

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday of the Forefathers, December 11, 2016

9:00 AM Lit. + John Adrewshetsko; brothers and sisters
r/by Bobbie and Family

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

Monday, December 12, 2016

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. + Michael Stepash r/by Wife

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. + Patrick Beirne

r/by Andrew & Irene Laschuk

Thursday, December 15, 2016

7:30 AM Lit. + Mary Baralecki - Legate

Friday, December 16, 2016

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

Saturday, December 17, 2016

8:00 AM Lit. + Evhen Voytiv (20th Anniv.) r/by Family

5:00 PM Lit. + Mary Stek r/by Ann Marie Stek

Sunday Before Christmas, December 18, 2016

Epistle - Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40; Gospel - Mt 1:1-25

9:00 AM Lit. + John Jr., Mary, Charles Patulak

r/by John M. Patulak

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

St. Ann's Society meeting will be held today, December 11, in the church hall following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

Prospora (Holy Supper)

On the evening of Friday, January 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM, we will hold a Prospora, Holy Supper, the traditional Ukrainian Christmas Eve supper. This year again, our Prospora will be sponsored and organized by the men of the Holy Name Society. The menu will consist of meatless dishes and the Holy Name members will prepare the food. You don't need to bring a dish, but consider bringing fruits or dessert. There is no charge, but you must sign up by Sunday, January 1, 2017 so that we can set enough places for all. A sign-up sheet is in the church hall.

2017 Envelopes, Prospora Breads

Parish envelopes for next year and traditional Prospora breads will be available for pick-up in the church basement Dec. 17 and 18.

If you used envelopes in 2016, the envelopes will be labeled with your name and address. Please advise the office of any corrections or changes. We also have a number of unlabeled boxes should you wish to start using envelopes in 2017. To keep the parish records up-to-date, kindly include your name, address and phone number on the first few envelopes.


Christmas Program

Assumption Catholic School will hold their annual Christmas program on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the school auditorium. Please join us!

Thank you Parish Seniors

Assumption Parish is supported by parish organizations and people who place their faith and trust in God. Today, we would like to express thanks our Parish Seniors Organization for their generous gift of \$2,000.00 to our parish for Christmas. *Thank you, you always care for and support our Parish programs and ministries.* They raised this money by organizing fundraising trips to Atlantic City. Thank you to Joan and Eleanor and all members for their kindness and may God bless you for your generosity.

Getting Married is an exciting time in life and we are very happy to guide you. If you are planning to marry at Assumption Church in 2017, please talk to Fr. Ivan. All couples planning to get married this coming year must attend a PRE-CANA Program. Please note that Pre-Cana courses are held only once a year at St. John's Catholic Church in Newark, NJ and this year it will be on the weekend of March 25th & 26th. Pre Cana is a prerequisite for all those who want to have their wedding here at Assumption.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE **Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

5:00 PM - Children's Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

10:30 PM - Great Complines (Eng.)

11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)

11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Monday, December 26 - Synaxis of the Mother of God

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng)

Tuesday, December 27 - Feast of St. Stephen

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng)

Today: HOLY FOREFATHERS OF CHRIST

The Sunday that falls between December 11th -17th is known as the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers. These are the ancestors of Christ according to the flesh, who lived before the Law and under the Law; special commemoration is made of the Patriarch Abraham, to whom the promise was first given, when God said to him, "In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 22:18). This promise was given some two thousand years before Christ, when Abraham was seventy-five years of age. God called him and commanded him to forsake his country, parents, and kinsmen, and to depart to the land of the Canaanites. When he arrived there, God told him, "I will give this land to thy seed" (Gen. 12:7); for this cause, that land was called the "Promised Land," which later became the country of the Hebrew people, and which is also called Palestine by historians. There, after the passage of twenty-four years, Abraham received God's law concerning circumcision. In the one hundredth year of his life, when Sarah was in her ninetieth year, they became the parents of Isaac. Having lived 175 years altogether, he reposed in peace, a venerable elder full of days.

PLEASE NOTE: Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "Liturgy" means work of the people which means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter into our hearts. Please remember that in our church, Holy Communion is only for practicing Catholics who have prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, recent confession, and who arrive on time for the Liturgy (before the Epistle and Gospel readings), and are at peace with everyone.

Thank You!

Sincere thanks to all men of the Holy Name Society who came and worked hard on decorating our Church in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Christ. Thank you all and God bless!

What to Do This Christmas

Mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Keep a promise. Find the time. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again.

Christmas Schedules

For the convenience of all the faithful, the schedules of parish Christmas services in all the parishes and missions of the Philadelphia Archeparchy have been posted on our Archieparchial website. The link is:

http://www.ukrarcheparchy.us/way/2016_Archeprarchy_of_Philadelphia_Christmas_Schedules.pdf

Kindly use this reference during this Christmas season, which is especially helpful if you are travelling. Please share this website with your relatives, friends and neighbors. Extend an invitation with everyone to "Come Home for Christmas" to celebrate the joyous birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with our parish families.

Metropolitan-Archbishop Stefan Soroka's Come Home for Christmas Greeting Video.

English: <https://youtu.be/YAfTT27HhCI>

Ukrainian: <https://youtu.be/t6aqoo2y5qQ>