

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Sunday of the Paralytic Man, May 12, 2019**

9:00 AM - Lit. Living Mothers of Our Parish  
- Pan. + Deceased Mothers of Our Parish

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

**Tuesday, May 14, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Deceased Family Members  
r/by Maria Dzeva

6:30 PM - Devotions to the Mother of God

**Wednesday, May 15, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Michael Shary r/by Tom Dochych

**Thursday, May 16, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Zenoviy Slomushynsky r/by Family

**Friday, May 17, 2019**

8:45 AM - Lit. + Sal Zagari r/by ACS Faculty

**Saturday, May 18, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Wolodymyr & Tekla Lewkowicz  
r/by Ann & Roger Allen

5:00 PM - Lit. + Paraska & Steven Palyla r/by Palyla Family

**Sunday of the Samaritan Woman, May 19, 2019**

*Epistle - Acts 11:19-26 & 29-30; Gospel - Jn 4:5-42*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Helen & Stephen Hutnick  
r/by Daughter, Eleanor

**Women's Evening of Prayer**

by Melanie Fedynychyn

The St. Ann Society of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy sponsored a Women's Evening of Prayer on May 7, 2019. Catholic women from the surrounding communities joined together with Assumption parishioners who participated with fervent and prayerful song in a Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God with responses sung alternately in both English and Ukrainian. The homilist for the evening was Very Rev. John Seniw, pastor of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Northampton, PA., who offered his meditation on Blessed are the poor of heart: The life of Mary.

The members of Altar Rosary Societies, Ladies Guilds, and Sisterhoods of numerous Roman Catholic parishes joined with Assumption parishioners in contemplation of how Mary's life is a reflection of what her Divine Son teaches in each of The Beatitudes. For those who were not familiar with the Theotokos of the Eastern Church, Father's informative homily explained how, in the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the Bohoroditsya is revered and not worshipped, as many misinformed Protestant Christians believe. He also explained the Marian dogmas as proclaimed in Church Councils, including the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption. At the conclusion, Fr. Ivan Turyk, pastor of Assumption Church and spiritual advisor of St. Ann Society, underscored the homily and added the visual component by pointing to the mosaic icon of the Mother of God, Oranta, who wears a handkerchief in her belt which reminds us of how she is always ready to dry our tears.

The Marian hymns for the evening, Immaculate Mary, a Roman Catholic favorite, and Always Protect Us (O Spomahay Nas) the Ukrainian Catholic selection, were sung by all in attendance, providing a unified manifestation of faith, reflective of the Universality of the Church. Following the Moleben, visitors were guests of St. Ann Society who provided a light buffet. The joint breaking of bread and fellowship with neighboring parishes reinforced a mutual love for Mary, her Divine Son, and respect for each other's traditions.

**At the Liturgy: Instead of 'Indeed, it is fitting':**

*The angel cried out to the One full of grace: "O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day and raised the dead." Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exalt now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.*

**Thank You**

On Wednesday, ACS middle school students were very lucky to be able to listen and learn about research methods in regards to public policy and the laws surrounding them. Dr. Andrea Hetling our parishioner and a Rutgers professor and social scientist, caught the ears of the middle school students by discussing how her research had positively impacted society. They were also eager to hear how she played a key role in working with the new governor, Murphy, in working with the past governor in transferring policies and key information that effect all of us in a daily basis. Dr. Hetling also touched home by talking about future college possibilities for the students. Overall, the students had a great time, learned a lot, and asked many great questions that lead to a discussion that will be remembered. Thank you Andrea for taking the time to speak to our student body and to enrich the lives of our young people.

**Festival Volunteers Needed!**

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" - Isaiah 6:8*

Please prayerfully consider giving time as a volunteer for our upcoming Festival. In order to make all aspects of our festival run properly, we rely on parishioners and school parents who volunteer year after year. In the coming weekends there will be a "sign up table" in the church vestibule where you can sign up for a particular activity and select the shift you want to work. Whether it's helping to set up or taking down tents, cooking, baking, serving our delicious food, or selling tickets, we need your help. Please prayerfully consider giving time as a volunteer for our upcoming festival.

**"Friends of the Festival" Donations**

It is with joy that we approach the celebration of our annual parish festival on Saturday June 22nd. This is a special occasion for all of us to offer our humble but most fervent gratitude to Almighty God for our parish, rich culture and tradition. As your parish priest, I call upon all of you to support this event and to show that we are a parish family that is alive, praying, worshipping, and working together in building the Kingdom of God in our lives. We would most sincerely appreciate your support in the form of sponsorship by becoming "FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL."

Patron: \$250.00 - Ann Marie Stek

Platinum: \$100.00 - Joyce Adamshick

Gold: \$50.00 - Maria Frankel

Silver: \$25.00 - Jeanette Diakun

**Please note:**

At the end of Divine Liturgy and other services, we sing "Christ is risen" three times. Then the priest again sings, "And to those in the tombs, giving life." THEN, all sing: "And to us He grants life eternal, let us bow to His third day resurrection."

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

Tuesday, June 4, 2019: Enthronement.

Our parish will have a bus for this historic event. The bus will leave Assumption parish on Tuesday, June 4th at 7:45 a.m. and leave Philadelphia at 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in going, please REGISTER TODAY ON THE FORM at the back of the church. The cost is \$10 per person.

**2019 Ukrainian Cultural Festival - Perth Amboy, NJ**

For vendors, (\$100 per table) call Rozalia Czaban at 973-763-4273 or Rozaliamic@aol.com. For advertisement of your business in the festival booklet or more information call 732-826-0767 or visit [www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net](http://www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net)