

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, February 26, 2012**  
9:00 AM Lit. + Irene Ambrozewycz r/by Roman & Cathy  
11:30 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
3:00 PM - Akathist to the Divine Passion of Christ  
**Monday, February 27, 2012**  
7:20 AM Lit. + Steve Koval r/by Linda Coyne  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2012**  
7:20 AM Lit. + Mary Ilek - Legate  
6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross  
**Wednesday, February 29, 2012**  
8:45 AM Lit. Health of Anelia Hluchyj r/by Lojko Family  
**Thursday, March 1, 2012**  
7:20 AM Lit. + Lynn Kopi - Legate  
**Friday, March 2, 2012**  
6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
**Saturday, March 3, 2012**  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and  
Lenten Commemoration of the Dead  
5:00 PM Lit. + Walter Makar r/by Daughter, Mary Ann  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, March 4, 2012**  
*Epistle -Heb 1:10-2:3; Gospel - Mk 2:1-12*  
9:00 AM Lit.+ Roman Ambrozewycz r/by Roman & Cathy  
11:30 AM Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners

Epistle Readers, 11:30 a.m. Liturgy:

Joan Zaleski	2/26/12
Kenneth Bialkowski	3/4/12

Gift Auction - Next Sunday!

The annual Gift Auction sponsored by St. Ann's Society will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2012. Doors open at 12:00 PM; auction starts at 2:00 PM. Cake and coffee are included. The kitchen will be open for lunch, featuring cabbage & noodles, kobasy & kraut, and hot dogs. Donation is \$5.00. Tickets are available from members, or contact the rectory.

Try your luck at winning the wonderful table prizes, super prizes, baskets, special prizes, and money raffle. Extra-special prizes are a Sony 9.4” LED Tablet, and Kindle Fire. Come and show your support for the St. Ann's Society!

Deacon Paul’s Ordination Anniversary

The month of March marks the 25th Anniversary of our beloved Fr. Deacon Paul’s Ordination to the Deaconate. It is a milestone in the life of Deacon Paul and one that is celebrated by him, his family and his church family. I take this opportunity to invite all of you to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Deacon Paul’s Ordination and his distinguished service to our Assumption Church on Saturday March 24th and Sunday March 25th, 2012. On Saturday, March 24, 2012, after the 5:00 p.m. Liturgy, please join us in the church hall for cake and coffee. On Sunday, March 25, 2012 we shall conduct only one Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. A reception with cake and light refreshments in his honor will follow in our church hall. Please join us in wishing Deacon Paul a Happy Anniversary!

Church Renovation Fund

\$100.00 - Kwiecinski Family, in memory of  
+ ALEXANDER KOCHBARSKI  
\$50.00 - In memory of + JOHN & GOLDIE KODAN  
by Daughter Arlene, and Grandchildren George, Cindy and Steve

Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund

\$25.00 - Barbara Grausam, in memory of  
+ HELEN MASLAK

New Jersey Deanery Lenten Service

You are cordially invited to attend the service of Akaphist to the Divine Passion of Christ at Assumption Catholic Church, Perth Amboy NJ, today, February 26, 2012 at 3:00 P.M. All parishes are invited and the service will be celebrated by all the priests from the New Jersey Deanery. The faithful will have an opportunity to venerate the Shroud of Turin, participate in the service of the Passion of Christ, approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive the Anointing of the Sick. We hope as many of you as possible will try to attend.

The Shroud of Turin in Perth Amboy, NJ

A Vatican replica of the Shroud of Turin is on display in our church until March 3rd, and, I can say that the effect the replica has been having on people is quite profound and spiritual. The parishioners and many visitors from other churches are all moved and profoundly blessed, because the shroud demonstrates that Christianity is not a myth or wishful thinking, not just faith – it is fact rooted deep in history. It is objectively true and demands our obedience. After seeing the shroud, no one doubts for one second that it is the authentic burial cloth of Jesus Christ who died painfully on the cross in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago for our sins and rose again for our Salvation. The Exhibit will be open this week on Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 pm, Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 pm, Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Zabava Committee Meeting** will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

Lenten Services

Stations of the Cross - Tuesday 6:30 PM  
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - Fridays 6:30 PM  
Liturgy - Sorokousty Services - Saturday 9:00 AM

Vertep CD Available

A CD of the recent Christmas Play is available from the rectory or from Choir Director Alla, for the cost of \$10.

Thank You!

We sincerely thank John Baginsky for his assistance in printing flyers and the Akaphist service book which will be used for the service today at 3:00 PM.

Lenten Breakfast Buffet

The Holy Name Society will sponsor a Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, March 11, 2012 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the school cafeteria. Menu includes French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, made-to-order Omelets, Hash Browns, Egg Souffle, Pancakes, Waffles, Rolls, and juice/coffee/tea. Donation is \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for teens 12-17, and free for children under 12. Tickets are available in advance after liturgies or by calling Charlie Boyko at 732-254-3966.

We are handicap accessible. A chair lift is located at the northeast entrance. Call the rectory one day in advance to arrange for an operator to be present.



### What are You Willing to Commit?

The story is told of a man in a fancy restaurant who started to choke on a bone. A doctor rushed over, identified himself as a doctor, and reassured the man that he was going to be all right. He performed the Heimlich Maneuver and the bone popped out. As the man's breath and voice returned he said, "I'm ever so grateful, doctor, how can I ever repay you?" The doctor smiled and said, "I'll settle for one-tenth of what you were willing to pay while you were choking."

