. No fee but a donation for Ukraine will be appreciated. Please sign-up because class will depend if there is enough interest.

**Basket Party** - Our sister parish will have their annual basket party on September 10 from 10-2. Please help support the event.

**Saturdays with Jesus** - Catechism classes will resume on Oct 14. Adults 10-12 and Kids 1-2:30. **Volunteers Welcome:** Come and help prep the food to be sold at Potato Fest.

**Gob Mondays** - The Gob project is now complete. Thank you to all who gave their time to help. **Pyrohy Wednesdays** –We will have one more pyrohy day, Wednesday, August 30 at 9AM.

Happy 45th Anniversary to Kathy and Dan May God grant them good health, long life and many happy years! Многая і благая літа!

#### **Prayer List**

Parishioners: Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.
Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski.

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

## Joke of the Day

I recently called an old engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days.

He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment.

I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.