

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Oct. 23, 2016**

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners  
 11:30 AM Lit. Health of Kenny Bialkowski r/by Friends

**Monday, October 24, 2016**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Tuesday, October 25, 2016**

7:30 AM Lit. + Lech Family

**Wednesday, October 26, 2016**

7:30 AM Lit. + John & Kathryn Fedynyshyn  
 r/by John & Melanie Fedynyshyn

**Thursday, October 27, 2016**

7:30 AM Lit. Health of Family Members  
 r/by Olga Galagoza

**Friday, October 28, 2016**

8:45 AM Lit. + Nicholas Koval r/by Linda Coyne

**Saturday, October 29, 2016**

8:00 AM Lit. + Dora Hladych r/by Daughters  
 5:00 PM Lit. + John Adamshick r/by Tulys Family

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Oct. 30, 2016**

*Epistle - Eph 2:14-22; Gospel - Lk 8:26-39*

9:00 AM Lit. + Michael Duda r/by Wife, Helen  
 11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Christmas Bazaar and Gift Auction - Nov. 13**

Assumption Catholic School will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar and Gift Auction on Sunday, November 13, 2016 in the school auditorium, 380 Meredith St., Perth Amboy, NJ, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Gift Auction is sponsored by our Family and School Association (FSA) and will feature great prizes: Large HDTV, Disney Hopper Passes, Go Pro, boy's and girl's Bikes, American Girl Doll, Coach Bag, and much more: homemade traditional ethnic foods, 50/50, Wheels of Chance, games, vendors and crafts. The admission is FREE. For more information contact the school, 732-826-8721, or look up the website at:

[www.assumptioncatholicschool.net](http://www.assumptioncatholicschool.net)

**Parish Bus Trip to Philadelphia**

Our parish is sponsoring a bus trip to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral on Sunday, October 30, 2016 for the Special Prayer Services in honor of Bishop Soter Ortynsky, the first Ukrainian Catholic bishop in the U.S. A special moleben prayer and panakhyda service will be held at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral in Philadelphia. This year, 2016, the Ukrainian Catholic Church observes the 150th anniversary of his birth in 1866 and the centennial anniversary of his death in 1916. The bus will be free and leaves at 12:45 from the front of the church. If you are interested of going, please sign up on the form at the back of the church today!

**Heart on Fire: Folk Art From Ukraine**

The UNWLA Branch 98 (Holmdel/Middletown) in cooperation with the Monmouth County Library presents "Heart on Fire: Folk Art From Ukraine" on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016 from 2 to 4 PM. This event will feature a multimedia presentation of 'Petrykivka' art. Monmouth County Library, Eastern Branch, 1001 Route 35, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702 (888-941-8188).

**Thank You**

Many thanks to the Fizer family, Fizer Plumbing and Heating, for making repairs to the church kitchen plumbing.

**Divine Liturgies**

We ask parishioners to consider making an intention offering for the daily divine Liturgies. Please use the envelopes available in the Narthex (Back of Church) and pass them in the collection basket or directly to the parish office. Let's pray for your loved ones and intentions!

**Autumn Breakfast Buffet**

The Holy Name Society sponsored Breakfast Buffet was a huge success. Many thanks to all who attended, helped and supported the Holy Name Society.

**The Sounds of Ukraine**

The world-renowned Kyiv Chamber Choir will perform in Philadelphia at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Immaculate Conception Church, 602 West Avenue, Jenkintown. Tickets are available at Platinum Concerts International, toll-free 1-844-466-2557; also at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Centre in Jenkintown, 215-663-1166; also available online at [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) and at the door. For concert information, go to [www.platinumconcerts.com](http://www.platinumconcerts.com). This is a rare opportunity to hear one of the world's great choirs share some 'hidden treasures' from 1,000 years of Ukrainian sacred and folk music. One of 9 concerts the Choir will perform in North American cities, November 5th will be a special occasion - one not to be missed.

**Cataract Press**

Cataract Press from Clifton, NJ, is visiting our parish on Oct. 29 and 30 with a large selection of Ukrainian Merchandise, including books both in Ukrainian and English, CDs, DVDs, maps of Ukraine, greeting cards, I-Phone covers, mousepads, wristbands, jewelry imported from Ukraine, embroidery and clothing. The focus of their display is the Lord's Nativity and includes Christmas cards, tree ornaments and carols. These items will be displayed in the church hall. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to our church.

**Daylight Savings Time - Sunday, November 6, 2016**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 6, otherwise you will be early for the divine Liturgy (of course, worse things can happen).

**ASK THE PRIEST:****Why do candles Go Before the Gospel?**

When the priest carries the Gospel Book in a procession during the liturgy, the altar servers carry candles before him to show that the word of God is a "lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path." The candles that go before the Gospel Book tell us that the word of God is truly a light for the darkness in which we walk. The purpose of God's Word is to show us the way, to prevent us from stumbling in the darkness, and to lead us home to God. We need to listen carefully when God's Word is being read in church. We need also to read God's Word every day in the holy Bible. God's word is like a flashlight in the darkness. St. Isaac the Syrian said, "Reading the Word of God is the light of the soul"

**TODAY: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

The end of today's Gospel reading of the Rich Man and Lazarus is a warning about something that we should all be aware of all the time, that is that death is at our elbow, that much, very much, of what we do will perish with us as unnecessary, mortal. Does this mean that Christ's warning about the closeness of death should frighten us and deprive us of creative strength? No, on the contrary; the Fathers used to say, "keep a constant memory of death," not in the sense that we should be afraid of death and live under its constant shadow, but rather because nothing but the awareness of the fact that life is short, that it may end at any moment, can give to every moment its final meaning, and to the whole of life the feeling that we must hurry to do good, that we must hurry to live in such a way that at whatever moment death overtakes us, it will be a moment of triumphant life.

**How a Christian is like a Pumpkin**

A lady recently being baptized was asked by a co-worker what it was like to be a Christian. She replied, "It's like being a pumpkin: God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins. Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