It's true, isn't it, that when you're facing a crisis (especially a life-threatening crisis), you would give everything you have to get through it. Money is no object!

We do the same thing on a spiritual level. How many times have you faced hardship and prayed, "Lord, if you'll just see me through this, I'll serve you faithfully the rest of my life!" or something similar? But what happens when the crisis passes? Those feelings of urgency about serving God pass as well. If we could commit ourselves to doing one-tenth of what we're willing to do in those moments, most of us would ascend to a new level of commitment.

- *St. Paul wrote, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21) Father, there are moments in my life when I am reminded of how much I need you and how urgent it is that I commit my life to you. All too often, though, those feelings disappear, and I quickly revert back to a less-than-satisfactory level of commitment. Please forgive me and strengthen me in my resolve to reach the point where I can say with the apostle Paul, "To me, to live is Christ." In Jesus' name, Amen*

### Поважний Ювілей Диякона Павла Макара.

Запрошуємо наших парафіян на святкування 25-літнього Ювілею Дияконського Служіння о. Диякона Павла Макара у нашому храмі. З цієї нагоди, у Суботу, 24 березня 2012 після Літургії о 5:00-год вечора, будь ласка завітайте до церковного залу на каву та торт. У Неділю, 25 березня 2012, ми будемо мати тільки одну Божественну Літургію в 10:00 – год. Після Літургії у церковному залі будемо мати маленький концерт в його честь, солодке та перекуску. Запрошуємо усіх хто бажає привітати о.Диякона Павла із його ювілеєм.



### Питання до Священика

- **Що робити, коли сняться померлі родичі? Що це означає?**

Хоча Церква дуже обережно ставиться до снів, та не займається їх тлумаченням, коли сняться померлі, то це чи не єдиний випадок, коли Церква знає точну відповідь на питання "Що робити?". Треба посилити молитву за упокій души свого родича або близького, який наснився. Треба відвідати церкву і звернутися до священика з проханням відправити панахиду і Літургію за померлим. При цьому не треба хвилюватися, або лякатися. Мерці не можуть заподіяти вам ніякої шкоди.

- **Як рахувати 9-й та 40-й дні після смерті? Що в ці дні треба робити?**

Першим днем вважається і рахується сам день смерті, навіть, якщо людина померла ввечері. Таким чином 9-тим або 40-им днем після смерті буде 9-й або 40-й день, рахуючи сам день смерті. Ці дні, а також річниця смерті, є днями особливого поминання померлого. Слово "поминати" походить від слова "пам'ятати", тобто згадувати спочилого. Християнина згадують перш за все у молитвах, тому в ці дні треба особливу увагу приділити молитві: і домашній, і церковній. Зазвичай в 9-й та 40-й дні родичі померлого відвідують Церкву, де замовляють Літургію.

## Pastor's Corner

- **Why do we make the Sign of the Cross three times, while the Roman Catholics only once?**

Many actions in the Eastern Church are done three times. This is to emphasize our belief in the Holy Trinity. The Roman Catholics in making Sign of the Cross once symbolize that though there are three Persons in God, there is one God.

- **Why is part of the Creed deleted from the one said in the Liturgy – and in all the books? Isn't this one of the reasons for separation of the Orthodox and Catholic Church originally?**

What you are referring to is what is historically known as the filioque (and the Son) question. The Creed that we recite in our Divine Liturgy is known as the Nicene Creed. It was composed during the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D., an ecumenical council of the church. It did not have the added words.

In later years the Western Church (Roman Catholic) added the words and the Son to the Nicene Creed. This was one of the issues in the separation of the church in the Great Schism of 1054. In 587 A.D. a council in Toledo, Spain added the words and the Son to the Creed to combat Arianism, a heresy of the time. It was added to emphasize that the Father and the Son are consubstantial, and not that the Father has precedence over the Son as Arianism stated. The belief of the East and the West is the same, the wording is different. We have been asked by the Holy Father to return to our roots, and our Metropolitan have asked us to delete those words.

- **What is our church's stand on tithing?**

The Church does not require anyone to tithe. All Catholics are obliged to support the parish to which they belong, not as a charity, but as their own spiritual family. Some will be able to do more than others, and some will be more generous than others. God knows our hearts, our pocketbooks, and our circumstances and so He is the ultimate Judge in this matter, as in all else. Remember, so long as what you are giving is truly sacrificial for God and His Church then you are doing the right thing. If what you call a sacrifice is a mere \$5 a week, but you live in a big house, drive a brand new car, go here there and everywhere on vacation, then perhaps that is not a sacrificial amount at all.

- **Could you please give me a brief explanation of what Catholics believe in? This will help me explain our religion to my friends.**

We believe that God became a man, whom history calls Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus was executed on the cross, but was raised from the dead three days later. Because of his Resurrection every man and woman can be freed from the chains of death, and can experience immortal life.

Also, because God became human, we can become like God. Through a process called "*theosis*" we can become sharers in God's own divine life. This is a growing process that takes an entire lifetime to complete. To nurture us in this growth Jesus has sent us the Holy Spirit, who functions through tangible physical signs that we call "sacraments" or "Mysteries." Through the sacraments we are gradually transformed more completely into the image and likeness of God. Also, the Holy Spirit unites us into a supernatural family, which is called the "Church."

The Church is described as "Catholic" because it is universal, and embraces people of all races and backgrounds. It is the universal family of God, and is invigorated by the Holy Spirit. The Church also serves as our teacher and mother, providing solid spiritual nourishment to help us in the process of *theosis*.