

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**28th Sunday After Pentecost, November 27, 2016**

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Joseph & Rose Bigos

r/by Ron & Irene Bigos

Monday, November 28, 2016

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. + George Jones r/by Putykewycz Family

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. + Ivan Hohol r/by Lucia Dzioba

Thursday, December 1, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. + Michael Belendiuk

r/by Andrew & Irene Laschuk

Friday, December 2, 2016

8:45 AM Lit. + Richard Mosko r/by Shumny Family

Saturday, December 3, 20168:00 AM Lit. + William, Philip, Rose, Catherine, Anna,
Sophie, Anastasia, Blois and Lasiw Families

5:00 PM Lit. + William Adamshick r/by Rozalia and Joe

29th Sunday After Pentecost, December 4, 2016

Epistle - Col 3:12-16; Gospel - Lk 17:12-19

9:00 AM Lit. + Michael & Helen Blyskun

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

Visit With Saint Nicholas

On Sunday, December 4, 2016, after each Liturgy, all parish children are invited to visit with Saint Nicholas. Please sign up your children, ages up to and including 16, on the sheet in the church vestibule, or call Charlie at 732-254-3966. Please provide the name and age of each child attending so they can receive a gift. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

Grave Blanket Sale

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a grave blanket sale. The price is \$25 for pick-up at the church, and \$30 for grave blankets installed at Ukrainian Assumption Cemetery. Order by December 4, 2016. Pick-up on Dec. 17 or 18, before or after liturgy. See order forms in the church vestibule. Checks should be made payable to the Holy Name Society. Forms and payment can be dropped off at the Rectory.

What is Phillip's Fast?

For Catholics of the Roman Rite, Advent, the period of preparation for Christmas, begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. But for Eastern Rite Catholics, the preparation for Christmas begins a little bit earlier, on November 15 each year. Advent is called a "little Lent," because, like Lent, it is a time of repentance. While fasting during Advent used to be universal, most Western Christians today treat Advent as an early part of the Christmas season. Eastern Rite Catholics however, continue to celebrate Advent with the Philip's Fast, named after the Apostle Philip. The fast doesn't really have anything to do with the Apostle Philip, other than the fact that it starts on November 15, the day after his feast in the Eastern calendar. It runs through Christmas Eve, December 24.

Like most fasts in the Eastern Church, Philip's Fast is fairly strict and includes abstinence from meat, eggs, and dairy products on all weekdays, and fish, oil, and wine on most days. (Different Eastern Churches observe the fast more or less strictly; because extreme fasting can affect your health, you should never increase the strictness of a fast beyond what the Church prescribes without consulting with your priest.) While Roman Rite Catholics are no longer bound to fast during Advent, reviving the tradition of repentance during Advent can help us better appreciate our Christmas celebration.

Parish Choir

This Sunday, our parish choir "Boyan" was invited to sing Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Church in Passaic, NJ.

Be Welcoming Unto Others.

Hospitality is a hallmark of Christianity and being "welcoming" is part of our witness as Christians. As followers of Jesus Christ we are called upon to welcome everyone into our churches, even from the highways and byways, the lame, the deformed (physically, spiritually, morally) - everyone. Our Lord's gospel was not meant for the exclusive few, but for the many - and the mission of the Church is to reach out and spread it to all peoples: "*Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you*" (St. Matthew 28:19-20).

Therefore do your part by being welcoming to those who visit or attend our services especially during this Christmas season. Talk to them, get to know them, and include them in our parish family; and by all means, make them feel welcome!

The Peace Light From Bethlehem

On Saturday, December 3rd, 2016 immediately after the 5:00 p.m. Liturgy, the Bethlehem Flame delivered by plane from Bethlehem, will be brought to our church by our Plastuny (Ukrainian Scouts). Please bring with you fuel or candle lanterns, so you can safely take the Light to your homes. The flame itself or a candle that has been burned with the Peace Light is often used to light candles in Christmas Eve. Our sincere thanks to Larissa Wowk for her initiative.

The End of the Year

As we approach the end of the year, you may wish to review your offering envelopes to see if you postponed or overlooked any that you want to make up before the books are closed on December 31, 2016.

**THE PROVIDENCE ASSOCIATION
OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS IN AMERICA**

On Sunday, Dec. 11, Eugene A. Luciw, J.D., Director of Life Insurance, Retirement and Savings Planning with Providence Association of the Ukrainian Catholics in America, will visit our parish, during and after our 9:00 and 11:30 A.M. Liturgies. At which time Gene will give a brief presentation about Providence, its mission in our Church and community, and its life insurance, family protection and annuity, IRA, pension, education and other savings programs. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Gene is available for free no obligation private consultations. Call 1-877-857-2284 (ext. 211) or email eluciw@provassn.com.

Sunday Ushers Needed

Please help with this service to your Church. We need your help with envelope collections and counting money for Sunday 11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Ivan. You will not be alone and you don't need any special skills, we will teach you.

The Sick Of Our Parish

Please call the rectory to let us know of anyone who desires to receive the sacraments before Christmas. Fr. Ivan will be happy to visit them on Friday, December 2nd.

Church Lighting

The Holy Name Society invites all parishioners to join them for the second annual outside Church Lighting Ceremony! The whole congregation is invited to gather in front of the church steps on Saturday, Dec 10, after the 5:00 PM Liturgy for lighting all lights outside of our church. After the short ceremony, please join us for hot chocolate and donuts.

Donation to Church

\$1,500.00 - Ron & Irene Bigos, in memory of
+ STEPHEN LAHOLA