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DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Location	Intention
Sunday 6/14	11:30am	Arbutus	In memory of +Jack Guzi Requested by: Ann Gaydos
Sunday 6/21	11:30am	Arbutus	In memory of +William and Martha Rudy Requested by: Dennis and Sharon Kotula and Family

This week is the **2nd Sunday After Pentecost**. You can participate in our Live-Stream Liturgy from our Facebook page, at home, by singing or reading along with Fr. Serhii, and the cantor, using The Divine Liturgies of our Holy Fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great book. The PDF version, of this book, and this week's Propers, can be downloaded and found on our parish website.

DEAR PARISHIONERS: We are working to comply with state and eparchial directives and have submitted an opening plan to have public Liturgies, once again, to the Eparchy of Passaic, and are awaiting their approval. Supplies are being ordered and arrangements made for required distancing, sanitizing surfaces, occupancy, ushering/seating, and method for the distribution of Holy Communion. We will inform you in an email, as well as a letter in an upcoming bulletin, of when our church will, again, be open for a public Liturgy. **Fr. Serhii Deiak**

PRAYER INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Fr. Sam Lupico, Arlene Duda, Betty Mastroinni, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, and Paul Ruszin, Sr.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!

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Many thanks to all who have continued to support our parish during this pandemic.

ECF AT HOME: Until classes resume, children are encouraged to make an “icon corner” for prayer and reflection. You don’t need much space to create an icon corner, just a small table or on a wall and add an icon and a cross. If you don’t have either, you can make an icon by using a bulletin cover and glue it on a wood board or heavy cardboard and to make a cross you can use heavy paper to cut out the shape and then decorate it. It would also be nice to add some flowers to your icon corner. Encourage your family to pray together!

ICON PAINTING SUMMER SCHOOL ‘Radruzh’: The Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv, Ukraine) invites you to join its 16th annual Icon Painting Summer School online, July 5-17, 2020. There is a fee for this program. Visit www.eparchyofpassaic.org, click on “News & Events,” then “Online Icon Painting Summer School” for more information.

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki!

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

“ASK THE DEACON” - This week’s question: *Why don’t we kneel in church?*

Answer: We do kneel at the Presanctified Liturgy and for the kneeling prayers of Pentecost and at other times too. Our practice of usually standing for prayer, especially at the Divine Liturgy, goes back to the Council of Nicaea’s decree (AD 325, Canon 20): “Forasmuch as there are certain persons who kneel on the Lord’s Day and in the days of Pentecost [Paschal season], therefore, to the intent that all things may be uniformly observed everywhere, it seems good to the holy Synod that prayer be made to God standing.” In this way there are times to emphasize our dignity and joy as Christians, by standing, while at other times, by kneeling, acknowledge that we are sinners and are penitent before God. Thus, we worship God and experience the sorrow of the Cross leading to the joy of the Resurrection.

Do you have a question pertaining to our Divine Liturgy, holy day, or perhaps something we do in the Byzantine Church, please email it to patronage.church@gmail.com and Deacon Tony will answer it! All are welcome to email the church a question. We would love to hear from the youth in our parish!