

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of the Paralytic Man, April 17, 2016**

9:00 AM Lit. + Kenneth M. Pukala r/by Aunt Helen Duda

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

Monday, April 18, 2016

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. + Joseph & Ann Kopi - Legate

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

No Liturgy Scheduled

Thursday, April 21, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. + Leona Fiero r/by Joan Galetta

Friday, April 22, 20168:45 AM Lit. Special Intention Health of Olga Rudy
r/by Nancy Bialkowski**Saturday, April 23, 2016**8:00 AM Lit. and Pan. + Lahola-Stempel Family
r/by Ron & Irene Bigos

5:00 PM - Lit. + John & Sophie Terefenko - Legate

Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, April 24, 2016*Epistle - Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30; Gospel - Jn 4:5-42*

9:00 AM Lit. + Michael Stepash

r/by Nick Lyszyk & Helena

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

Parish Advisory Board

Fr. Ivan asks members of the parish advisory board to meet with him on Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 PM. Please bring to the table any new initiatives and ideas on how our parish can be a better place to worship Christ.

Mothers Day

On Sunday May 8, 2016 we will remember all of our Mothers at the Sunday Divine Liturgy. There will be petitions for their health and continued blessings, and a requiem service, panachyda, for all our Mothers who have died, that the Lord God remembers them. If you wish to have your living or deceased mother remembered during the Liturgy, please use your Mothers Day envelope and place it in the collection basket. The list of mothers and donors will be published in our bulletin provided the envelopes are turned in by Sunday, April 24.

Paska and Bread Sale

Choir Boyan is sponsoring a Paska and Bread sale on Thursday, April 28, 2016. Place your orders as there are a limited number being made; limit 2 per name. Paska \$12, Loaf \$8. Pick up is on Thursday, April 28 between 4 and 8 PM. Proceeds to purchase new music stands for the choir loft. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule.

Women's Evening of Prayer

On Tuesday evening, May 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., the ladies from St. Ann's Society invite all ladies from our parish to participate in a Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God, followed by the recitation of the Rosary. During the Moleben service, Very Rev. John Fields, Director of the Office of Communications of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, will preach on "*The Theotokos in the Liturgical Tradition of Eastern Christianity.*" 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 for refreshments.

PRAYERFUL ATMOSPHERE**ONCE AGAIN WE ARE FORGETTING WHERE WE ARE!**

There are people who come to Church early to pray and meditate before the Divine Services begin. There are also those who choose to stay afterwards to do the same. Please refrain from unnecessary loud talking especially after the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy in the church vestibule, so that an appropriate atmosphere of prayer in God's holy house may be maintained.

Church Parking on Sunday

If you are planning to stay at the Coffee Hour after 9:00 a.m. Liturgy please park in the spaces furthest away from the church or on the school parking lot. Please be mindful of other parishioners who come to church for 11:30 Liturgy and can't find spots near the church. Also, please be mindful of our elderly as well as people with young children needing to be closer to the building.

Today: Sunday of the Paralytic Man

We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Pascha which is dedicated to Christ's healing of the Paralytic Man of which we read in today's Gospel reading from John 5: 1-15. The man is healed by Christ while waiting to be put down into the pool of water. Through Baptism in the Church we, too, are healed and saved by Christ for eternal life. Thus, in the Church, we are told, together with the paralytic, to "sin no more that nothing worse befall you".

Parish Financial Report 2015

Dear parishioners, included with this week's bulletin is the Annual Parish Financial Report. This report reflects our income and expenses for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. In this unsettled economy, you have been generous in your donations to the church and to the many special collections taken during the year for the Archdiocese. I thank you sincerely for your prayerful support and financial sacrifices you have made which enable us to build a strong community of faith at Assumption Parish. Thank You. Fr. Ivan Turyk - Pastor

"Pray For Ukraine" Commemorative Concert And Service

Philadelphia, Pa.-- On Sunday, Sunday April 17, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 North Franklin Street, Ukrainian-Americans from the greater Delaware Valley will offer their prayers for Peace in Ukraine and remember the victims of the worst nuclear accident in world history, the nuclear reactor meltdown at Chornobyl, Ukraine. The Commemorative Concert and Prayer Service will include prayers, songs, reflections and hope for peace.

Prayers will be offered by Archbishop Stefan Soroka, Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States, Archbishop Antony, Metropolitan of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the United States, and Pastor Sergio Savchuk, from the Ukrainian Baptist Church.

Musical selections will be provided by the Ukrainian Baptist Choir of the Grace Ukrainian Baptist Church, students from the Ukrainian Heritage School on reflections of Chornobyl and the war in eastern Ukraine, solo performance on the "Bandura", and the Ukrainian Heritage School Children's choir. The event will conclude on the grounds of the cathedral by the Bell Tower, where to the pealing of church bells, prayers will be offered for an end to the ongoing war in eastern Ukraine and a flock of white doves, symbols of peace, will be released.

On April 26, 1986, a catastrophic accident occurred at the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant in the Ukrainian city of Pripyat. An explosion and fire released large quantities of radioactive particles into the atmosphere, which spread over much of the western USSR and Europe. The Chornobyl disaster was the worst nuclear power plant accident in history in terms of cost and casualties. Long-term effects such as cancers are still being investigated. The city of Pripyat, had a population of 49,360 at the time of the accident and was left a virtual ghost town when it was evacuated on the afternoon of April 27, 1986, the day after the Chornobyl disaster. Since that time, international studies have shown that millions of people have been afflicted with the medical effects of radiation exposure, including cancers, birth defects and premature death.

Today, the people of Ukraine, besides suffering from the effects of Chornobyl, also are the victims of an ongoing war in eastern Ukraine, fueled by the Russian invasion of Ukrainian territory. Over 10,000 people have lost their lives, including 2500 civilians, as well as thousands who were wounded in battle. Hundreds of thousands of civilians have relocated to other areas of Ukraine because of the hostilities in the eastern part of their country. This event is being coordinated by the Ukrainian Community Committee of Philadelphia.

Broadway Show Trip

St. Ann's Society is sponsoring a trip to see the Carole King Musical, *Beautiful*, at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre in New York on Saturday, May 7, 2016. The cost of the trip is \$130 and includes show ticket and bus fare. Dinner in New York is on your own. Some tickets are still available. Please call Melanie at 732-442-4632 if interested.