

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, March 5, 2017**

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Glenys Romanko r/by Children

**Monday, March 6, 2017**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (English)

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017**

8:45 AM - Lit. + Michael Blyskun r/by Family

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

**Thursday, March 9, 2017**

6:30 PM - Moleben and Anointing with Holy Oil

**Friday, March 10, 2017**

6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM Lit. + Deceased in Hutnick/Kataryniak Family  
- Legate**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, March 12, 2017**

Epistle - Heb 1:10-2:3; Gospel - Mk 2:1-12

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Suto Family r/by Palya Family

**Gift Auction Today!**

The St. Ann Society sponsored Gift Auction will be held today, March 5, 2017 at Assumption Catholic School Auditorium. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. and auction starts at 2:00 p.m. Admission is \$10. Complimentary Cake and Coffee. More than 10 ways to win at this Raffle Rodeo, featuring a 55" Samsung Smart TV, Xbox One, and Apple Watch. The kitchen will be open for lunch with a *COUNTRY KITCHEN MENU*. No outside food please. Tickets are available at the door.

**Holy Name Society**

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, at 8:00 PM following Stations of the Cross and Bible Study.

**Sviachene Meeting**

On Wednesday, March 8 following the 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian), a meeting will be held in the church hall to discuss the upcoming Easter Dinner date and menu. All parish organizations are asked to send representatives to the meeting.

**Senior Citizens Club**

A meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9 at 12:00 PM in the church hall.

**Lenten Bible-Liturgy Studies 2017**

Join us as we explore what we believe, why we believe it, and why it matters. The class will be held every Tuesday throughout the season of the Great Lent after Stations of the Cross.

**Donations to Church****In Memory of + SOPHIE SLAWINSKI:**

\$200.00 - Vasyl Bahlay &amp; Family

\$100.00 - Raymond and Irene Cholewka

\$100.00 - William Cholewka and Karen O'Brien

\$75.00 - Dr. Katherine Granelli

\$25.00 - Laura Chait

\$25.00 - Claudia and John Bonavita

\$25.00 - Constance and Anthony Gilman

**Cemetery Clean-Up**

Thank you to Mark Boyko and his crew for doing an excellent job with a spring cleanup of our cemetery. The parish paid for the big dumpster and the cleaning crew has removed old bushes, Christmas wreaths, plastic flowers, vases, borders (if broken), etc. Please be aware that no artificial flowers or plants with wire are permitted on our cemetery. This regulation is stated for insurance compliance. Thank you for your cooperation.

More work is planned to level uneven areas, fill in holes, etc. Please be aware that grass will be replanted in these areas as weather permits.

**Relics of Ukrainian Martyr in our Parish**

From as early as anyone can tell, Christians preserved the bones and other relics of saints and martyrs. That may appear to be an odd practice, but remember that in the Old Testament a dead man came back to life when his body was put in the grave of the Prophet Elisha and touched his bones. God worked many miracles through the touch of the hands of the Apostles in Acts—and even through the aprons and handkerchiefs of St. Paul and the shadow of St. Peter. In each of these instances God has brought about a healing using a material object. The vehicle for the healing was the touching of that object. It is very important to note, however, that the cause of the healing is God; the relics are a means through which He acts. In other words, relics are not magic. They do not contain a power that is their own; a power separate from God. Any good that comes about through a relic is God's doing. But the fact that God chooses to use the relics of saints to work healing and miracles tells us that He wants to draw our attention to the saints as "models and intercessors" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 828).

This week until Friday, March 10, we will host the relic and an icon of Blessed Bishop-Martyr Mykola Charnetsky for special veneration. Blessed Bishop-Martyr Charnetsky, known as "*the healer of souls*" was beatified by St. John Paul II on June 27, 2001 in Lviv, Ukraine. Many personal testimonies are recorded of miraculous healings through his intercession. All the faithful are invited and encouraged to attend this service and to bring their intentions for healing through the intercession of Blessed Bishop Mykola. A special Moleben Prayer and Healing Service before a relic of the martyr will be held in our parish on Thursday, Mar. 9th at 6:30 pm. After the service the faithful will be anointed with the holy oil of healing.

**"Bitter Harvest" Movie**

The film, "Bitter Harvest" opened in theatres throughout the United States on Friday, February 24. Set between the two World Wars and based on true historical events, BITTER HARVEST conveys the tragic story of the Holodomor, the genocidal famine engineered by the tyrant Joseph Stalin that resulted in the starvation of 7-10 million Ukrainians. The film displays a powerful tale of love, honour, rebellion and survival at a time when Ukraine was forced to adjust to the horrifying territorial ambitions of the burgeoning Soviet Union. With an exceptional cast of established and rising stars, the film epically recreates one of the most dramatic and dangerous episodes in the history of 20th Century Europe.

Set in 1930's Ukraine, as Stalin advances the ambitions of communists in the Kremlin, young artist Yuri battles to save his lover Natalka from the Holodomor, the death-by-starvation program that ultimately killed millions of Ukrainians. I am kindly asking you to attend a screening in a local movie theatre. Please go to [www.fandango.com](http://www.fandango.com) and look for the closest theater to you where this movie is shown. In a certain sense, we have a special obligation to support those who invested their time, talents and resources to create and share this tragic story with the world. If we do not support these efforts in telling this tragic story of our Ukrainian people, who will?

**"SIX LITTLE STORIES"****(well worth your 30 seconds to read!)**

{1} Once all villagers decided to pray for rain.

On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

**That's FAITH**

{2} When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.

**That's TRUST.**

{3} Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up.

**That's HOPE.**

{4} We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

**That's CONFIDENCE.**

{5} We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.

**That's LOVE.**

{6} On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old

I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.'

**That's ATTITUDE.**

Have a happy Lent and live your life like the six stories.