Epistle - Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30; Gospel - Jn 4:5-42, FESTAL TONE

### **DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**

### <u>Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, May 14, 2017</u> Mother's Day

9:00 AM Lit. for Living Mothers of Our Parish 11:30 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Pan. + Deceased Mothers of Our Parish

Monday, May 15, 2017

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

7:30 AM Lit. + Mary Konyk - Legate

7:00 PM May Devotions to the Mother of God

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

7:30 AM Lit. + Mary Clements r/by Joyce Adamshick

Thursday, May 18, 2017

7:30 AM Lit. + Mykola r/by Nadiya Kalinchuk

Friday, May 19, 2017

8:45 AM Lit. + Goldie Kodan r/by Daughter, Arlene, and Grandchildren, George, Cindy, Steve

Saturday, May 20, 2017

8:00 AM Lit. Health of Christina Debarry r/by Larissa Wowk

5:00 PM Lit. + Francesco Pernice r/by Melanie & John

Sunday of the Man Born Blind, May 21, 2017

Epistle - Acts 16:16-34; Gospel - Jn 9:1-38

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners 11:30 AM Lit. + Palyla Family Members r/by Palyla Fam.

### Happy Mother's Day!

We extend to all mothers our love and gratitude for their never-ending and selfless love and care they show us. "In this beautiful world there is nothing more cherished, no duty more honorable, no responsibility more sacred, no task more difficult, than that of motherhood."

#### **May Devotions**

The month of May is devoted to our heavenly Mother, Mary. A Moleben service will be offered on Tuesdays in May, at 7:00 p.m. Come to church, join us in honoring her, who God first honored, by choosing her to be the Mother of His Son.

### Ukrainian Cultural Festival in Perth Amboy, NJ

On Saturday June 24, 2017 from 12 to 9 PM, our parish will be holding its Fourth Annual Ukrainian Cultural and Heritage Festival. The festival will feature performances of school and parish Ukrainian dancers at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. in the school hall. There will be delicious homemade Ukrainian food, Ukrainian beer, delicious desserts, vendors, a church tour, live music throughout the event, a beautiful baskets raffle, 50/50 money raffle. Admission to the festival is FREE.

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle have been mailed to all parishioners. The cost is \$1 per ticket or \$10 per book. Also included is a letter explaining how you can be a "Friend of the Festival." All donations will be printed in the Festival ad booklet if received by the deadline of May 28. If you know of any businesses or individuals who might be interested in taking out an ad in our Festival booklet, please speak to them and ask them to send their donation to the church address prior to the deadline. For information please call the rectory, 732-826-0767.

## ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES (or proud parents)

We'd like to recognize all our graduates in our bulletin. Please submit the name of your graduate, school and degree earned or school they are graduating from and college they will be attending. Email the information to assumptionchurch@verizon.net

# Church Grounds Work Day

The church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy, NJ enjoyed a profitable workday this past Saturday. The Lord gave beautiful weather with clear skies and warm temperatures. The men from the parish Holy Name Society came to help spread mulch around the church grounds and repair church signs. The posts on the signs were replaced with new ones. The work went quickly, and after taking some pictures we all enjoyed delicious coffee and donuts. Perhaps the best part of the day was the good fellowship enjoyed between the workers. Come and see our beautiful church and be part of our great parish family.

#### Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Pascha which deals with the woman of Samaria with whom Christ spoke at Jacob's Well. As we hear in the Gospel Reading for this Sunday (John 4:5-42), again the theme is the "living water" and the recognition of Jesus as God's Messiah. We are reminded today of our New Life in Him, of our own drinking of the "living water," of our own true worship of God in the Christian messianic age "in Spirit and in Truth." We see as well that salvation is offered to ALL: Jews and Gentiles, men and women, saints and sinners.

### An Evening of Prayer to the Blessed Mother of God

In response to the Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav, "The Vibrant Parish - a place to encounter the living Christ," that encourages parishes to become more vibrant by responding to the needs of the community, the Assumption Parish in Perth Amboy, NJ and members of St. Ann Society invited Catholic and non-Catholic women of Perth Amboy and neighboring communities to come together for the glory of God and to honor His Blessed Mother. Over 100 ladies attended the Moleben service in our beautiful church on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Many of these women had never even been in a Ukrainian Catholic Church before let alone attended a Moleben, but they followed in their booklets, prayed, and sang along with members of St. Ann Society. During the Moleben service Fr. Taras Svirchuk., C.Ss.R. Pastor of St. John's parish in Newark, NJ offered an inspiring reflection on "Mary in the Gospel of St. Luke." emphasized that Luke's Gospel has much more information about Mary than the other three do. He also pointed out that St. Luke gives us a very intimate portrait of her, showing her initial surprise at the arrival of the angel Gabriel and her subsequent acceptance of her role as the Mother of the Savior. Luke also includes the story of Mary visiting her pregnant cousin Elizabeth, which gives us a rare glimpse into female friendship and familial support, and he alone has the beautiful "Magnificat," Mary's hymn of praise. Following the prayerful component of the evening, Rev. Ivan Turyk, pastor of Assumption Church and spiritual advisor to St. Ann Society invited all parishioners and guests for refreshments in the parish hall that were prepared by members of St. Ann under direction and leadership of Mrs. Melanie Fedynyshyn, president of St. Ann Society of Assumption parish. Woman's Evening of Prayer was a success and provided an opportunity for women to learn about Blessed Mary (the Theotokos) and her role in our Salvation and strengthen their ties with other Christian women as they pray together. All agreed that this evening of Marian Devotion have provided nourishment for both body and soul. Thanks to all who helped make the occasion such a success.

### Festival Basket Raffle

Please consider donating a new item for our large themed baskets for the Festival Raffle. Some suggestions include kitchen tools or small appliances, electronics, jewelry, designer bags, items for the 'basket of cheer,' sporting goods and gift certificates. If you are unable to donate items for a basket but would still like to help, your monetary donations will be appreciated. No amount is too small!

You can bring your donation to the rectory, drop items off at the school auditorium on bingo nights, or bring your item to church on Sunday.

## "Friends of the Festival"

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