

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday After Christmas, December 29, 2019**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Arthur Peter Dochych (50 yrs)

r/by Tom Dochych

Monday, December 30, 2019

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

5:00 PM - Lit. + Maria Kuzyszyn

r/by James and Stefania Leddy

Wednesday, January 1, 2020**Circumcision of Our Lord**

9:00 AM - Lit. For the Living and Departed

Members of the Parish

Thursday, January 2, 2020

No Liturgy Scheduled

Friday, January 3, 2020

8:45 AM - Lit. + Edward Tellado r/by ACS Faculty & Staff

Saturday, January 4, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Leontiy Kuzmyk - son Wolodymyr

5:00 PM - Lit. God's Blessings for Alla Korostil Family

Sunday Before Theophany, January 5, 2020*Epistle - 2 Tim 4:5-8; Gospel - Mk 1:1-8*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Dn. Arthur Dochych r/by Tom Dochych

2020 Church Offering Envelopes

Personalized donation envelopes will be delayed due to a problem at the envelope company that was explained in last week's bulletin. Temporary envelopes can be found on the table in the church vestibule. Please use them starting with Saturday-Sunday, January 4th, 2020.

That weekend Jan 4-5, please make donations for:

- Initial Offering, January 1st
- Regular Sunday Donation, January, 5th
- Epiphany, January 6th
- Special Offering for the Cemetery Upkeep, Jan., 6
- Monthly Diocesan Charities Collection, January 6

Please take TEMPORARY OFFERING ENVELOPES and place your donation into one or separate envelopes. Put your name and amount enclosed.

Christmas Eve Supper (Prospora)

- **January 6:** Christmas Eve Holy Supper at 7:00 PM. at the school hall. Registration form for a free dinner is on the church vestibule table. Please register by Sunday, December 29.
- **January 7:** Christmas Day Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM (according to Julian calendar).
- **January 19:** Sunday Theophany Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM (according to Julian calendar). Following the blessing of water outside the church, all the faithful are invited to the church hall to enjoy yummy shish kebab luncheon \$5. The proceeds from the luncheon will be used to treat wounded Ukrainian soldiers.

Marriage Preparation Course

For those couples wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at Assumption Church in 2020, please confirm your interest with the Parish Office as soon as possible. All couples will be required to attend a Marriage Preparation Course on March 28-29 at St. John Church in Newark, NJ.

Parish Choir Christmas CD.

Our church's Choir Boyan under direction of Mrs. Alla Korostil has just released a CD album of 16 Ukrainian Christmas carols and "shchedrivky" sung by the choir. The disk includes a mix of traditional carols and contemporary compositions from Ukraine. Over a year of work went into making this project a reality, and it makes a great Christmas gift! Each CD costs \$15 and can be purchased from Choir members after today's Liturgies or at the Church Rectory.

Mark Your Calendar

On Sunday, January 19, 2020 we will have only one bilingual Divine Liturgy at 9 AM.

BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL.

THANK YOU to all who prepared our Church for Christmas and helped to make our liturgical celebration of Christmas so beautiful and meaningful. THANK YOU to our Choir "Boyan", Cantors, Ushers, the ladies who look after the Altar, baked communion and prosphora breads, Altar Servers - and all of you who contributed in any way to make our Church's celebration of the Lord's Birth so beautiful and reverent. God bless all of you for sharing your time and talents for the betterment and spiritual growth of our parish.

When we put our minds and hearts - and our time, talent and treasure - in the service of God and neighbor, we show Him gratitude and love for all His goodness to us. As we end this year, we look back on the many events that helped shape our lives here at Assumption Church and School. Throughout the year, we baptized 17 children; 19 children received First Penance and Solemn Holy Communion; 2 couples were married; and we said farewell to 14 of our parishioners and friends who died. We started the school year at our parish school with 131 students.

We have accomplished quite a few things this year at the parish and parish school and many projects that were important were completed because of your generosity. Thank You. We have much more to accomplish in the new year and we pray that during the New Year of 2020, we continue to work together for God's honor and glory.

Having said this, please understand that if I have ever hurt or offended any member of our community in deed or word or through miscommunication, I assure you it was truly unintentional and I humbly beg forgiveness and reconciliation.

Deacon Paul, the School Principal Mrs. Shumny, parish staff and I wish you and your families a most Happy New Year. May God give you His Peace and Love all the days of your life. **Fr. Ivan Turyk - Pastor**

ST. JOSEPH THE BETROTHED.

Saint Joseph the Betrothed was of the lineage of King David. In his first marriage, he had four sons and two daughters. After he became a widower, St. Joseph led a life of strict temperance. He was chosen to be the husband and guardian of the Most Holy Theotokos, who had taken a vow of virginity. An angel told him of the Incarnation of the Son of God through her. St. Joseph was present when the shepherds and the Magi worshiped the new-born divine Infant. On the orders of the angel, he fled into Egypt with the Mother of God and the newborn, saving them from the wrath of King Herod. He lived in Egypt with the Virgin Mary and the divine Child, working as a carpenter. St. Joseph is commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity.

St. Ann Society

St. Ann Society will hold Corporate Communion on Sunday, January 12 at the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. A meeting will follow in the church hall. Gift Auction will be discussed. Please bring donations and grocery items for the Gift Auction. The annual Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, January 19, at 1:00 PM at the Armory Restaurant.

New Year's Eve Dance, "Zabava" - Volunteers Needed.

The New Year's Eve Dance is on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. Once again, this fundraiser will be attended by over 350 parishioners and guests. This is a Church sponsored event and proceeds will defray the expenses of the church's property insurance. Please consider volunteering your services for several hours, whether in the kitchen, helping with decorations, or cleanup on the day after.

Volunteers are needed for:

- Sunday, Dec. 29 starting at 3 PM,
- Monday Dec. 30 starting at 6 PM.
- Tuesday Dec. 31 from 2-8 PM the kitchen will be open to set up. Any help during these hours appreciated.
- Wednesday Jan 1st, 2020 starting at 10-10:30 AM cleaning of the hall and the kitchen. Once the work is complete we will have a meal and a good time. Both men and women are needed.