



Weekly Bulletin - Sunday, August 4, 2024

Schedule of Services and Events

Date	Time	Service/Event
Sunday, August 4	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Sunday, August 4	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, August 7	6:00 p.m.	Service of Supplication
Saturday, August 10	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, August 11	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Sunday, August 11	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, August 13	6:00 p.m.	Vespers (Procession of the Precious Wood of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord), Lesser Blessing of Water, and Blessing of honey
Thursday, August 15	6:00 p.m.	Service of Supplication
Saturday, August 17	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, August 18	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Sunday, August 18	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, August 18	Following Liturgy	Potluck luncheon
Sunday, August 18	1:00 p.m.	Vigil - Transfiguration of Our Lord
Monday, August 19	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Monday, August 19	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - Transfiguration of Our Lord, Blessing of fruit
Wednesday, August 21	6:00 p.m.	Service of Supplication
Saturday, August 24	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, August 25	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Sunday, August 25	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
Sunday, August 25	Following Liturgy	Moleben for the beginning of the school year
Tuesday, August 27	6:00 p.m.	Vigil - The Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
Wednesday, August 28	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Wednesday, August 28	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - The Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, Blessing of flowers and herbs

Friday, August 30	5:00 p.m.	Panikhida
Friday, August 30	6:00 p.m.	Vespers - St. John of Rila
Saturday, August 31	5:00 p.m.	Great Vespers, Confessions
Sunday, September 1	8:40 a.m.	Hours
Sunday, September 1	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy

Dormition Fast Begins August 14

As we approach the blessed season of the summer Pascha, our Lady's Dormition Fast and her Feast, I encourage you all to take time to consider making a family plan for how you will approach this time of fasting, alms, and prayer. Begin emptying your refrigerator and pantry of the heavier more tasty foods, and planning a more simplified grocery list to truly take up the blessed fast. Discuss how you may set aside monies for the sake of Christ and your neighbor. Ask God to make a need known to you so you may rush to fulfill it as aide to someone else. Look over the service schedule and commit to attending the Great Feastal days here in August, and making a firm commitment to fulfilling your daily prayers. Have you read something encouraging lately? Maybe you can read through a holy and edifying work from one of our saints. Let's make some effort so that we may attract the Grace of the Holy Spirit so that He may free us from every stain, and lead us to Him, and every Heavenly Virtue. - Fr Daniel

Potluck Luncheon

A potluck luncheon will be held after Liturgy on Sunday, August 18, 2024. If you would like to bring food or drinks, please sign up [here](#).

Update: Building Fund Projects

As you may have heard, there is water leaking in the front wall of the church, mainly in the choir loft area. Since this is a high priority project, the sidewalk project will need to be deferred.

The masonry restoration work is scheduled to begin in early October. It is expected to take about two weeks and should not interfere with any church services. The work includes repointing the whole front wall, repointing the cupola, repointing 11 foot sections on each side extending from the front, repointing the chimney, applying water repellent to the repointed areas, repairing two windowsills, and repairing the steps. The total cost will be about \$29,000-\$30,000. A down payment of \$7,000 was made to schedule the job. The building fund currently has a total of about \$17,500 after making the down payment. The balance of \$22,000-\$23,000 will need to be paid after the job is complete.

Please consider donating to the building fund to help us reach this goal of \$5,500. To donate specifically to the building fund, please use the special blue envelopes that are available at the candle stand, select the building fund for [online](#) donations, or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Future projects include repairing the plaster on the walls in the choir lift and repointing the other brick walls of the church over the next 1-3 years.

Psalter Prayer Group

The Psalter prayer group is currently in need of one more person. If you have not participated in the past, this is how it works. Each person is assigned a different kathisma to start. Each person reads one kathisma each day in sequential order, along with opening and closing prayers and prayers for the living and departed. Between the group, the entire Psalter is read each day. The Psalter prayer group usually takes breaks after Great Lent and the Nativity Fast.

If you are interested in joining the Psalter prayer group, please see [Svitlana Breniser](#). You will need to provide her with your baptismal name and 10 names for the prayer list (living or departed).

Church Cleaning

Cleaning Schedule

The church cleaning schedule for the second half of 2024 is available [here](#). A [cleaning list](#) and other helpful information is also available for those volunteering.

Volunteers are needed to clean the church for the following weeks:

- August 11 - August 17

If you are interested in cleaning the church during any of these weeks, please reply to this email or see Alexandra Salaneck.

Cleaning Groups

In order to schedule the church cleaning weekly, we are looking for *2-3 additional cleaning groups* to join the cleaning rotation and clean on a regular basis (about once every 7-8 weeks). Volunteers are assigned a specific week and can choose which day to clean the church during the week. Volunteers can form a standalone cleaning group or team up with another family. If you are interested in helping, please see Alexandra Salaneck or reply to this email.

Prayer List

Please remember the following in your prayers:

Catechumens

Cipolle, Kate
Rogozin, Daniel
Rogozin, Ryelle
Rogozin, Danielle

To add a name to our prayer list (health, newly departed), please reply to this email or see Fr. Daniel.

August Celebrations

Name Days

- August 4 - Madeline (Jean) Salaneck

Birthdays

- August 14 - Kate Cipolle
- August 17 - Ksenia (Oksana) Gerz
- August 23 - Svitlana Breniser

Many Years! Многая Лета!

If you would like to be included in the parish directory of commemoration dates (birthdays, name days, and marriage anniversaries), please submit the information in this [form](#). If you have questions, please see [Anastasia Lutcza](#).

Reminders

Online candle stand: Candles and vigil lights can now be ordered [online](#) to be lit at the next service.

Online donations: One-time or recurring donations to the church can be made [online](#). The recurring option is a convenient way to donate and also helps to better plan our budget.

Benevolent fund: The benevolent fund was established to help those in need. To donate specifically to the benevolent fund, please use the special pink envelopes that are available

at the candle stand, select the benevolent fund for [online](#) donations, or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Building fund: The building fund was established to save for future building projects. To donate specifically to the building fund, please use the special blue envelopes that are available at the candle stand, select the building fund for [online](#) donations, or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Rectory fund: The rectory fund was established to save for a future rectory close to the vicinity of the church. To donate specifically to the rectory fund, please use the special yellow envelopes that are available at the candle stand, select the rectory fund for [online](#) donations, or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

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Church calendar: You can subscribe to the church calendar (add the church calendar to your mobile device or calendar application) by using these links: [Services](#) and [Events](#).

* **Save the date - Picnic:** A church picnic will be held following Liturgy on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at [Breneman Park](#) pavilion, 2914 Reedy Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608. More details to come.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser: Our parish is participating again in the annual Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser. The shopping passes are \$5 and are good for 25% off almost all purchases made on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at all Boscov's locations. Our church keeps 100% of the shopping pass proceeds. If you would like to purchase a discount shopping pass or help sell them, please see Jean Salaneck.

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