

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****21<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Oct. 29, 2017**

9:00 AM Lit. + Dora Hladych r/by Daughters

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

**Monday, October 30, 2017**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Tuesday, October 31, 2017**

7:30 AM Lit. + Maria Kosinka r/by Mariia Kichula

**Wednesday, November 1, 2017**

7:30 AM Lit. + Joseph Melnykevich - Legate

**Thursday, November 2, 2017**

7:30 AM Lit. + John &amp; Goldie Kodan r/by daughter, Arlene, and grandchildren, George, Cindy, Steve

**Friday, November 3, 2017**

8:45 AM Lit. + Percio Hernandez r/by ACS Community

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**

8:00 AM Lit. + John and Mary Konyk - Legate

5:00 PM Lit. + Michael Clements r/by Joyce Adamshick

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, November 5, 2017**

Epistle - Gal 6:11-18; Gospel - Lk 8:41-56

9:00 AM Lit. + Anatole Wowk r/by Wife, Ulana

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

**Autumn Breakfast Buffet**

The Holy Name Society will sponsor an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Assumption Catholic School cafeteria, 380 Meredith St., Perth Amboy, NJ. Tickets are available following liturgies or by calling Charlie Boyko at 732-254-3966. Adults, \$10; teens 12-17, \$5.

**Christmas Bazaar and Gift Auction - November 12**

Assumption Catholic School will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar and Gift Auction on Sunday, November 12, 2017 in the school auditorium, 380 Meredith St., Perth Amboy, NJ, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Gift Auction is sponsored by the school FSA and will feature great prizes: iPad, Large HDTV, Disney Hopper Passes, NJ Devils Suite and much more. There will be homemade traditional ethnic foods, 50/50, Wheels of Chance, games, vendors and crafts. The admission is FREE.

**Daylight Savings Time - Sunday, November 5, 2017**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 5, otherwise you will be early for the divine Liturgy (of course, worse things can happen).

**Calendar Dinner Dance**

Over 250 parishioners and guests attended the parish dance last Saturday and all seemed to have lots of fun. The hall, the food, the music, the games, and most importantly the company were all superb! The event would not have been such a success without the tremendous efforts of St. Ann Society members who sponsored the Dance and the many volunteers, family and friends that lent a helping hand. All in all it was another fun filled and friendly dinner and dance.

**Basic Guidelines For Reception Of Holy Communion**

1. You are a member of the Catholic Church
2. You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently.
3. You attend Divine Services regularly.
4. Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church.
5. You have kept the Liturgical fast - no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast).
6. You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.
7. To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.

**Technology Donation**

Thank you to ACS alumni, Ms. Lynnette Dortrait (our Principal Mrs. Lissette Shumny's sister) for running a half marathon and donating \$1,050 to the ACS Technology Fund. Thanks again for your generosity and support.

**Today's Gospel**

In today's Gospel story we see the power of God, and how by a word He can cast out demons. We see the ultimate powerlessness of the demons. We see how fearful they are of our savior, and we see how incredibly evil they are toward man and even unto beasts. We also see something that should make us fear, so that we do not become like these people - we see the brutishness, the swinishness of unbelievers. It is amazing how these people reacted to a great miracle in their midst. And there is another lesson here, a terrible lesson, a necessary lesson in free will. God created us so that we would know Him, but He has not forced us to follow His commandments. Some choose to follow His commandments, and some choose to ask Him to leave. He will indeed leave those who ask Him to leave.

**Venerable Andrey Sheptytsky**

On this Wednesday, November 1st, we commemorate the 67th Anniversary of the passing away of the Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky. Make sure to stop by and view the display from the life of this great Church Hierarch which will be available in our Church hall - NEXT Saturday and Sunday after each Liturgy.

In 2015, Pope Francis signed a decree declaring "venerable" Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, who led the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the tumultuous period of both world wars and at the beginning of Soviet occupation. The Pope signed the decree recognizing that Metropolitan Sheptytsky heroically lived a life of Christian virtue. The recognition is an initial step in the sainthood process; the Vatican would have to recognize a miracle attributed to his intercession in order for a beatification ceremony to be scheduled. Metropolitan Sheptytsky led the Ukrainian Catholic Church from 1901 until his death in 1944. During his leadership Ukraine and its people were ruled by seven different regimes: Austrian, Russian, Ukrainian, Polish, Soviet, Nazi, and finally, the Soviets again. He died on November 1, 1944, just four months after the Soviets took definitive control of Lviv. Bishop Gudziak said: "The Soviets did not liquidate the Greek Catholic Church while he was alive." The metropolitan's stature was such that they permitted a public funeral for him, but five months after his death, they arrested all the bishops and moved toward declaring the Ukrainian Catholic Church illegal.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

*Why is 3 a.m. known as "the devil's hour"?*

Horror movies and paranormal TV shows frequently talk about the "devil's hour." Depending on the source this can be referring to the time between from 3 a.m. to 4 a.m. or the hours between midnight and 3 a.m. In either case, many claim that the devil is most powerful during this time period. This idea seems to have sprung from the awareness that Satan loves to mock God.

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke tell us that Jesus died during the "the ninth hour." In modern calculation this would be 3 p.m. According to this idea, Satan then flips the symbolism on its head by taking for himself 3 a.m., in direct mockery of God. Another reason that this time is considered a source of unusually high demonic activity is the fact that it is in the middle of the night; the sun has long been set and will not rise for a few more hours. Scripture repeatedly refers to night and darkness as a time of sin.

Also, Jesus was betrayed by Judas during the night (sometimes thought to be at midnight) and Peter denied Jesus before the "cock crowed" (about 6 a.m.). This would mean Jesus' "trial" before the Sanhedrin occurred during the "devil's hour."

There is a little biology operating here, too, as 3 a.m. marks the point of deepest nighttime sleepiness in the normal adult sleep-wake cycle. To awaken or be awakened at the hour can unsettle our circadian rhythms and make us feel low or anxious. Many have a personal practice of saying a few prayers if they wake up at 3 a.m. But remember, no matter what the time of day, God is always more powerful than Satan, and remains the "light of the world" that will shatter any darkness.