

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of the Man Born Blind, May 1, 2016**

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

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

Monday, May 2, 2016

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

No Morning Liturgy

7:00 PM May Devotions to the Mother of God

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. Special Intention Archbishop Stefan

7:00 PM Lit. + Michailo, Kateryna r/by Hanna Kitchoula

Thursday, May 5, 2016 - Ascension of Our Lord

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

Friday, May 6, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. + Zanoviy Slomushynsky r/by Son & Family

Saturday, May 7, 2016

8:00 AM Lit. Health of Michailo Stefan

r/by Daughter, Olga Lystiuk

5:00 PM - Lit. + Helen & Steve Hutnick

r/by Eleanor Kataryniak

Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council, May 8, 2016**Mother's Day***Epistle - Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38; Gospel - Jn 17:1-13*

9:00 AM Lit. Living Mothers of Our Parish

Pan. + Deceased Mothers of Our Parish

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

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 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. 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.

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.

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 performances of school and parish Ukrainian dancers at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. in the school hall. There will be delicious homemade Ukrainian food, Ukrainian beer, delicious desserts, vendors, a church tour, live music throughout the event, a beautiful baskets raffle, 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.

Holy Name Society will meet on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 8:00 PM in the church hall.

Today: Man Born Blind

The Sixth Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed as the Sunday of the Man Born Blind. The Gospel of St. John 9:1-38 describes to us the miracle of Christ healing the man who was blind since birth near the pool of Siloam. For us this Sunday is a reminder that the Lord has anointed our eyes with his own divine hands and washed them with the waters of our baptism.

Festival Basket Donations

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,' 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, the school auditorium on bingo nights, or to church on Sunday.

Donations for the Festival

Sincere thanks to all our sponsors. Cash donations in support of the Festival will be listed in the bulletin as well as in the Festival booklet.

\$100 - Taras Tarnavskiy

Festival - Business Owners

We are respectfully asking Business Owners to join us in the spirit of community by becoming a 2016 Festival Sponsor. A commemorative booklet is distributed to all who attend the festival and we would most sincerely appreciate your support in the form of advertisement from your business for the Festival Booklet. Advertisement prices are as follows: FULL PAGE AD...\$200.00, HALF PAGE AD... \$100.00, QUARTER PAGE AD... \$50.00. Advertising space is limited and has sold out the past two years! The deadline for submissions is Saturday, May 28, 2016.

Dear parishioners, please take business owners forms from the church's vestibule and give them to a local business owner, someone you know who has a family business and ask them to advertise their business at our festival.

30th Anniversary of the Chernobyl Disaster

On Sunday, April 17, 2016 at 3pm a Commemorative Concert and Prayer Service was held at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, PA for the 30th Anniversary of the Chernobyl Disaster. After the Commemorative Concert and Prayer Service, the faithful gathered outside by the Cathedral Bell Tower where approximately a dozen doves were released for Peace in Ukraine. Videos from the Commemorative Concert from April 17, 2016 have been posted on Archdiocese site: <http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us>

Bible Summer Camp

Our First Bible Summer Camp for the youth of our parish children Grades 1st - 5th has been scheduled for August 29-30, 2016 from 9:00a.m-3:00p.m. Mark your calendar now. Each day kids will hear Bible stories, learn new songs, play fun games, participate in a project that will help children show God's love to others, create fun crafts, learn how to make pyrohy and communion bread and make new friends. More information will be published as the date draws near.

Year of Mercy Column

May is traditionally the month dedicated to the Mother of God. She holds special significance for us during this Jubilee Year of Mercy because through her willingness to bear the Christ child, God became "visible" in a particular way as the Father who is rich in mercy. Pope Saint John Paul II, in his encyclical *Dives in Misericordia* (Rich in Mercy), calls Jesus the incarnation of mercy. No one has ever seen God, Saint John tells us. [Jn. 1:18]. But by virtue of Mary's motherhood, God is made known to us by Christ, and known above all in his "relationship of love" for humanity. Mary spoke some very heart-warming words during her visit to her cousin, Elizabeth: "His mercy is from generation to generation." Heart-warming words because God's mercy continues to be revealed in her and through her—right down to us today. Mary obtained mercy in an exceptional way, as no other person has. She, then, has the deepest knowledge of the mystery of God's mercy.

Our prayer today: *Mary, Mother of Mercy, we thank you for your share in revealing God's mercy. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.*