

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****35<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, January 27, 2019**

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Anna Baralecki r/by St. Ann Society

**Tuesday, January 29, 2019**

8:00 AM Lit. + Bennett r/by Mary Holutsa

**Wednesday, January 30, 2019****Three Holy Hierarchs**

8:00 AM Lit. + Frank Darytichen r/by Stefania Janiw

**Thursday, January 31, 2019**

8:00 AM Lit. + Douglas Ambrozewycz r/by ACS Faculty

**Friday, + February 1, 2019**

8:45 AM Lit. Special Intention Peter Zulin r/by ACS Faculty

**Saturday, February 2, 2019****Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon**

8:00 AM Lit. + Raisa Kuchirka r/by Daughter

5:00 PM Lit. + Anna Palyha, Steven Palyha

r/by Roman &amp; Cathy Ambrozewycz

**Sunday of Zacchaeus, February 3, 2019***Epistle - 1 Tim 4:9-15; Gospel - Lk 19:1-10*

9:00 AM Lit. + Teodor Worobel

r/by Daughter, Bobbie, and Family

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

**Assumption School's Open House this Sunday**

- January 27th, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
  - Come and win a FREE BRAND NEW CHROMEBOOK
- Two ways to earn Raffle Ticket for our Open House drawing:
- Earn 1 raffle ticket if you come to our open house with a parent.
  - Earn 3 raffle tickets if you invite a friend to tour ACS (you don't have to be present, but they must mention your name.) Your invited guest will also receive 3 raffle tickets and have a chance to win the Chromebook!

Drawing will be held at the end of the open house.

**Holy Name Society**

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 7:00 PM.

**St. Ann Society**

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 10, following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Light refreshments will be served. Members are reminded to bring Gift Auction prizes and grocery items *As Soon As Possible*, so that chairmen can plan their gift items. If you are donating a larger item, please contact the president or appropriate Level chairperson.

**Thank You**

A big Thank You to our Bingo Team who volunteer on Wednesday and Friday evenings at the school hall to raise funds for Assumption School. We had a fantastic year and on Sunday enjoyed a delicious dinner with the volunteers who donate their valuable time and make our bingo such a great success.

**Donation to Church**

\$500.00 - Christina &amp; Vitaliy Komunitskiy

**Blessing of Candles**

Candles are blessed on the Holy Day, Meeting of the Lord with Simeon, on February 2. The candles blessed this day are called "gromovicy" or thunder candles because they are kept in the home for use especially in time of thunderstorms to protect the house from being hit by lightning. They are also a protection against other natural calamities such as floods, fire and drought. After Liturgy, please take one (\$2) and light it at home during special needs.

**St. Ann Society Gift Auction**

The annual Gift Auction will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2019. Mark your calendars! Members or anyone wishing to make a donation are reminded that gifts for the auction may be dropped off at Bingo on Wednesday or Friday evenings. Items may also be dropped off at the rectory office during the day (call 732-826-0767) or in the church on Saturday or Sunday (leave in the counting room, mark for St. Ann Society).

**Feast of Theophany by the Julian Calendar**

Last Saturday, following the Divine Liturgy attended by over two hundred people, the Great Blessing of the Water took place at our parish. This year, the faithful celebrated this holy day outside the church and in front of a Cross that was carved from solid ice. The feast commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, as well as the manifestation of the Holy Trinity. It also marks the beginning of Christ's public ministry. Following the blessing of water, all the faithful were invited to the church hall to enjoy parish hospitality, homemade wine and a yummy shish-kebab luncheon. At the luncheon, \$3,600 was raised for the military medical center in Ukraine, where wounded Ukrainian soldiers are being treated. At the conclusion of the successful celebration we all felt that God approved our efforts by saying "You are my beloved sons and daughters, in you I am well pleased."

**Parish Choir "Boyan"**

Last Sunday, our parish choir "Boyan" professionally recorded a Christmas Carols CD that will be available to order very soon. Congratulations to choir's President, choir director and to all the members on the great success of bringing the beautiful voice of Ukrainian carols to all parts of the world. This is a fantastic achievement - well done everyone, and a big 'Thank you' to the director Mrs. Alla Korostil, who has led and inspired the choir. God bless you all and may you sing for God's glory for ever.

**ACS Middle School Students Send Their Love!**

In late November members of St. Mary's Ukrainian Parish of Carteret suffered the unthinkable loss of their beautiful church. Many of our older ACS students are from Carteret, so word traveled quickly through the classes. Students are also familiar with Father Vladyka, the pastor of St. Mary's, since he has given his time to our students for confessions. The Class of 2019 discussed what might be done to show support for St. Mary's parishioners. It was decided that they and their fellow middle school friends would take up a collection. Since it was right before St. Nicholas Day, they decided to collect nickels for St. Nicholas. They donated their own money as they arrived in science class each day, giving a nickel here, a dime there. Soon their nickels added up! The Classes of 2019, 2020, and 2021 presented Father Ivan a heavy box of change. Over three weeks they had collected over \$100. Father Ivan in turn presented the money to Father Vladyka on Christmas day. Students hope that Father Vladyka will be able to use their donations for something that will lift the spirits of his parish family.

**Marian Shrines and the Way of St. James (Sept. 4-17)**

Please join us as we trace the route pilgrims have walked since the middle ages---but do so in the the comfort of a private deluxe motor coach as we make our way through **France, Spain, and Portugal**. This two week tour includes 12 nights in conveniently located hotels, 12 breakfasts, 5 three-course dinners, and expert local guides. A private tour director will lead us through Lourdes, Fatima, and Santiago de Compostela. There will be an evening candlelit procession with the Rosary in Lourdes and in Fatima, services for healing of the sick, as well as an international Mass. Two nights in each of the pilgrimage sites will make it convenient and afford free time to explore. Other cities include: Toulouse (2), Zaragoza (1), Burgos (2), Leon (1), and Lisbon (2). Spirituality comes to the forefront on this memorable journey, but this culturally immersive tour will also include small town cafes, tapas pubs, market squares, the beauty of coastal and mountain scenery, and traditional meals in local restaurants. This is a pilgrimage of a lifetime. Departure is from Newark Liberty airport. Price with air: **\$4,008**. A deposit of \$300 will secure your spot. Call (732)213-5571, email [melaniep@comcast.net](mailto:melaniep@comcast.net), or visit: <https://grouptoursite.com/melaniefedynshyn> for additional information.

**St. Yosaphata** will be visiting here during Catholic Schools Week, from Monday Jan. 28 to Sunday, Feb. 3. She will be staying at the convent. If you wish to get in touch with her, call the rectory or school.