

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**35TH Sunday After Pentecost, January 19, 2014**

9:00 AM Lit. + Nick Hlywa r/by M/M Walter Strilka

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

Monday, January 20, 2014

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

7:20 AM Lit. + Luka Zastawny r/by Tekla Lewkowicz

Wednesday, January 22, 2014

7:20 AM Lit. + Anna Vakulenko r/by Julia Reva

Thursday, January 23, 20147:20 AM Lit. Health of Wolodymyr and Oksana
r/by Mother**Friday, January 24, 2014**8:45 AM Lit. Special Intention Augie Mendez
r/by Edith Kovalczyk**Saturday, January 25, 2014**8:00 AM Lit. + Andriy, Hanna, Vasyl, Melania, Michailo
r/by Family5:00 PM Lit. Special Intention Health of Christina
Rajsz-Lyszyk r/by Family**36TH Sunday After Pentecost, January 26, 2014**

Epistle - 1 Tim 1:15-17; Gospel - Lk 18:35-43

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM Lit. + Wilson r/by Miller

Christmas Concert

Choir Boyan will perform a Christmas Concert in the church hall (at Coffee Hour) following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy today.

Parish Advisory Council

Fr. Ivan is asking all members of the council to meet with him on Sat, Feb. 1, 2014 after the 5:00 p.m. Liturgy, in the church hall, to discuss the ways of becoming a vibrant parish where all feel welcome and spiritually nourished.

Christmas Dinner (Prospora)

Words of gratitude are extended to all those who contributed their time and efforts in preparing our Christmas Dinner. This includes those who decorated the Church Hall and those who prepared and served the delicious food. May God richly bless you!

Sincere Sympathies

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + CHARLES PATULAK who was recently called to his eternal reward. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Inclement Weather Policy

When the weather outside is frightful and the fire is so delightful, we encourage you to make safe decisions. Be aware that it isn't just the roads that may be slippery, so too the church steps, sidewalks and parking lot. On Saturday or Sunday mornings when there has been bad weather, Fr. Ivan will determine if Divine Liturgies will take place or be cancelled. Please call the church office where a weather message will be available once the decision is made.

Marriage in 2014

Couples contemplating marriage in 2014 are asked to call the rectory and speak to Fr. Ivan before setting a day and making arrangements with a hall. There are periods of the year when a PRE-CANA Program is offered for all couples who plan to get married. Please note that this year it will be on the weekend of March 29 & 30th, 2014, at St. John's Church in Newark, NJ. Pre-Cana is a prerequisite for all those who want to have their wedding at Assumption Church.

Taras Shevchenko Commemoration**Essay Contest**

To commemorate the bicentennial of the birth of Ukraine's greatest poet, Taras Shevchenko, the Assumption Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ announces its 2014 Taras Shevchenko Essay Contest for all parish children and Assumption Catholic School students in grades 3-8. The contest's theme, "*Why even today, Taras Shevchenko is still considered Ukraine's Greatest Hero*" aims to promote learning and awareness of Shevchenko's legacy by those less or not at all familiar with his life's work. We encourage ACS students and parish children to submit their own written essay.

- Essay Requirements: 1) English or Ukrainian; 2) up to two pages in length- 500-word limit; 3) typed in 12 pt. font or in neat hand writing.
- Submission: The essay must be send to the church or school email: assumptionchurch@verizon.net or ACSschooloffice@gmail.com. The hard copy can also be given either to Fr. Ivan or the school's principal Mr. S.
- Deadline: The essay has to be send by Friday, February 28, 2014
- Awards: Winners will receive a monetary gift: First prize - \$200, Second prize - \$100, Third prize - \$50

Ministry of Culture threatened to terminate the registration of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church because of the priests' presence on Euromaidan in Kiev (Ukraine).

Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk on 13 January published and commented on the letter from the Ministry of Culture of Ukraine on the possible termination of the activities of religious organizations based on their activity on Independence Square (Maidan Nezalezhnosti) where for two months peaceful protests have been held.

On Christmas Eve, January 6, the Head of the church received an official letter from the Ministry about "systematic disregard for the law by some priests on Independence Square, allegedly supported by UGCC authorities." According to the ministry, the UGCC violated the requirements of the law on freedom of conscience and religious organizations, holding religious activities on the Maidan in December 2013 and at the beginning of 2014.

In response to this information from the Ministry of Culture, the patriarch said that the church is not taking part in political events, but it "cannot stand by when its faithful ask for spiritual care," and they are present on the Maidan. "Our Church has always been true and will remain so for the future mission that Christ the Savior entrusted, despite all the threats. We thought that the time of repression has passed, but letters like these give us doubts. We are not ashamed of our presence on the Maidan and will remain there," said the head of the UGCC. The last time the UGCC "was de-registered" was in March 1946 during Stalin's purges, and for 40 years existed illegally.

