

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, April 6, 2014**

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

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

**Monday, April 7, 2014**7:20 AM Lit. + Catherine Michalski (40<sup>th</sup> Day)

r/by Bobbie Karanevskii and Family

**Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

7:20 AM Lit. + Michael, Sophie, John, Nicholas, Martha,

John, Joseph, Steve Boyko-Yaremczak;

John, Anna, Stan Kmiec - Legate

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (English)

**Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

8:45 AM Lit. + Walter Melnykevich r/by Family

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

**Thursday, April 10, 2014**

7:20 AM Lit. + John and Sophie Terefenko - Legate

**Friday, April 11, 2014**

6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Saturday, April 12, 2014**

9:00 AM Lit. Divine Liturgy and

Lenten Commemoration of the Dead

5:00 PM Lit. + Russell Hunchar r/by Wife

**Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014***Epistle - Phil 4:4-9; Gospel - Jn 12:1-18*

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Myron Kataryniak r/by Wife, Eleanor

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Women's Day in Our Parish**

During the month of May, when the world honors mothers both living and deceased, we Catholics turn with special devotion to the Blessed Mother of God. With local traditions and devotions we show our love for Mary through our own particular customs. The women of Assumption Parish St. Ann Society, would like to INVITE ALL THE WOMEN of our parish to join with us in celebrating our love for God's Holy Mother. On Tuesday evening, May 6th, at 7 p.m., we will be participating in a Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God, followed by the recitation of the Rosary. Moleben is a prayer service and intercession for the living, offered to the Mother of God.

During the Moleben service, our pastor, Rev. Ivan Turyk, will preach on "*Blessed Mary's place in our faith and in our lives.*"

It is our hope that you will join us not only in these prayerful devotions, but also in fellowship afterwards in our church hall as guests at our annual covered dish dinner. There are no tickets to this event, nor is there a charge, but we would appreciate a response so that we may prepare accordingly.

Kindly respond by Friday, April 25th. Any questions or concerns may be directed to St. Ann's President, Mrs. Melanie Fedynyshyn at (732) 442-4632 or via email: melaniep@comcast.net. You may also contact our rectory at (732) 826-0767. We hope ALL LADIES from our parish can join us on this evening of Marian devotion where nourishment is for both body and soul.

**Lenten Confessions Today**

Fr. George Worshak is available for Lenten confessions in English and Ukrainian, at least an hour before each Liturgy.

**All-you-can-eat Breakfast - Today!**

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.

**St. Ann's Society**

On Tuesday, April 8, 2014, St. Ann's Society together with the Holy Name Society will pray the Rosary following Stations of the Cross. Holy Name members are invited to join St. Ann's for coffee/tea afterwards. Hostesses for the evening are H. Cheloc, D. Domingues, M. Fedynyshyn, J. Galetta, C. Grausam.

**Senior Citizens Club** will meet in the church hall on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 12:00 Noon. New members always welcome!

**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 and the Ukrainian Federal Credit Union of Perth Amboy, NJ.

**Sviachene (Easter Dinner)**

Our annual Easter Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2014 at about 11:00 AM following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. There will only be one liturgy that day. This year, we are planning a children's concert at the Sviachene. The menu includes ham, kobasa, homemade bread, eggs, beet horseradish, potato salad, cucumber salad, drinks and desserts. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 for age 10-18, children under 10 years free. Tickets are on sale today after liturgies, or at the rectory during the week.

**Church Pew** kneeler pads will be replaced with new cushions to make our praying experience more comfortable.

**Act of Rededication of Ukraine to the Mother of God**

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Churches throughout the world will participate in a prayer of rededication of Ukraine and her people to the protection of the Most Holy Mother of God at all Divine Liturgies this weekend, April 5-6, 2014. This special prayer service will be done TODAY after each liturgy and comes at a time when the nation of Ukraine is confronted with an international crisis and threats of armed conflict. Please look in the bulletin for the text of the service.

**Orphans in Ukraine**

In September, our parish sent a donation of \$1,000 to the children from the orphanage in the city of Rohatyn, Western Ukraine. Our monetary gift helped to purchase kid's gifts for St. Nicholas day. The pictures from that event can be found on the bulletin board, downstairs in our church. Thanks for your contributions that not only help those who have serious needs, but allows our Church in America to have a direct ministry to the young people in our Motherland, who one day, God willing, will become the future of Ukraine.

**5th Sunday of Lent - St. Mary of Egypt**

When people think of Saints, the majority think that a Saint is someone that is together with God all of their lives, incapable of sin. Yet, they are so misguided. Saints are regular human beings with passions, that sinned throughout their lives. We see the same thing with St. Mary of Egypt, the Saint we commemorate on the 5th Sunday of Lent. St. Mary of Egypt was anything but a Saint throughout the first part of her life. From a very young age, she was a prostitute. Being from Egypt, she decided that she wanted to see the Holy Land and the Tomb of Christ (also known as the Church of the Holy Sepulchre). As she went to enter the Church, a force kept her outside. She was unable to enter, while so many others did. She realized that God had done this to have her stop her sinning. She promised to God that day she would stop. She repented with a pure heart, and she was allowed to enter. She went for Confession, received Holy Communion, and then went to the desert to live for years in repentance. Years after, she was visited by a Priest-monk, Zosimas (later a Saint in our Church). He gave her Holy Communion, and they discussed her trials and tribulations. Although she suffered much, she was so happy to be with Christ. Later that same day, she fell asleep in the Lord.

**Moral of today's Sunday:** It's never too late to be reunited with God. He wants us to be in His Loving Embrace. He will forgive us... all we have to do is ask.