# **DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, November 15, 2015 9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners 11:30 AM Lit. + Peter, Eva, Dorothy Pruss r/by Family Monday, November 16, 2015 No Liturgy Scheduled Tuesday, November 17, 2015 7:30 AM Lit. + Samuel Oladeji r/by Linda Coyne Wednesday, November 18, 2015 7:30 AM Lit. + Andriy, Hanna, Vasyl, Sofia, Ivan, Stefania r/by Maria Dzeva Thursday, November 19, 2015 7:30 AM Lit. + Helen & George Melnykevich r/by Family Friday, November 20, 2015 8:45 AM Lit. + Margaret Zakanycz r/by Nettie Olsen Saturday, November 21, 2015 8:00 AM Lit. Health of Michael (80 yrs.) r/by Victoria 5:00 PM Lit. + Jean Rahmacey r/by Val and Ann Tarr 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, November 22, 2015 Epistle - Eph 5:9-19; Gospel - Lk 12:16-21 9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners 11:30 AM Lit. + Rose & Joseph Bigos r/by Ronald & Irene

## Adult Education & Faith Formation

Thursday, 7:00 PM November 19. A short Prayer Service (6th Hour) will precede the Study at 6:45pm. The sessions are open to all.

## Visit With St. Nicholas

All children of the parish are invited to the Holy Name sponsored "Visit with St. Nicholas," on Sunday, December 6, 2015 after each Liturgy. Children 0-16 must be signed up by November 29, 2015. Please provide the name and age of each child attending to receive a gift. See the sign-up sheet in the vestibule or call Charlie Boyko at 732-254-3966.

### Generations of Faith Program

Our parish will hold the seventh "Generations of Faith," religious education program. If you have not yet participated or are new to Assumption Church, GOF, as we like to call it, brings together parishioners of all ages to learn more about their Catholic Faith, our heritage and traditions. Families with children of all ages (young ones and teens) are welcome to participate. On Sunday, November 29, 2015 there will be only one bilingual Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. followed by GOF. Since this year Ukrainian Catholics are celebrating the 150th anniversary of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky's birth, the theme for the program will be "Heroic Virtues" of the Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. We will have two speakers, Mrs. Melanie Fedynyshyn and Mrs. Olha Lytvyn, refreshments, and a good time as one parish family. You don't need to register just come and join us.

## Cataract Press

Lyubov Cheren, dba Cataract Press from Clifton, NJ, is visiting our parish today and tomorrow, Nov. 14 and 15, with a large selection of Ukrainian Books, both in Ukrainian and English, including religious, academic, history, literature, arts and crafts, dictionaries, and children's. CDs, DVDs, Maps, Greeting Cards, Jewelry imported from Ukraine, Embroidery, Scarfs, Keyrings, Magnets and much more also are available. These items will be displayed in the church hall. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to our church.

The Nativity Fast begins November 15th, and concludes at the Divine Liturgy on Christmas day, December 25th. This 40-day fast is given to prepare us for the celebration of the Lord's birth in the flesh. During this time we should not only modify our diet so we can modify the movements of our hearts, but we should also seek to avail ourselves of the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Communion.

### <u>His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk visits our</u> <u>community.</u>

The world spiritual father of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk visited ACS for the first time on Nov. 11, 2015 and gave his blessing to all teachers and students. During the visit to the school, His Beatitude Shevchuk was presented with traditional bread and salt by students dressed in traditional garb. A short program was prepared to greet our spiritual leader and after that, students grilled him on a variety of topics in English, Spanish and Ukrainian. Next day, His Beatitude celebrated morning Divine Liturgy in our parish. Pictures from the visit can be viewed on our parish site: http://assumptioncatholicchurch.net/azcms/gallery.php

# 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 Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. Music by "ANNA-MARIA," tickets - \$80.00 per person. Children (5-12) - \$40.00. (Tickets after Dec. 25, - \$90.00). 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. Tickets can be purchased during the coffee hour after Sunday 9:00 a.m. Liturgy or call 732-826-0767 or 202-368-2408.

## Special Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 15th at 2:30 pm a special Divine Liturgy with His Beatitude Sviatoslav as the main celebrant will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA. During the Divine Liturgy the new mosaics of Blessed Sister Josaphata, SSMI, and the venerable Servant of God Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky will blessed. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the new bell tower with the bell from the original Cathedral will also be blessed in an outdoor ceremony that will also include prayers for Ukraine. Our parish is sponsoring a bus, so everyone is welcome to register on the form at the back of the church and participate in these events.

# Aid for Ukraine

We all share heartfelt concern for our brothers and sisters suffering the ravages of terrorist actions by insurgent separatist groups in eastern Ukraine. Ukrainian citizens and members of the military have suffered significantly. Some have made the ultimate sacrifice in the loss of life or suffered injury. Many people are being forced to flee their homes. During the recent visit of His Beatitude Sviatoslav to our parish, he was presented with \$1,000 to help Ukrainians who are suffering from war in Ukraine. The monetary donation was taken from the collection box at the back of our church.

### Grave Blanket Sale

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a sale of grave blankets. You may pick-up your order or have it installed (our cemetery only). Orders must be placed by December 10, 2015. For details, see the order forms in the church vestibule, or call Mark at 732-586-0398, or Charlie at 732-586-0405.

### Sincere Sympathies

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the families and friends of the following, who were recently called to their eternal reward:

+ KATHRYN ALZAMORA + EUGENE NAUMENKO JR.

<u>Congratulations</u> to our parishioner, Anton Massopust, who recently won election to the Perth Amboy Public Schools Board of Education.

### Church Renovation Fund

\$100.00 - Stanley Stempinski, in memory of + MARYANN SMEREKA