

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday Before Christmas, December 24, 2017**

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

11:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

**Christmas Eve**

4:00 PM - Children's Divine Liturgy (English)

10:30 PM - Great Compline (English)

11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (English)

Christmas, Birth of our Lord, December 25, 2017

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)

Tuesday, December 26, 2017**Synaxis of the Theotokos**

9:00 AM Lit. Health & Blessings, Anton Stremskiy

Wednesday, December 27, 2017**Feast of St. Stephen, Protomartyr**

9:00 AM Lit. + Stefan Revutskiy r/by Myroslava K.

Thursday, December 28, 2017

8:00 AM Lit. Special Intention Lidia Vorobets

Friday, December 29, 2017

8:00 AM Lit. + Stefan Palyla; Parasha Lykosh

r/by Palyla Family

Saturday, December 30, 2017

No Morning Liturgy

5:00 PM Lit. + Myron Pruss r/by Fr. Roman Dubitsky

Sunday After Christmas, December 31, 2017

Epistle - Gal 1:11-19; Gospel - Mt 2:13-23

9:00 AM + Harry Sefczek r/by Nick Lyszyk

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

Christmas Blessings!*Blessed Christmas to you all!**We warmly welcome all who have come today to celebrate this glorious Feast of Nativity.**We welcome the stranger, the traveler and guest!**We welcome our students' home from college for a good winter's rest!**We welcome parishioners who moved far away but join us today as old friends and guests!**We welcome all who have not been active of late in their Catholic faith; and hope they will find new hope and inspiration this Christmas to come back again and again!**We welcome our faithful parishioners, loyal and true; may the Lord bless you for all you do! Welcome to all!**May our gathering this day gladden our hearts and deepen our bonds.**With love in the New-born Savior,**Fr. Ivan Turyk, Pastor, and Deacon Paul Makar***Children's Divine Liturgy - Christmas Eve**

On Sunday evening, children who wish to participate in the procession for the 4:00 pm Liturgy are asked to gather in the church hall ten minutes before Liturgy. All children are encouraged to participate in procession!

2018 Church Envelopes and Calendars

Parish envelopes and calendars for 2018 are available for pick-up in the church hall starting today. If you used envelopes in 2017, the envelopes will be labeled with your name and address. Please advise the office of any corrections or changes.

Donation of Dalmatics

\$500.00 - For Deacon Dalmatics, by Rajszyk Family

In Memory of + JAN and ZOFIA RAJSZYK

Prospora (Holy Supper)

On the evening of Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM, we will hold a Prospora, Holy Supper, the traditional Ukrainian Christmas Eve supper. This year again, our Prospora will be organized by the men of the Holy Name Society with a menu consisting of meatless dishes. There is no charge, but donations will be appreciated on the day of event. If you are planning to come you must sign up by Sunday, December 31, 2017 so that we can set enough places for all. A sign-up sheet is in the church hall.

Christmas Confessions this Weekend

To provide our parishioners the opportunity to more deeply prepare spiritually for the Birth of Our Lord, we will have the Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) available on Saturday-Sunday, December 23-24. Fr. Taras Kchik, a Redemptorist priest from Canada, will hear confessions before and throughout all Liturgies.

2018 Ukrainian Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

You are cordially invited to join St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ, on a once-in-a-lifetime journey following in the footsteps of Jesus with an opportunity to celebrate our Divine Liturgy at sacred places along the way. **WHAT'S THE COST?** Land and Air \$3195.00, Land Only \$2495.00, Single Supplement \$695.00. **Trip dates: October 14 - 23, 2018.** For a brochure or further information contact Annette@select-intl.com, by phone 1-800-842-4842, 973-471-9727 or on Facebook, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic.

ACS Hosts Annual Christmas Concert

Students in Pre-K through Grade 8 sang Christmas Carols and told the story of the birth of Jesus Christ at the ACS Annual Christmas concert. The terrific show was directed by music teacher, Miss Anna Lawrence and Mrs. Melanie Lawrence. All in attendance agreed the performance was a great way to kick off the holiday season and the children truly enjoyed entertaining the packed auditorium. The school staff did an amazing job, and the Christmas songs, the costumes and the true message of Christmas all came through. The show concluded with pastor Fr. Ivan Turyk thanking all of the teachers involved and wishing all a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Children! There will be Christmas ornaments, gifts for the children of our parish, in a basket near the manger. Children may take one per child on Christmas Eve.

Daily Prayer Books, a gift to our parishioners from Fr. Ivan will be in the church vestibule for Christmas. Please take one.

Sincere Sympathies

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of +TEKLA LEWKOWICZ who was recently called to her eternal reward.

ACS Technology Fund Donation

\$500.00 - Beverly Sarpa

Getting Married in 2018?

As every year, our parish is sponsoring a PRECANA Program for all those who plan to get married this coming year. Please note that PreCana courses are offered only once a year and this year it will be on the weekend of March 10th & 11th at St. John's Catholic Church in Newark, NJ. PreCana is a prerequisite for all those who want to have their wedding here at Assumption. Please talk to Fr. Ivan so we can register you as soon as possible.

Who Started Christmas?

A young mother was dragging two whining children through the mall a few days before Christmas. Her arms were loaded with packages, the children wanted everything they saw, and they still had four more stops before heading home.

The mother managed to crowd her small kids onto the mall elevator and took a deep breath. As the doors closed in front of her, she couldn't take it anymore and stated, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up, and shot."

From the back of the car everyone heard a quiet calm voice respond, "Don't worry, we already crucified him." For the rest of the trip down the elevator it was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, don't forget this year to keep the One who started this whole Christmas thing in your every thought, deed, purchase, and word. If we all would, just think how much better this world would be.