

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**Sunday Before Christmas, December 18, 2016**

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

**Monday, December 19, 2016**

7:30 AM Lit. + Anastasia Yurechko (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
r/by Joseph and Olga Yurechko

**Tuesday, December 20, 2016**

7:30 AM Lit. + Barbara Zakanyycz  
r/by Putykewycz Family

**Wednesday, December 21, 2016**

7:30 AM Lit. + Marta Shevchuk  
r/by Dn. Paul & Anna Makar

**Thursday, December 22, 2016**

7:30 AM Lit. + Eva & George Radich - Legate

**Friday, December 23, 2016**

8:00 AM Lit. Health of Ruslana r/by Alla Korostil

**Saturday Before Christmas, December 24, 2016**

5:00 PM Lit. + Children’s Divine Liturgy (English)  
10:30 PM - Great Complines (English)  
11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (English)

**Christmas, Birth of Our Lord, December 25, 2016**

*Epistle - Gal 4:4-7; Gospel - Mt 2:1-12*

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)  
For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:30 AM Divine Liturgy (English)



**Come celebrate the Nativity with your parish family!**

With all the hustle and bustle that revolves around Christmas and with all the temptations to spend the day “doing our own thing”, let’s not forget that Christmas is not just a holiday but more importantly a Holy Day that belongs to the Lord Jesus. Be with Christ on Christmas in the church. This Christmas, I join Archbishop Stefan in extending an invitation to all of you, along with your family and friends, to come home to our parish church. Our parish is our spiritual home. Please join us in celebrating the Birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On Christmas Day, the altar becomes our Bethlehem, and our hearts become His manger - the place where He is born. Come to the stable, come back to your family. Bring your friends and neighbors, for they are your brothers and sisters, too. There is room for all. Come back, not just for Christmas, but to stay. *Fr. Ivan Turyk - Pastor*

**Parish Christmas Concert.**

On Sunday, January 8, 2017 after the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy our parish children and choir “Boyan” will have a Christmas concert downstairs in our hall. Please plan to attend and to hear the old traditional Ukrainian Christmas Carols being sung and see our young parishioners perform. If you have a child who is interested in participating in the concert by reciting a poem, in English or Ukrainian, please call or talk with Fr. Ivan, so we can include him/her in the program.

**CHRISTMAS CARD AND SCHEDULE** was mailed to all members of our parish. If you did not receive one it is probably because you are not on our parish list. Let Father know, so we can add your name to our parish family.

**Prospophora Bread**

Our traditional Christmas Eve Supper Prospophora Breads will be distributed after liturgies this weekend. We thank Sr. Yosaphata and Sr. Thomas for baking the bread. Your donation for the prospophora bread is a gift to Sisters for Christmas.

**Christ is born! Glorify Him!**

During the celebration of Christmas, it is the custom of Christians to greet one another with the joyous exclamation, “Christ is born!”, to which the one greeted responds, “Glorify Him!” or in Ukrainian “Христос рождається! Славимо Його!”

**Fast Free Period**

During the twelve days of Christmas, Dec. 25th, through Theophany, Jan. 6th, we do not fast, even on Wednesday and Fridays. A one-day fast is observed on January 5th, the Eve of Theophany.

**SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS:**

Remembering our own Family-tree.

As we prepare for Christmas (only days away), the gospel today presents to us God’s preparation for Christmas: 52 generations of people, who span almost 2000 years of history, from Abraham to the birth of Christ! To us the genealogy list may seem to be just a list of foreign names difficult to pronounce. But to God, this list is very interesting! It is a whole line of living people, all of whom God knows personally by name! He formed each and every one of them from the moment of conception and He knows everything that there is to know about them. As Christians, we remember our ancestors because they are part of us. To remember our family and our family roots is to affirm our humanity; likewise, to overlook our family connections is to diminish our humanity. As we remember the ancestors of our Lord, He in turn look upon us and He remembers our own ancestors, especially those who are in need of His mercy to complete their journey home.

**Prospophora (Holy Supper)**

On the evening of Friday, January 6, 2017 at 7:00 PM, we will hold a Prospophora, Holy Supper, the traditional Ukrainian Christmas Eve supper. This year again, our Prospophora 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. St. Ann Society ladies will provide the 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 Church Envelopes**

Parish envelopes for 2017 are available for pick-up in the church hall. Wall calendars have been delayed and will be put out when we receive them.

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!

**Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund**

\$1,000.00 - Ernest Moryan in memory of wife,  
+ ANNA MORYAN

**Donation to Church Building Fund**

\$200.00 - Ernest Moryan, in memory of  
+ GEORGE LADAY, JR.

**Donation to School**

\$500.00 - Rozalia Czaban, in memory of  
+ CZABAN & ANDRUSEZKO FAMILY

**Children’s Divine Liturgy - Christmas Eve**

On Saturday evening, children who wish to participate in the procession for the 5:00 pm Liturgy are asked to gather in the church hall five minutes before Liturgy. All children are encouraged to participate!