

Sunday, August 19:
The 12th Sunday after Pentecost
THE HOLY TRANSFIGURATION

9:30 AM: *Preparation Prayers for Holy Communion.*

10:00 AM: **Divine Liturgy** for the Great Feast of the *Holy Transfiguration* of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. Special Antiphons and all Propers can be found on pp. 166-169. **FRUIT** will be blessed on this day. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers for **Laney & Anna Ross**. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

THE LEFT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Prothesis) burn with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy Birthday* to **Pan'i Kelley Kabel** on August 18. Requested by *Father Michael Kabel*.

THE RIGHT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Diakonikon) burn with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy Birthday* to **Juliana Elerick**. "*Many Years!*" Requested by *Mum, Papa & Uncle Eric*.

THE TETRAPOD LAMPS burn with prayers for *Special Intentions*. Requested by *Theresa Reese*.

A JOYFUL WELCOME in Christ to the newest member of our parish family, **Kazriel Joseph Kovalcik**, who was baptized, chrismated and communed yesterday, Saturday, August 11, 2018. "*May God grant to His newly-illuminated servant, Kazriel Joseph, and to his Parents and Godparents, peace, health and long life, for many happy and blessed years!*"

OUR MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held **TODAY** after the Pot-Luck Coffee Hour. All council members should be present.

THE DORMITION FAST begins on Tuesday, August 14. Let us use this two-week time of preparation for the *Feast of the Dormition* on Tuesday, August 28 wisely, by praying and fasting more, and by doing acts of charity. This is also a recommended time to go to Confession.

DON'T FORGET to bring **BOWLS OF FRUIT** to church *next Sunday* for the blessing on the Feast of the Transfiguration. To express our recognition and gratitude to God for the many generous gifts He has bestowed upon us, we bring some of our first fruits to the church for the special blessing.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED. We are in need of **2 additional church school teachers** this year. If you would be interested in providing religious instruction to our young people, please see **Father Michael** or **Joni Turner** as soon as possible.

DORMITION FLOWERS. We plan to adorn the Grave of Our Lady with **FLOWERS** on the Feast of her Holy Dormition on August 28. If you would like to donate a flower *in memory* of a departed loved one OR with prayers for the *health & salvation* of a living person, please use the *special offering envelopes* that are available on the table in the back of church. Cost is **\$9.00 per flower**. Please submit your envelope ASAP.

IOCC SCHOOL KITS. We are once again collecting school supplies to send to the IOCC. We are asking families to provide the items for a kit instead of buying individual supplies. Please provide the items listed on the checklist found in last week's bulletin. Bring your school supplies to the church hall so they can be placed in a canvas bag. We are hoping to send **30 kits** this year. *Thank you for all of your help!*

THE 3RD ANNUAL BLESSING OF ANIMALS will take place in our church parking lot on Friday, September 14 at **6:30 PM**, in conjunction with the commemoration of the Holy Martyr Mamas. There will be a brief service, followed by the blessing. The church will be open from **5:30 PM to 6:15 PM** for visits. Please feel free to bring any animal that you can safely transport to the church for the blessing, and invite your friends to participate as well!

POSTER DISTRIBUTORS WANTED. The Blessing of the Animals is open to the general public. A special poster has been prepared to advertise the event. Please take some of these posters and post them in prominent places!

OUR RECENT SPECIAL COLLECTION to assist parishioners who were devastated by the flash flooding of July 5 brought-in a total of **\$2,274.00**. *Many thanks* to everyone who donated so generously to this collection, as well as to those who donated their time and elbow grease to actual clean-up efforts!

DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN DONORS. We invite you to join with other faithful of our Diocese in giving to the annual DDD program. The giving levels are \$100, \$250, \$500 & above. This program greatly supports our ministry at Camp Nazareth and other Diocesan ministries and apostolates. Those who give \$100 (& up) are invited to the ***Annual Distinguished Diocesan Donors Appreciation Dinner***, which is held in the Pittsburgh area each year. Contribution forms are available in the Church Messenger and in the back of church. ***Please consider being a DDD Donor!***

PERIODIC PRAYER LIST REVIEW. If you have added names to the Prayer List, please take a few moments to review those names to determine if these individuals still need to be on the list. If not, please let **Teresa Zitterich** know. Thank you for your cooperation!

ADDITIONAL POLKA DANCE. ***“Charlie Tansek and Chicago Tradition”*** will be featured at the Firemen’s Field from **2-6 PM** on **Sunday, September 30th**. Polish Kitchen. Cash Bar. Raffles. 50/50. Sponsored by the Barton Volunteer Fire Department.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday Divine Liturgy (8/5) — 83

Moleben to the Theotokos (8/7) — 7

Tradition about the Wise Thief

“[The Wise Thief’s] whole life had been one of theft and crime. But evidently his conscience had not died, and in the depths of his heart, something good remained. Tradition even holds that he was that very thief who, during Christ’s flight into Egypt, took pity on the beautiful Baby and forbade his accomplices to kill Him when they attacked the Holy Family. Did he perhaps recall the face of that Child when he looked upon the face of the One hanging next to him on the Cross?”

+ Saint John the Wonderworker
of Shanghai and San Francisco
