

### *The Old Has Passed Away: All Things Are Made New*

The fulfillment of the law is Christ himself, who does not so much lead us away from the letter as lift us up to its spirit. For the law's consummation was this, that the very lawgiver accomplished His work and changed letter into spirit, summing everything up in Himself and, though subject to the law, living by grace. He subordinated the law, yet harmoniously united grace with it, not confusing the distinctive characteristics of the one with the other, but effecting the transition in a way most fitting for God. He changed whatever was burdensome, servile and oppressive to what is light and liberating, so that we should be enslaved no longer under the elemental spirits of the world, as the Apostle says, nor held fast as bondservants under the letter of the law.

Justly, then, do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led toward the truth, and we are led away from

our condition of slavery to the letter of the law. How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light, and grace exchanges legalism for freedom. But midway between the two stands today's mystery, at the frontier where types and symbols give way to reality, and the old is replaced by the new. Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Let there be one common festival for saints in heaven and men on earth. Let everything, mundane things and those above, join in festive celebration. Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for Him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator

*St. Andrew of Crete*

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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of the Nativity of the Mother of God -- September 8th*

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**Sunday – September 3, 2023**

**Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки**

**All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

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<b>Sunday September 3</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Lydia Jarosewich from the Paclawsky Family)
<b>Wednesday September 6</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Gregory Hitchens from Family)
<b>Thursday September 7</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
<b>Friday September 8</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Nativity of the Mother of God</b> (+Irena Hnatiw from Family)
<b>Sunday September 10</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(Victims and Families of 9-11 attacks) (For the Parish)

**FALL CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 BEGINS SEPTEMBER 10**

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family's Catechism classes this fall with Co-Catechists Lindsey Fedyk and Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held between the two liturgies from 10:15-11:15. Please email Lindsey ([lindseyfedyk@gmail.com](mailto:lindseyfedyk@gmail.com)) with any questions and to register your family. Classes will be held on: 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17

**HAPPY LABOR DAY TO ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

On this Labor Day Weekend, we ask Almighty God to bless all of our faithful parishioners, who in their daily labors continue to support their families and our parish.

God bless you all and may you enjoy a restful Labor Day on Monday!

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Frank Karasinski, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

**God With Us Catechism**

**Nativity of the Mother of God September 8**

St. John of Damascus says that "the day of the Nativity of the Mother of God is a day of universal joy, because through the Mother of God the entire human race was renewed and the sorrow of the foremother Eve turned into joy." "Renew, Adam, rejoice, Eve, rejoice, prophets with the apostles and the righteous, because today the general joy of angels and people has sown from the righteous Joachim and Anna: the Virgin Mary." This is how the Church sings and glorifies: "Honorable is Your Nativity, the Most Holy Virgin is pure, many angels in heaven and the human race on earth glorify, because You became the Mother of the Creator of all, Christ God. The beginning of our salvation begins, here is born into the world She who will wipe the head of the devil and bring salvation to the human race. Saints Joachim and Anna were the parents of the Immaculate Virgin. Joachim came from the family of David, from the family of Judah, and Anna - from the family of Aaron. And now the Lord will bless these descendants of the royal and priestly family, the Pure One, their daughter, was born in Nazareth. Nazareth, in Arabic "en-Nazira" - is called the "flower of Galilee". It lies in Galilee, surrounded by mountains on all sides. The town is drowning in vineyards and olive trees, everywhere is peace, quiet and the peace of God. Here, in the midst of that paradise of Galilee, a heavenly flower bloomed, here the Immaculate, Holy and Blessed Virgin Mary was born. And joy came to the house of the righteous Joachim and Anna, because it was at their old age that the Lord blessed them with a child. And even greater joy came in heaven. God the Father looked at her with joy, because he saw in her the Mother of his only-begotten Son, full of love the Son of God and the Holy Spirit looked at her, at that most famous tabernacle, which was to become the temple and sanctuary of God himself. And the choirs of angels rejoiced, because their Queen was born, because the most perfect, holiest, best creation of God's power had come into the world.