Epistle – Col 1:12-18; Gospel – Lk 18:18-27, Tone 3

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

28th Sunday After Pentecost, December 1, 2013
9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
Generations of Faith
Monday, December 2, 2013
No Liturgy Scheduled
Tuesday, December 3, 2013
7:20 AM Lit. + William, Philip, Rose, Catherine, Anna, Sophie, Anastasia, Blois and Lasiw Families, Legate
Wednesday, December 4, 2013
7:20 AM Lit. + Andrusezko and Czaban Families r/by Mary Blois
Thursday, December 5, 2013
7:20 AM Lit. Health of Lubko Yurechko r/by Yurechko Family
Friday, December 6, 2013
Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra, Archbishop
8:45 AM Lit. + Barbara Grausam r/by Pickering Family
Saturday, December 7, 2013
8:00 AM Lit. + Mary Kreiger r/by Senior Citizens Club
5:00 PM Lit. + Stepan Domareckyj r/by Natalia Domareckyj
29th Sunday After Pentecost, December 8, 2013
Maternity of the Holy Anna
Epistle – Col 3:12-16; Gospel – Lk 17:12-19
9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:30 AM Lit. Special Intention St. Ann's Society

New Year's Eve Dance, " Zabava"

The annual New Year's Eve Zabava, sponsored by our Parish will be held in our school auditorium on Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. Music by "Anna-Maria Entertainment." A Delicious, Bountiful Buffet Dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. and will be available all evening. There will be a champagne toast and dessert table. Advanced Ticket Sales: $75.00/adult, $35/Child 5 to 13, after December 25, $85.00/adult, $40/Child. (No tickets at the door.) For Tickets call 732-826-0767. Tickets are also available at Coffee Hour or from committee members.

"BRING A FRIEND TO LITURGY" SUNDAY

Christmas is a time of year when people's thoughts turn to God. There seems to be more openness to conversion for those who have been away from the Church. That's why on December 14-15th Assumption Church in Perth Amboy, NJ is having a "Bring a Friend to Liturgy" at all of our Saturday evening and Sunday Liturgies. The goal is for everyone to invite someone they know, who may not be attending Liturgy regularly or who may feel alienated from the Church, to come to our church for the Liturgy. If we do our part and invite people, the Holy Spirit will do the rest and hearts will be touched. There will be hospitality afterwards after each Liturgy to make them feel welcome. Fr. Ivan and Deacon Paul will be at hand afterwards to answer any questions your friends might have. Start thinking about who you will invite. Being Catholic is a wonderful gift. Let's show the rest of the world how happy are we! Start thinking about who you will invite.

St. Philip's Fast (Pylypivka)

The Fast is observed in our Church during the pre-Christmas or Advent season, beginning November 15th through December 24th (Christmas Eve), which includes good works, prayers, and voluntary fasting.

Shut-ins

If you or a family member are not able to go to church, and would like Fr. Ivan to visit with Sacraments before Christmas, please call the rectory. Father will be visiting our sick parishioners this Friday, Dec.6.

Generations of Faith – Today

Following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy today, we will hold "Generations of Faith," our parish religious education program. Our two speakers, Helen Cheloc and Alla Korostil, will speak about the mystery of the Incarnation as it is revealed in the Christmas Story in Scriptures and in our lives.

Confession Before Christmas

With all the hustle and bustle that revolves around Christmas preparations, let's not forget to make room for Christ. We will have a special opportunity to do so on Saturday, Dec. 21 between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. and on Sunday Dec, 22, from 8:00 a.m. and through morning Liturgies. A visiting priest, Fr. John Zeyack, will be with us to administer the Mystery of Reconciliation.

Christmas Schedule of Services

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December. 24, 2013
4:00 PM - Children's Liturgy (Eng.)
9:30 PM – Great Complines (Z Namy Boh)
10:00 PM – Divine Liturgy (Eng.)
Christmas Day, Wednesday, December. 25, 2013
9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)
11:30 AM – Divine Liturgy (Eng.)
Synaxis of the Mother of God, Thursday, December. 26, 2013
9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng)
Feast of St. Stephen, Friday, December. 27, 2013
9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng.)

Saint Nicholas to Visit!

On Sunday, December 8, 2013, Saint Nicholas will visit our church following the 9:00 AM Liturgy and following the 11:30 AM Liturgy. ONLY CHILDREN OF PARISHIONERS, age 16 and under, who attend our church on regular basis will receive a gift from St. Nicholas. Parents, please sign up the names of your children on the form at the back of the church, so that St. Nicholas can prepare his list.

Thank You for Help.

This week, our parish sent a total of $1,655.00 for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. Your generous donations will be used to provide basic necessities--food, water and emergency shelter, to those affected by this natural disaster. The parish St. Ann's Society also donated $500 for Aid to the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Spain. Thank you for your generous support of Archbishop Stefan's Appeals. May God bless you and your families, as we remain Faithful to God and Loving to Our Neighbor.

Sincere Sympathies

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + ARLENE LAMPART who was recently called to her eternal reward.

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to CHARLOTTE ANN MANSOUR, daughter of Frank and Kimberly (Michalski) Mansour, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

St. Ann's Society corporate communion will be held next Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013 at the 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy. A Christmas Party will follow at Dominic's Restaurant in Avenel.