

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**23rd Sunday After Pentecost, November 17, 2019**

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:30 AM - Lit. + Leona Fierro r/by Joan & Bob Galetta

Monday, November 18, 2019

No liturgy scheduled.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

8:00 AM - Lit. + Krulik Family r/by Dan and Christina Krulik

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

8:00 AM - Lit. + John Adamshick r/by Winiarczyk Family

Thursday, November 21, 2019**Entrance of the Theotokos**

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention for child's return home

Friday, November 22, 2019

8:45 AM - Lit. + Linda and Natalia r/by Olesia Kuchirka

Saturday, November 23, 2019

8:00 AM - Lit. + Nastia Yurechko r/by Eugene Bratach

5:00 PM - Lit. + David Rader r/by Galetta Family

23rd Sunday After Pentecost, November 24, 2019

Epistle - Eph 2:14-22; Gospel - Lk 13:10-17

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Joseph and Rose Bigos r/by Ron & Irene

Christmas Bazaar and Gift Auction.

Join us for our annual Christmas Bazaar TODAY and play to win many exciting prizes!

Visit With Saint Nicholas Party

On Sunday, December 8, 2019, St. Nicholas will visit parish children AGE 12 AND UNDER in the school hall after each liturgy. Please sign up your children on the sheet in the church vestibule. Sponsored by Holy Name Society.

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance

A New Year's Eve Dance will be held in the school hall on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. A fabulous buffet dinner starts at 8:00 p.m. and lasts all evening. Champagne toast and desserts are included (BYOB). Dancing to the Music of "The Fourth Wave" Band. Advance payment is required:

Adults - \$85.00;

Young Adults (age 13-18) \$45.00;

Children (up to 12) - \$25.00.

For tickets please call 732-826-0767. You can also purchase them in the church hall during Coffee Hour after the 9:00 am Liturgy.

Archeparchy of Philadelphia School Scholarship Fund

The Ukrainian Catholic School Scholarship Fund was created with the purpose of aiding and supporting the fine work being done in our three Catholic schools. A cash raffle is being held to aid this fund. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at the rectory. The raffle will have three prizes: 1st Prize - \$5,000.00, 2nd Prize - \$3,000.00, and 3rd Prize - \$2,000.00.

Grave Blanket Sale

The Holy Name Society is once again sponsoring a grave blanket sale. The price is \$30 if picked-up or \$35 if installed. Order by December 1, 2019. Pickup on December 15 before or after liturgy; blankets will be installed on December 15. Checks payable to Holy Name Society. For questions contact Charlie Boyko at 732-586-0405. Order forms available in the church vestibule.

Feed the Hungry in Our Community

In preparation for the Christmas Holiday, Saturday, Nov. 17 until Sun. Dec. 21 our parish will have a special collection of nonperishable goods and children's new toys for the needy people in Perth Amboy, NJ. Please leave your donation in the Church foyer or downstairs on the bench next to the bulletin board. You may also donate a gift card that will be given only to our parish or school families in need. "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?..." And the King will answer and say to them, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even to the least of them, YOU DID IT TO ME." - Matthew 25:35-40

Today, Sunday: Parable of the Rich Man

'Whose will those things be which you have provided?' is the key to understanding the saving up of material goods. St. John Chrysostom writes that the only barns we need we already have: "the stomachs of the poor." St. Ambrose teaches, "The things which we cannot take with us are not ours. Only virtue will be our companion when we die." Even when Joseph stored up grain in Egypt (Gen. 41), it was for the benefit of the whole nation. These teachings apply to parishes as well as to each person. We are rich in material possessions. Let us not be like this rich man in today's Gospel. Let us instead give thanks to God for all that He has given us. Let us use what He has given us to care for His people.

Thank You.

Last Saturday, our parishioners gathered in the church hall to learn about "Heroic Virtues" of the Venerable Metropolitan Andrew Sheptytsky. After the Divine Liturgy, the night was filled with interest, food, and good fellowship. Our parishioner Mrs. Melanie Fedynshyn, prepared and delivered an outstanding presentation about the Venerable Servant of God Andrew Sheptytsky, whose exemplary life and saintly courage demonstrated what it means to be a Good Samaritan and a Good Shepherd for his people. Parishioners also viewed a special exhibit of posters about Andrey Sheptytsky's life, his humanitarian deeds and traveling to the United States. One of the most memorable events in the history of Assumption parish was a visit by Metropolitan Andrey to our parish in December, 1921. He inspired the early parish community to persevere in its mission to establish a strong spiritual home of many Ukrainian Catholics in Perth Amboy. After his visit numerous organizations were founded and plans for the parish school were set for the future.

Women of the Gulag.

Last Sunday after the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy, Dr. Oksana Kis, historian and author of "Women of the Gulag" presented a very informative and moving lecture on the incredible hardships Ukrainian women endured in Soviet forced labor camps in the 1940's-50's. Although millions died, many courageous women not only survived but found ways to preserve their culture, gender identity and sense of sisterhood. A testament to the amazing strength of women! Many thanks to Dr. Kis and to UNWLA NJ Branch 135 for sponsoring this fascinating lecture! Eagerly awaiting the Ukrainian reprint and English translations of her book.

Q&A about Our Faith

- ***Why do you make the Sign of the Cross backwards?***

The form of the Sign of the Cross was common among Eastern and Western Christians for many centuries: touching the forehead, breast, right shoulder, and left shoulder. In Biblical symbolism, the right represents good. (Think of the Lord Jesus sitting at the right hand of the Father.) The inversion of the sign might have come from imitating the priest, who in blessing moves from left to right so that it can be seen correctly by the congregation before him.

- ***Is it true that your priests can get married?***

No, but qualified married men can be ordained to the diaconate and priesthood. This has been the practice of the Church since the time of the Apostles. The future deacon or priest must already be married before ordination, and his wife must approve.

- ***I saw little children receive Holy Communion at your church. They're too young to know about the Eucharist.***

The practice of baptizing infants and then excommunicating them for seven years is confusing to say the least. Our children have been baptized and confirmed according to the Church's traditional order of the sacraments, and are full members of the Church. Just as parents nurture their children's physical bodies, they also bring them to Holy Communion to nurture the seed of divine life that the children were given at Holy Baptism.