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

Sunday of Zacchaeus, January 14, 2018

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners 11:30 AM Lit + Rose Ann Rudy r/by St. Ann Society

Monday, January 15, 2018

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

7:30 AM Lit. + Kevin - Alla Korostil

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

7:30 AM Lit. + John Adamshick r/by Joyce, Bill, Mike

Thursday, January 18, 2018

7:30 AM Lit. + Tekla Lewkowicz

r/by Yosep & Oksana Lyudera

Friday, January 19, 2018

8:45 AM Lit. + John Kopi - Legate

Saturday, January 20, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Emil Dochych r/by Wife, Irene

5:00 PM Lit. + Anna & Dmytro Pikus r/by Ann Marie Stek

The Publican and Pharisee, January 21, 2018

Epistle - 2 Tim 3:10-15; Gospel - Lk 18:10-14

9:00 AM Lit. + Maria Podolsky; Emil & Olha Karas

r/by Oksana & Bohdan Kuzyszyn

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

#### **Theophany Home Blessing**

It is a Ukrainian custom to bless homes with holy water at this time of year. Fr. Ivan would like to come to your home after Theophany to bless your home and pray for the health of the family. We bless homes to reveal the home as what God created it to be, a way to heaven; to rid the home of every evil; to show that the family is a small church unit in Christ; to consecrate the home and all activity in it to God; and to fill the home and all who live in it with the fullness of God. The traditional home blessings are by request only, and will take place only until Sunday February 4. If you wish to have your home blessed, please sign the sheet in the church vestibule or call the rectory at 732-826-0767.

# St. Ann Society Meeting - Next Sunday!

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 21 after the 11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy.

# St. Ann Society Gift Auction

The annual Gift Auction will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2018. Mark your calendars!

Members are reminded that gifts for the auction may be dropped off at Bingo on Wednesday or Friday evenings. Small items may be dropped off at the rectory office during the day (call 732-826-0767).

### Christmas Concert in Philadelphia

Annual Festival of Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 3 p.m. at the Ukrainian Catholic Archieparchial Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Choirs from different parishes will participate. Everyone is welcome. Our famous choir "Boyan" will participate at the concert.

## Prosphora - Holy Supper

On Christmas Eve, January 6, 2018, Assumption parish sponsored a traditional Holy Supper (*Sviaty Vechir*) for all parishioners and guests. Many tasty lenten dishes were prepared and shared. Filled with the spirit of the carols and poetry, more than 150 people truly enjoyed traditional Christmas foods in anticipation of Christ's birth. Thank you to the Holy Name members for sponsoring this event and for preparing lenten foods for us to share during the Christmas Eve supper. Thank you to St. Ann Society for sponsoring baked goods for Prosphora. Our special thank you also goes to choir "Boyan" for leading us in caroling of Christmas songs.

### Celebrate Catholic Schools Week- You're Invited!

You are invited to the celebration of Catholic Schools Week at ACS (January 28th through February 3rd). Come experience our beautiful learning community, witness our academic excellence, and feel the presence of God that permeates all areas of our school. Join us at the 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy on Friday, February 2, celebrated by newly-ordained auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia, the Most Reverend Andriy Rabiy, followed by His Excellency visiting ACS students at the school.

There will also be an open house on Sunday January 28 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Light refreshments and school tours will be available for prospective students and their parents. Founded in 1963, Assumption Catholic School brings the tradition of high-quality Catholic Education to the city of Perth Amboy, NJ. AdvancEd accredited. STREAM curriculum integrates Religion into the STREAM content areas of Technology, Engineering, Science, Mathematics. The school provides a Christ-centered, Catholic environment to a diverse population of prekindergarten (age 4) through 8th-grade students. Before Care and After Care are available. Our Open House is a wonderful opportunity to meet the Pastor, the Principal and have a tour of the school by one of our current students. To receive more information about the school, call 732-826-8721 www.assumptioncatholicschool.net

#### **HOLY WATER**

The Church teaches that God created all things good, and that sin has invaded this good world with sickness and death. And part of the mission of the Church is to restore all things by the grace of God. This is why we have "holy water." It is a setting apart of water as a kind of act of restoration. It's mystically transforming water not into something magical, but it is restoring it to its Edenic dignity, and with this honor, it becomes another touch point of deeper communion with the Divine. We use it to bless ourselves, our homes, our cars, our pets, our food-virtually anything! Some people will take a sip of holy water first thing in the morning, others will put a small amount in their food when they cook. Others may take a small bottle while traveling to discretely sprinkle around while praying for the area and the people. It may be used generously. It is customary for clergy to set apart a sizable amount of water at Theophany (sometimes called Epiphany) in January, and the faithful will bring special containers to fill after the services. Should you need to dispose of holy water, it should be used to bless things, you should drink it, or you may pour it into the ground.

### **Donation to Church**

\$50.00 - Charlie, Ann, Mark Boyko, In Memory of + HELEN BOYKO

### **Generous Bequeath**

Assumption Church has received a donation in the amount of \$33,750.00 from the estate of the late WALTER FEDEYKO.

### Children Always Welcome In Church

Taking a child he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it Jesus said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:36-37 Let us always joyfully welcome and receive children into our parish, for in receiving them we receive God himself among us. A reminder to parents: ALL CHILDREN are to receive Holy Communion when they are present at Divine Liturgy—this is being practiced throughout our Archeparchy. Please don't deny your children the Body and Blood of Christ!