

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, February 2, 2020****Meeting of Our Lord With Simeon**9:00 AM - Lit. + Olha, Emil Karas; Maria Podolska  
r/by Bohdan & Oksana Kuzyszyn

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

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

5:00 PM - Lit. + Gerry, Loretto Suto r/by Palya Family

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son, February 9, 2020***Epistle - 1 Cor 6:12-20; Gospel - Lk 15:11-32*

9:00 AM - Lit. + Teodor Worobel r/by Daughter &amp; Family

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

**St. Ann Society**

A meeting will be held today, February 2, following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Light refreshments will be served.

**Holy Name Society**

The Holy Name Society members and their wives had a wonderful Christmas party on January 18. Also invited were widowers of deceased members. It was a great time of fellowship and a good time was had by all. The members are supportive of the church and parish school both financially and through volunteer activities. The Society is always actively looking for fellow parishioners to join this worthwhile organization and share in fellowship and brotherhood. Often parishioners say "they don't have time." Participation doesn't necessarily have to take a lot of your time, 1 hr a month at a meeting and some limited volunteer time which will bring GREAT REWARDS once you become involved! **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00pm** Come Join Us!

**Bingo Workers Appreciation Dinner.**

It was another fine dining experience, well worth the price of helping out with our parish Bingo. We are very appreciative of the selfless dedication of our loyal Bingo workers. The weekly Bingo fundraiser is a HUGE benefit to Assumption Catholic School. This collaborative effort between the church and the school funds a big portion of our school budget. Bingo is every Wednesday and Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Join the Fun! Become a Bingo Volunteer!

**2020 Church Offering Envelopes**

The new church donation envelopes are available in the church hall. Please pick up your envelopes and start using as soon as possible. Check that you are picking up the correct envelopes; check your name and address. Always remember to mark the amount of your donation.

**Colors of Ukraine**

The History of Ukraine through folk costume and dance. Premiering exclusive Ukrainian folk customs designs by famous Ukrainian designer Oksana Raputa. Models will be dancers from coalition of regional Ukrainian dance schools.

- Admission: \$25 VIP seating, \$20 adult, Free for children to age 13.
- Free coffee and desserts.
- SUNDAY, February 9, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.
- 380 Meredith St, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

For tickets call Nadiya 7327789367 or Anna Maria 9734608059.

**St. Ann Society Gift Auction**

The annual Gift Auction will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2020. Mark your calendars! Members or anyone wishing to make a donation are reminded that gifts for the auction may be dropped off at Bingo on Wednesday or Friday evenings.

**Parish Choir Christmas CD.**

Our church Choir Boyan under the direction of Mrs. Alla Korostil, has just released a CD album of 16 Ukrainian Christmas carols and "shchedrivky" sung by the choir. Available for pick up \$15 and \$20 by mail. Send your checks to Choir Boyan or Assumption church at 684 Alta Vista Pl, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information call the rectory at 732-826-0767.

**Today is the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee**

It is time to humble ourselves and prepare for Great Lent, in order to partake of Christ's glorious Pascha! Also, on February 2nd the Church remembers two people whose lives are extraordinary examples of patience. In the calendar they are called the "righteous Godbearer Simeon" and "Anna the Prophetess.

**Archbishop Borys Gudziak's visit to our parish.**

Last Sunday, His Eminence Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak made his first archpastoral visit to Assumption Catholic Church and School in Perth Amboy, NJ. As His Eminence arrived to celebrate the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, he was warmly greeted by the parish financial officers Michael Raab Jr and Michael Lawrence with the traditional bread and salt and by the parish children presenting him flowers. Then Rev. Ivan Turyk, pastor of Assumption Parish, welcomed the Archbishop and presented a Cross asking him to lead the parish family in the Divine Liturgy.

Serving at the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with Archbishop were also Fr. Bogdan Zablotyski from Ukraine, Deacon Paul Makar, Deacon Volodymyr Radko from Philadelphia, seminarian Bohdan Vasylyv and parish altar servers. The parish choir "Boyan" prayerfully chanted the liturgical responses.

Archbishop Gudziak delivered an inspiring homily which touched the hearts of all present and at the conclusion of the Liturgy presented two Assumption Catholic School students with a one year free tuition scholarship from the Scholarship Raffle the Archeparchy conducted for the parish schools. These two hard working and dedicated students were selected for being living models of our school's vision To Know, To Love, To Serve God.

The Liturgy was beautiful and Archbishop Borys was particularly impressed by the beauty of the church masterpieces, including extensive mosaic iconography and the rare painted biblical mural iconography by Jacques Hnizdovsky. Following the Divine Liturgy the parish provided a bountiful meal in honor of the special guest of honor. At the reception His Eminence took the time to personally greet and bless many people, emulating the love of the Gospel through his words and actions. He was especially engaging with the youth, and encouraged them to remain close to the Church and to stay strong in their faith.

This special visit from Archbishop to the parish during Catholic Schools Week, was a special treat for students of Assumption Catholic School, who enthusiastically greeted the Archdiocesan shepherd as he was escorted through the school by the Principal Mrs. Lissette Shumny, pastor and members of the Family School Association.

It was a blessing and honor for the faithful of Assumption Community in Perth Amboy, NJ to have His Eminence Archbishop Borys visit us within such a short time following his Enthronement in June.

**Sorokousty Memorial Services**

As in the past, we will honor the memory of our beloved deceased with Sorokousty Memorial Services at 9 a.m. on all Saturdays of Lent beginning February 29, 2020. This is a time to remember our departed family and friends.

Saturday is the day which the Church has set aside for the commemoration of faithful Christians departed this life in the hope of resurrection to eternal life. If you would like your deceased family members commemorated during these services, please submit your envelope with the names clearly listed, by Feb. 16. After that date, names of your loved ones can still be submitted and will be commemorated, but not listed in the bulletin.

**Congratulations**

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

- EMILY BODNAR, daughter of Andrii and Hanna Bodnar
- EMILY TKACHUK, daughter of Myron Tkachuk and Lyudmyla Zablotska
- ANTHONY JAKUB POLCHLOPEK, son of Slawomir Polchlopek and Ilona Sventek