DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday Before Theophany, January 5, 2014

9:00 AM Lit. + Oleksa Kuzyszyn; Stefania & Mykola Nahirnyj r/by Kuzyszyn Family

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners Monday, January 6, 2014

Theophany of Our Lord

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners Solemn Blessing of Water

6:00 PM Lit. + Barbara Grausam r/by Olga Yurechko Blessing of Water

Tuesday, January 7, 2014

9:00 AM Lit. Special Intention,

Health of all Parish Volunteers

Wednesday, January 8, 2014

7:20 AM Lit. + Edith E. Hennig r/by Michael Choma

Thursday, January 9, 2014

7:20 AM Lit. + Helen and Rose Gurneak - Legate

Friday, January 10, 2014

7:20 AM Lit. Sp. Int. Oksana and Wolodymyr r/by Mother

<u>Saturday, January 11, 2014</u>

8:00 AM Lit. + Anna Turyk (1st Anniv.)

5:00 PM Lit. + Anna & Dmytro Pikus r/by Ann Marie Stek

Sunday After Theophany, January 12, 2014

Epistle - Eph 4:7-13; Gospel - Mt 4:12-17 9:00 AM Lit. + Charles Stek r/by Nick Lyszyk

11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Theophany House Blessings

This year, the traditional home blessings are by request only, and will take place during the month of January. If you wish to have your home blessed, please sign the sheet in the church vestibule or call the rectory at 732-826-0767.

Prosphora (Holy Supper)

On the evening of January 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM, we will hold a Prosphora, Holy Supper, the traditional Ukrainian Christmas Eve supper. There is no charge, but you must sign up so that we can set enough places for all. We are also asking those attending to bring a dish (enough to feed their family plus a little extra) or other item. The food will be shared. The menu should conform to traditional Ukrainian Christmas Eve type foods, whatever your family usually prepares. If you do not cook or bake, you can help with other items. A sign-up sheet is available in the church hall.

Church Renovation Fund

\$250.00 - Rozalia Czaban, in memory or

+ CZABAN and ANDRUSEZKO FAMILIES

Carteret Malanka

St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral and St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church are cosponsoring a Malanka that will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the St. Demetrius Community Center, 681 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret, NJ. Entertainment provided by Luna Band. Tickets are \$60, which includes admission, hot dinner buffet, open bar and a midnight champagne toast. The St. Demetrius Center is located just blocks from exit 12 of the NJ Turnpike. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Dinner promptly served at 7:00 pm. For tickets and more information, please call Hala Kaskiw at (908) 322-6964 or Roman Rubas at (732) 969-1594. Dinner tickets will not be sold at the door. Deadline for tickets is January 5. Tickets for Zabava and open bar only after 9:00 pm are \$40.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

At this time of year, I would like to express my gratitude to all the people who have made our Christmas celebration at Assumption Parish so special and memorable. Thanks to those who decorated the Church, the ushers, the cantors, the altar servers and to all those who generously give of their time and talent at our parish. Thank you also to everyone who has been involved at Assumption Church over the past year with organizing many parish activities, like our first Ukrainian Festival, 50th Anniversary of the School, 10th Anniversary of my ordination, Generations of Faith Programs and just recently the New Year's Party (Zabaya).

I personally thank you all for your prayers, gifts and Christmas cards for me during this Christmas time. I thank Deacon Paul Makar who shares the burden of the pastoral ministry, and also our parish secretary Anna, and the Parish Pastoral Council, as well as the Holy Name Society, the St. Ann's Society, the Choir, the Bingo workers, the Church School teachers, our Sisters and all our parishioners whose constant efforts make possible the services and ministry of this parish.

It is with great respect that I offer my sincerest thanks to all of you for your tremendous efforts over the past year. Assumption Parish continues to depend on you in the future and I am pleased that we can count on all of you.

Fr. Ivan Turyk - Pastor

Blessing Of Water

On Monday, Jan. 6, we celebrate the Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord. Solemn Blessing of water will take place following the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Holy water will also be blessed at the 6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Unless you are sick or shut-in, or you have an unavoidable conflict, such as work or school, you should make every effort to attend liturgy at one of these opportunities. It is a very good thing to do. Remember to prepare your Holy Water Bottle or Container. Pour out your old Holy Water into the earth, or against the foundation of your home. Then bring it to church for the newly blessed Jordan Water.

Donation Envelopes

Be sure to clearly check off or write the amount of your donation on all envelope offerings. If you do not do so, you will not be credited.

Envelopes for 2014 have been available in the church hall since before Christmas. If you did not receive donation envelopes and you wish to be an active registered parishioner, please contact the parish secretary. If you wish to have envelopes for your child(ren), or need a new box of children's envelopes, please contact the secretary.

Holy Name Society

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7 at 8:00 PM in the church hall.

Senior Citizens Club

No meetings will be held in January or February.

Festival Of Christmas Carols

The Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral in Philadelphia invites you to their annual Festival of Christmas Carols which will take place on January 12 at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.