

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, April 24, 2016**

9:00 AM Lit. + Michael Stepash

r/by Nick Lyszyk & Helena

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

Monday, April 25, 2016

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. + John & Helen Bulecza - Legate

Wednesday, April 27, 20167:30 AM Lit. + Harry, Tessie Terefenko; Anna Balinski
- Legate**Thursday, April 28, 2016**

7:30 AM Lit. + Andriy r/by Wife, Maria

Friday, April 29, 2016

8:45 AM Lit. + Osyp Woznyj r/by Lojko Family

Saturday, April 30, 2016

8:00 AM Lit. + Bill Adamshick r/by Bishop Family

5:00 PM - Lit. + Charles and John Stek

r/by Ann Marie Stek

Sunday of the Man Born Blind, May 1, 2016*Epistle - Acts 16:16-34; Gospel - Jn 9:1-38*

9:00 AM Lit. + Olha Wowk r/by Ulana Wowk

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

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.

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.

**May Devotions**

The month of May is devoted to our heavenly Mother, Mary. A Moleben service will be offered on Tuesdays in May, at 7:00 p.m. Come to church, join us in honoring her, who God first honored, by choosing her to be the Mother of His Son.

Feast of the Ascension

On Thursday, May 5, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven. This Feast Day is a Major Feast Day (Obligation) in our Holy Church. To commemorate this Feast we will have a Divine Liturgy at 7 PM on Wednesday, May 4 and Thursday at 9 AM.

Today: Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

On this Fifth Sunday of Pascha we commemorate the encounter of Our Lord with the Samaritan Woman at Jacob's well, near Sichem. Through this encounter the Samaritans became the first people to recognize Our Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world. It is as a result of this encounter, that we realize and witness that the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ is for ALL people: Jews and Gentiles, men and women, saints and sinners.

Give Your Regards to Broadway!

St. Ann Society is sponsoring a trip to see the Carole King Musical, *Beautiful*, at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre in New York City on Saturday, May 7, 2016. The cost of the trip is \$130.00 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.

Festival Basket Raffle

Please consider donating a new item for our large themed baskets for the Festival Raffle. Some suggestions include kitchen tools or small appliances, electronics, jewelry, designer bags, items for the 'basket of cheer,' sporting goods, gift certificates and lottery tickets. If you are unable to donate items for a basket but would still like to help, your monetary donations will be appreciated. No amount is too small!

You can bring your donation to the rectory, drop items off at the school auditorium on bingo nights, or bring your item to church on Sunday.

Ukrainian Cultural Festival in Perth Amboy, NJ

On Saturday June 25, 2016 from 12 to 9 PM, our parish will be holding its Fourth Annual Ukrainian Cultural and Heritage Festival. The festival will feature dazzling performances of school and parish dancers at 1:00 p.m. and at 3:00 p.m. in the school hall showcasing traditional Ukrainian dances. There will also be delicious homemade Ukrainian food, Ukrainian beer, delicious desserts, vendors, a church tour, live music throughout the event, a beautiful baskets raffle and 50/50 money raffle. Admission to the festival is FREE.

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle have been mailed to all parishioners. The cost is \$1 per ticket or \$10 per book.

Also included is a letter explaining how you can be a "*Friend of the Festival.*" All donations will be printed in the Festival ad booklet if received by the deadline of May 28. If you know of any businesses or individuals who might be interested in taking out an ad in our Festival booklet, please speak to them and ask them to send their donation to the church address prior to the deadline. For information please call the rectory, 732-826-0767.

Easter Food Basket Blessing

There is a custom in Ukraine for families to bring baskets of food to church to be blessed by the priest for Easter. There will be a blessing of food for those parishioners who celebrate Easter according to the old calendar on Sat. April 30 at 4:00 p.m. at the school hall and on Sunday, May 1st after 9:00 a.m. Liturgy. The baskets usually contain colored eggs (that symbolize life, spring, and the Resurrection), sausage or ham (that represents the passion of Christ), bread or Paska (that represents Christ, who is the bread of life), horseradish (representing the passion of Christ), salt (symbolizing prosperity), and butter (that represents good will).

Free DVDs

DVDs of the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom produced by EWTN for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention are available in the vestibule.