

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**4th Sunday of the Great Fast, March 30, 2014**

9:00 AM Lit. + Roman Ambrozewycz

r/by Roman & Cathy

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

Monday, March 31, 2014

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

7:20 AM Lit. + Paul Lamprinakos r/by Anne Green

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 2, 2014

7:20 AM Lit. + Kateryna and Ivan r/by Petro & Mariia

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

Thursday, April 3, 2014

7:20 AM Lit. + Romana Zeglinska r/by Edith Kovalczyk

Friday, April 4, 2014

6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, April 5, 2014

9:00 AM Lit. Divine Liturgy and

Lenten Commemoration of the Dead

5:00 PM Lit. Special Intention r/by Kwiecinski Family

5th Sunday of the Great Fast, April 6, 2014*Epistle - Heb 9:11-14; Gospel - Mk 10:32-45*

9:00 AM Lit. + Barbara Grausam r/by Helen Duda

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

2013 Financial Report

Included in this week's bulletin is the 2013 Financial Report of our parish and school. First and foremost I would like to thank you for your generous monetary support and your personal sacrifices that help keep our parish fiscally secure. As importantly, thank you for donating your time and talents for the betterment of our church, school, liturgies, programs and facilities. We are blessed with a parish rich in tradition and dedicated to Faith, Education, Service and Community. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

Fr. Ivan – Pastor

All-you-can-eat Breakfast

The Holy Name Society will hold an "all-you-can-eat" Breakfast on Sunday, April 6 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for teens aged 12-17, under 12 years free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling Charlie Boyko, 732-254-3966. The menu includes eggs, omelets, pancakes, sausage and more.

Holy Name Society will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 1 at 8:00 PM in the church hall.

Attendance At Lenten Services

Lenten Services are conducted for our spiritual renewal here at Assumption each and every Tuesday and Friday at 6:30 PM during Great Lent. Also, we are praying for the souls of our deceased family members on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. with the Sorokousty Service. We should not feel as though we can excuse ourselves from these services as we find excuses for other things. We **MUST** make every effort to be present at these services so that we can better prepare ourselves to understand the meaning and significance of the Joy of Easter. Jesus said: "He who will come after ME, let him deny himself, take up his cross and then follow me!" Remember these words of our Lord? Let us put them into action and stop making excuses. Someday he will ask us, and accept no excuse!

First Friday Sick Calls

The sick and aged of the parish will be visited this Friday, April 7, following the morning liturgy. If you know of someone who cannot attend church

and would like to receive the sacraments at home, call the rectory at 732-826-0767.

Lenten Confessions Next Week

On Saturday evening, April 5 and Sunday, April 6 a visiting priest will be available for Lenten confessions in English and Ukrainian, at least an hour before each Liturgy.

Easter Egg Hunt

A special treat for our parish's youngest members will be held on Palm Sunday, April 13, after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Liturgies. The children will hunt for eggs around the church and rectory ground. The eggs will be stuffed with candies and money. The event is sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

Today: Panakhyda (Requiem Service)

40th day of remembrance for those who were killed at Maidan, Kyiv will be held in our church on Sunday, March 30 after the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy. Please join us to pray for all of the innocent victims who have perished in recent days in Ukraine. Vichnaya Pamyat - Eternal Memory!

ASK PASTOR: *But why must I go to a priest for confession; can't I just confess directly to God?* The first Christians confessed their sins publicly, out loud before everyone in the Church, because we sin against both God and one another; and they received forgiveness -- the absolution -- from the bishop (or the priest) as directed by our Lord. Because people unfortunately began to discuss one another's sins, the Church prescribed that the priest (or bishop) would not only individually offer the forgiveness, but would also individually hear the penitent's confession with the promise of confidentiality. Just like we cannot be healed by our doctor unless we tell him where the pain is, we cannot be healed of our sins unless we tell them in the presence of our spiritual father. It is humbling to be sure, but that cures the mother of all sin: pride. St. John Chrysostom, who's Liturgy we celebrate today, tells us, "It is difficult to confess to our spiritual father; but I would rather confess my sins to one man and be forgiven, than be disgraced before the whole universe at the Last Judgment for my unforgiven sins."

Sviachene (Easter Dinner) Meeting

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2 after the 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross Service, in the church hall to discuss the 2014 Sviachene. All church organizations are asked to send representatives to this meeting. This year, we are planning to have a children's concert at the Sviachene. Sun., May 4.

Our Church is Handicap Accessible

If you are planning to come to our church with friends for Easter Holiday, please know that 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.

"EASTER DUTY"

Here is the directive of our Church, regarding the obligation to receive Holy Communion, as it appears in our Metropolitan Pastoral Guidelines: "Every Catholic is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Paschal Season. The faithful of the Ukrainian Church are encouraged to receive Paschal Communion in their own Church." As regards Holy Confession, no one may approach to receive Holy Communion if they are in the state of mortal (serious, grave) sin. They must first go to Confession and receive absolution and penance, after which they may approach to receive

Holy Communion. For the good of your soul, strive to follow these practices conscientiously.