Welcome!
We are honored to have you come to worship with us. If you are unfamiliar with the worship of the Byzantine Church, simply listen to the Liturgy and allow the rest of the congregation to carry you in worship. We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered, please fill out the blue registration form in the church vestibule and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office assumoptionchurch@verizon.net. We invite you to join us for Coffee Social held in the church hall, immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy and ask that you make yourself known to our Pastor - Fr. Ivan, who would be happy to answer your questions.

Religious Education For Children

The First Confession and Solemn Holy Communion Instruction classes led by Mrs. Nancy Bialkowski will be held starting SUNDAY, October 6, 2019 for our parish children (6-7 years old).

We are also happy to announce that Mrs. Ana Mascencik will teach older children but she needs a substitute when she is absent.

Please, register your child on the yellow form at the back of the church or contact Fr. Ivan at 732-826-0767. Catechism classes for all children are held Sundays in the parish school from 10 to 11 AM.

Upcoming Sobor

A Sobor (Council) of our church on the topic “Emigration, Settlement and Global Unity of the UGCC” will take place in Lviv in 2020. In preparation, archeparchial and eparchial sobors will be convening between now and 2020. Archeparchy of Philadelphia will hold its archeparchial sobor in two sessions - on Wednesday, October 9 and on Saturday-Sunday, December 7-8, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA. Two representatives from each parish are invited to attend the first session in the Cathedral hall on October 9, 2019.

Fr. Ivan is looking for parishioners from our parish who would like to represent our parish in Philadelphia. If you are interested, please let Fr. Ivan know.

Blessings of the Backpacks

We invite students of all ages and teachers to bring their school bag to be blessed for the 2019-2020 school year! The blessing will take place on Friday, September 13 after 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy at Assumption Church. As we celebrate God’s gift of learning, we will pray for His blessing on students and ACS school in the coming year.

ACS students first day back.

Our parish school is proud to announce that it’s 57th first day of school was a true success! For the most part it was all smiles as students and parents took photos on the first day of school. On behalf of myself, our Principal Mrs. Shumy, the staff, and students, our heart-felt thanks go to all of you, parishioners of Assumption Catholic Church, for your commitment and ongoing support of Catholic Education.

AS WE GROW OLDER AND WISER

We slowly realize that wearing a $300 or a $30 watch.....they both tell the same time. Whether we carry a $300 or a $150 watch...the amount of money inside is the same. Whether we drink a bottle of $300 or $15 wine....the hangover is the same. Whether the house we live in is 3500 or $600 sq. ft.....the loneliness is the same. Whether you drive a $8,000 Honda or a $80,000 Benz.....they both serve the same purpose. You'll realize that your true inner happiness does not come from the MATERIAL things of this world.

Therefore, I hope you realize, when you have buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, who you laugh with, talk with, have sung songs with, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth...that is true HAPPINESS ❤️

### Sunday Before the Exaltation of the Cross

#### Birth of the Theotokos, September 8, 2019

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Myron Katarniak r/b by wife, Eleanor

**Monday, September 9, 2019**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Tuesday, September 10, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Giovanni & Elena Fazio r/b by Family

**Wednesday, September 11, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention Sr. Yosaphata

*** Paranyhda for Sept. 11 victims***

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Carmen Lopez r/b by ACS Faculty

**Friday, September 13, 2019**

8:45 AM - Lit. + Bogdan Lajkosz (40 days) r/b by Bobbie

**Saturday, September 14, 2019**

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Nick Lyszuk r/b by Roger & Ann Allen

5:00 PM - Lit. - Ray Oltowski r/b by Galetta Family

**Sunday After the Exaltation of the Cross, Sept. 15, 2019**

**Epistle - Gal 2:16-20; Gospel - Mk 8:34-9:1**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Mary Ann Smereka

r/b by Stanley Stempinski

### Elizabeth Parish Re-Dedication Celebration

Our neighbor, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church, is having a Church Re-Dedication Celebration on September 29th, 2019 from 10 AM (Hierarchical Divine Liturgy) to 5PM (Picnic following Liturgy on the Church Grounds - 309 Grier Ave., Elizabeth). Our parishioners have been invited to attend this joyful Celebration. There will be food, beverages, live music, games of chance and fun/games for children of all ages.

#### Designers Bag Bingo at Assumption Parish

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

Designer bags by: Armani; Kate Spade; Coach; Ted Baker; Tommy Bahama; Leibeskind; Dooney & Bourke; Michael Kors. ALSO - MOSCHINO BAG. There will also be a TRICKY TRAY and 50-50 RAFFLES. Location: Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption School Auditorium, 380 Meredith St., Perth Amboy, NJ

**Doors Open:** 12:00 pm, Fun begins at 2:00 pm

**Entry Fee:** $25.00. Kitchen will be open for purchases.

To get your tickets call: (732)254-3966 or (732) 904-8710, OR on BINGO NIGHTS at the Bingo Office.

#### Seasons of the Calendar Dinner Dance

The St. Ann Society sponsored Seasons of the Calendar dinner dance will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 6:00 PM to Midnight. Appetizers will be served at 6:30 and the Buffet Dinner will begin at 7:00. Music for Dancing is by DJ BoJo. BYOB. Ticket $40. See any St. Ann member for tickets or call the rectory at 732-826-0767.

#### Save the Date

The Assumption Catholic School annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2019.

#### Senior Citizens Club

There is no meeting in September. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019.

#### Holy Name Society

A meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the church hall.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to the following, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

- **REAGAN GRACE COLFER,** Daughter of Gregory and Roxann Colfer
- **DANIEL BORSOSH,** Son of Taras and Khystyna (Slub ska) Borosh

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**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**

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**SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION**

**Epistle - Gal 6:11-18; Gospel - Jn 3:13-17; Tone 4**

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