

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 31, 2019**

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Kenneth Frankel r/by Marie

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (English)

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

**Friday, April 5, 2019**8:45 AM Lit. + Michael, Sophie, John, Nicholas, Martha,  
John, Joseph, Steve Boyko-Yaremczak; John, Anna,  
Stan Kmiec - Legate

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Saturday, April 6, 2019**

9:00 AM Lit. Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM Lit. + Walter Melnykevich r/by Family

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, April 7, 2019**

Epistle - Heb 9:11-14; Gospel - Mk 10:32-45

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Luigi &amp; Italia Iacuzio r/by Ralph &amp; Caterina

**Thank You.**

Last Saturday and Sunday, the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Sr. Romana and Sr. Francis, visited Assumption parish to raise funds for the restoration of Holy Cross Convent in Slovita, Lviv region, Ukraine which was confiscated by the Soviet government in 1948. The convent has more than 400 years of history and used to be instrumental in educating children, which is still remembered by the locals. Until quite recently the premises of the convent were used as a tuberculosis dispensary. On July 10, 2018, the building of the convent, which needs complete reconstructing and repairing, has been reclaimed as the ownership of the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great. In Slovita, sisters intend to establish an institution for elderly people, since this area of social services is unfortunately, neglected in Ukraine, while needs are great. Sisters are very grateful for donations of \$2,400 from parishioners and \$500 from Assumption parish for the convent restoration.

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (English)

After Stations, Fr. Ivan will have a presentation on the meaning of the Liturgical vestments and on the importance of the first part of Divine Liturgy, Proskomedia.

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian),

Features beautiful background music and meditations by a visiting priest, Fr. Bohdan.

**Inauguration of the Ministry  
of Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak**

- Tuesday, June 4, 2019: Enthronement
- 11:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy presided by His Beatitude Sviatoslav and Enthronement.
- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Reception for all on the Cathedral grounds. After the Divine Liturgy, the bishops are invited to spend time with the faithful.
- 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Artistic/concert program
- 6:00 pm Hierarchical Vespers

Our parish will have a bus for this historic event. The bus will leave Assumption parish on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. and leave Philadelphia at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in going, please call the rectory at 732-826-0767 to book a seat before we place the registration form at the back of the church. The cost is \$10 per person.

**Women's Evening of Prayer**

On Tuesday evening, May 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., the ladies from St. Ann's Society invite all ladies from our parish to participate in a Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God, followed by a homily "Blessed are the pure of heart: The life of Mary" preached by Very Rev. John Seniv, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Church in Northampton, PA. It is our hope that you will join us not only in these prayerful devotions, but also in fellowship afterwards in our church hall as guests for refreshments.

**Stewardship Reflection St. John Climacus**

This Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Great Lent, we reflect upon the teachings of St. John Climacus or St. John of the Ladder. In his famous work known as The Ladder of Divine Ascent, St. John writes how our life can be perfected in a union with Christ. He illustrates 30 steps that are necessary to reach Jesus and the Kingdom of God. Through these steps, we make changes in our lives that help us to become Christ-like, to experience Orthodox Christian perfection which is to live just as Jesus did. At work or school, everyone discusses the newest and latest self-help books... identifying ways in which you can grow rich, put your kids through college, make thousands of dollars working at home. However, one of the only books that identifies our daily struggle and work for our salvation is the Ladder of Divine Ascent. The common theme we have heard throughout Lent this year is that we will be judged by our works. As we pass the mid point of Great Lent, let us refocus our Stewardship efforts on our Time, Talents and Treasures. Pray and consider how we can make a difference and let's remember St. John's guidance that we "live just as Jesus did" and exercise all of the gifts that God has provided to us.

*Holy Father John, with rivers of tears you have made the barren desert bloom, and with heartfelt sighing of repentance you have made your labors bear fruit a hundredfold. O Saint, pray to Christ our God for the Salvation of our souls.*

**School Lenten Day of Reflection**

For 7th and 8th grade students of:

Assumption Catholic School, Perth Amboy, NJ

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School, Minersville, PA

St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic School, Passaic, NJ

Friday, April 5, 2019 at Assumption Parish, there will be a Divine Liturgy at 8:45 a.m. All are welcome for the Liturgy! Retreat Master: Very Rev. Robert Hitchens, Rector of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, Washington.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to MEADOW ELIZABETH COLFER, daughter of Christopher and Kerri (Wasson) Colfer, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

**Sale of Ukrainian Items, April 6 and 7**

Lyubov Yesyp from Elizabeth, NJ will be visiting our parish on Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7, with a large selection of Ukrainian books both in English and Ukrainian, CD's, DVD's, Maps of Ukraine, Greeting Cards, Jewelry imported from Ukraine, mugs, embroidery, shirts, scarfs, magnets and much more. The focus of the display is Paschal, and includes pysanky, wooden eggs, egg wraps, hand embroidered basket covers, and books on how to celebrate an Ukrainian Easter. Visit her in the church hall after liturgies.

**Holy Name Society** meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2 following Stations of the Cross.

**The Mystery of Lenten Confession**

The Mystery of Confession should be received by all faithful Christians on a regular basis or whenever the conscience is burdened, and at the very least during the Great Fast and Pascha season. NEXT SATURDAY, April 6, from 4-6 p.m. Fr. John Zeyack will be available for confession for all English-speaking parishioners. Please, use this opportunity before Easter.

**Thank you.**

The Paint and Sip party at ACS was a huge success! Thanks to all that participated, especially the school's FSA for organizing. A great thank you also goes to Investors Bank from Perth Amboy, NJ for being the main sponsor of the event.

**First Penance and Communion**

Parents of this year's communicants, please get back to us with the number of guests that are coming for the Communion Breakfast.