

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**3rd Sunday of the Great Fast, March 15, 2020****Veneration of the Cross**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Myron Kataryniak r/by Wife, Eleanor

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (English)

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

Friday, March 20, 2020

7:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 21, 2020

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM - Lit. Blessings for Charles & Ann Boyko

r/by Tom Dochyh

4th Sunday of the Great Fast, March 22, 2020*Epistle - Heb 6:13-20; Gospel - Mk 9:17-31*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Joseph Schott r/by Son, Gregory & Family

St. Ann Society Meeting

A short meeting will be held today, March 15, following the 11:30 Liturgy. No refreshments.

Lenten Mission 2020 (Bringing us closer to God)

If you would like to learn more about the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, Deacon Paul will be giving two short 30 minute talks one on each of these Sacraments. These two Sacraments of Healing are available to us at all times when needed in our lives. Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 24th and 31st following the Stations of the Cross. Make this part of your Lenten journey to Pascha.

SYMPATHY:

Please remember in your prayers the soul of +ANTON J. MASSOPUST who fell asleep in the Lord this week. May Our Lord grant him rest in the bosom of Abraham, may he be numbered among the saints and may his memory be eternal. *Vichnaya pamyat.*

Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund**In Memory of + ANTON J. MASSOPUST:**

\$250.00 - Ron & Irene Bigos

\$100.00 - Vera Gochal, Michael Romanko,

Charles & Glenys Biloholowski

\$50.00 - Joyce Adamshick & Sons

\$50.00 - Kwiecinski Family

Property Insurance Due in March,

Our parish recently paid property insurance for our church and school buildings in the amount of \$32,670.00. This biggest expense of our parish was paid to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

School Sharing Lunches.

The ACS Class of 2020 in Perth Amboy, NJ had a short lesson in history and social awareness when they helped prepare 100 lunches alongside our friends from Perth Amboy Catholic, the University of Notre Dame NJ Alumni Group, and NJ Troopers. The program is called "Sharing Lunches". It benefits the Hogar Crea Treatment Center and the Center for Support and Success, both right here in Perth Amboy. They experienced first hand the assembly line way of working. While they assembled sandwiches and filled the "Sharing Lunches" lunch bags, the class discussed what it must have been like to work doing the same job for 12 hours a day at the turn of the 20th Century. Students also talked about the value of helping those in our community that may be in need of extra support. We are called to serve God by serving others; so, today the Class of 2020 worked together to hopefully make someone's day just a little easier and happier. During this season of Lent what better way to give of ourselves than to do work of charity!

The Third Sunday of Lent.

This is Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. *"He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me"* (Mt 10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both *"the power of God and the wisdom of God"* for those being saved (1 Cor 1:24). The Cross is brought in a solemn procession from the sanctuary and placed in the center of the Church, where it remains for the whole week. Please venerate the cross with a simple bow and NOT a kiss.

Taking precautions as coronavirus continues to spread.

Our parish is taking extra measures to maintain a healthy house of God in response to the coronavirus. This past Monday and Thursday, five ladies cleaned down the upstairs of the church with bleach-based products. The church pews, walls/panels, doorknobs, flat surfaces of doors, restrooms were also clean by our janitor. We have gone through extensive measures to make sure we do our due diligence in sanitizing the whole place and to provide a clean, safe environment for people to worship together.

Thank You

Thanks to all who came to the St. Ann Society gift auction, brought friends and family, helped with set up and clean up, donated to the event by making wonderful baskets, took a chance on basket raffle tickets, worked at the kitchen, advertised and provided a good sound system for auction items. Thank you ladies for the tremendous commitment of time and energy you have given to assure that this church fundraiser would be a memorable and successful event.

Memomandum

Bishop Rabi, in union with the Bishops of Pennsylvania, has dispensed the faithful of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia from obligation to attend Sunday Divine Liturgy. Despite the suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Divine Liturgy, all regularly scheduled liturgies will remain open to the public for those who wish to attend.

The Financial Report

The annual financial report includes information relating to the funds which were received in the offertory, donations, and other sources and the amount of money it cost to run the parish and school in the 2019 fiscal year. Copies of the report are available in the vestibule.

Pray with Pope Francis the entrustment to Our Lady in the time of pandemic

One of the prayers Pope Francis asked for this month is the most ancient Marian prayer Our Lady under this title is also known as *"She who saves the City,"* a designation given her in 1944, when a vast crowd followed Pope Pius XII to the image of the Virgin, praying before the fresco for the protection of Rome during the final battle for the city, which led to its liberation from German occupation. A few days after the Allied entry into the city, Pius XII gave the image the title *Salvatrice dell'Urbe.* Here is Pope Francis' prayer of entrustment, concluding with the most ancient recorded prayer to Our Lady:

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.