

## RESURRECTION BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!  
SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA V'IKI!

### DIVINE SERVICES

*The Rosary is recited every Sunday at 10:40 a.m. Everyone is invited*

<b>SUNDAY 8/15 11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD</b> +Jimmy Kachura with Panachida by Olga Kachura. <i>Mirovanije and Blessing of herbs and flowers for Dormition.</i>
<b>SUNDAY AUGUST 22 11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>For the Intention of the Parishioners.</b> <i>Panachida: +Ann and Connell Pabo by the Cytowicz, Drago and Maloney Families.</i> 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Blessing: Michael and Regina Lanzarone

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Father Dan, Cantor Dan Holodick, John Postupak Peter Bodnar, Anna Tkach, Pat Morrissey, George Smith (husband of Pat Roth), Andy Terletzky and George Revock.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR

**MATRIMONY:** Anthony Bunting and Caitlin Capaldo Regan; John Dnyprosky and Christina Pymm.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Peg and Tony Gibson on the birth of their daughter Emma! congratulations as well to proud grandmothers Tess Gibson and Linda Ryczak. May God grant her many years!

**YOUR OFFERINGS for AUGUST 8:** \$1361.00 (plus \$265.00 for the Building Fund). Our weekly budget requires \$2378.06. **Shortfall this week: \$1017.06.**  
*Thank you for your sacrificial gift to your parish.*

**MIROVANJE OFFERINGS** for the month of August will be shared with the Sisters of St Basil as they gear up for the 76<sup>th</sup> annual Otpust over Labor Day weekend.

**COFFEE AND CAKE FELLOWSHIP** follows every Sunday Liturgy in the parish hall. Hosts today: Terry Smith and Elizabeth Teurfs; August 22: Cindy Ottesen, Carol Pawluk and Sue Gubing; Aug 29: Nancy Constantino and Julia Wynnnyckyj. The volunteer list for providing refreshments is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for Sundays through September. You may contact Kay Lefko (631-265-6093) for any questions or concerns.

**THERE'S A LOT GOING ON TODAY. WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING 10:30am** in the Parish Hall. All parish women are always welcome.

**PARISH BARBEQUE PART 2:** after the Liturgy featuring hot dogs, hamburgers, kolbas and beverages for sale. We'll discover who makes the best chili in our **CHILI OFF CONTEST** at the barbeque.

**ARE YOU A GCU MEMBER?** Then you are invited to Liturgy at St Andrew's in Westbury on Tuesday, August 24 at 11am, with luncheon to follow at an area restaurant courtesy of GCU Lodge 151. If you wish to attend, call Marge Pajer Russell (516-307-1016). If you're NOT a GCU member, have a look at the GCU magazine in our pamphlet rack and see what you're missing in investments and fraternal activity.

**THANK YOU FROM THE COOKS AND BAKERS AT ST ANDREW CHURCH, WESTBURY** for your generous support of their pyrohy and baked goods sale last Sunday. They hope you enjoy their products.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year (5, 10, etc.) and would like to be invited to the Eparchial Anniversary celebration, please drop Father a note indicating what anniversary you are celebrating. Even if we've marked your anniversary in our parish, please submit the reminder so you don't get left out.

**BYZANTEEN BEACH CAMP OUT:** Friday August 20-Saturday August 21 at Callahan's Beach. Any teen wishing to attend should call Bob and Lisa Knapp (631-265-6701) for details.

**USED CELL PHONE COLLECTION CONTINUES.** Place unwanted phones in the box on the soda bar in the Parish Hall. Recycling cell phones helps protect our environment from pollutants and will provide our parish with some extra income toward our rebuilding and upgrading projects. Please ask around among friends and neighbors for unwanted cell phones.

**FEAST OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD (August 15)** is the oldest Marian celebration on the Church calendar. The oldest tradition locates Mary's death in Jerusalem and her burial in the Garden of Gethsemane. The last time the Bible mentions Mary, she was living in Jerusalem (Acts 1:14). A later tradition puts the events in Ephesus, where Mary's House is still venerated by pilgrims. This tradition derives from the fact that St John the Apostle ended his life there and that Mary had been committed to his care (John 19: 25-27). The Apostles were miraculously gathered from their missionary activities around the world to perform her burial rites. Only Thomas was, once again, late (cf. John 20:24). When Mary's tomb was opened for Thomas' sake, only fragrant flowers were found where her body had been. You can read the ancient accounts of the Dormition at [www.uoregon.edu/~sshoemak/texts/dormindex.htm](http://www.uoregon.edu/~sshoemak/texts/dormindex.htm) and [www.bibleprobe.com/transitusmariae.htm](http://www.bibleprobe.com/transitusmariae.htm). Mary's empty coffin and her clothes were transported in the 5<sup>th</sup> century by the Empress Pulcheria to new Mariana church at Blachernae in Constantinople, the shrine associated with the Akathist Hymn. The transfer of these relics is celebrated on our calendar on July 2 and August 31.

Death can be defined as the separation of body and soul. In Mary's case, her soul was reunited with her body after death and her body assumed by God into heaven. (We say that Mary was "assumed" to clarify that God raised her up. Jesus "ascended" into heaven under His own divine power.) Thus, Mary already enjoys what all the faithful hope to enjoy after the resurrection of the dead and the universal Last Judgment—eternal life in heaven as full human beings composed of souls and glorified bodies (1 Corinthians 15: 20-49). This is the hope we express the Creed when we say: "I expect the resurrection of the dead." Mary's bodily assumption is the proof that God can—and will—keep His promise of life for us. The icon of the Dormition shows Jesus holding Mary's pure soul, depicted as an infant wrapped in white

swaddling bands, while the Apostles gather around her dead body peacefully laid out. Pope Pius XII infallibly defined the Assumption of Mary to be Christian doctrine in 1950 and, in deference to the pious opinion of some Roman Catholics, the Holy Father avoided explicitly mentioning Mary's death. The consistent teaching of the Eastern Fathers and the liturgical texts of the feast is that Mary shared in the common human experience of death. We bless herbs and flowers on this feast for two reasons. First: we recall how Mary's tomb was found to be empty except for flowers after her death. Secondly, flowers and herbs are used medicinally and, in the season of Spasovka, we pray especially for healing. **THE**

**SMITHTOWN FOOD PANTRY** especially needs canned fruit, pasta, tomato sauce and canned string beans. Bring your non-perishable food items with you whenever you come to worship. Our parish coordinator Alexis Cahill (631-265-0719) can answer any questions or tell you what else you can do to help feed the needy in our area. Thanks to all who volunteered to help during our parish's turn this September.

**PARISH PICNIC: Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church** 225 N.4<sup>th</sup> St, Lindenhurst, will celebrate Ukrainian Independence Day with a picnic on **Sunday, August 29 from 1-7pm**. Fr. Olivian Popovici invites you to join them. Live music, games and other attractions will be featured.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Sunday, **October 10: Spaghetti Dinner** featuring those famous meatballs! Saturday, **October 16: Yard Sale** on the Great Lawn. Watch for details about renting selling space or donating used items for sale.

**A HOSPITALITY CHECK UP: Have you made one new acquaintance at Church in the past six months?** Are we taking the initiative to greet newcomers and guests? Are we inviting them to join us for fellowship downstairs after Liturgy? Are we reaching out to lone individuals or couples or are we closing in on our own little groups? We all want to see our parish grow. What can each of us do to make Resurrection more welcoming?

**USED CAR?** Jeff Kerwin (631-672-0229) is looking for an inexpensive used car. Please contact him if you or anyone you know has one on offer.