

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**5TH Sunday of the Great Fast, March 29, 2020**

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

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

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Friday, April 3, 2020

7:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, April 4, 2020

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM - Lit. + Walter Melnykevich r/by Family

Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020

Epistle - Phil 4-9; Gospel - Jn 12:1-18

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Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund

\$200.00 - Anna and Olga Melnyk, in memory of

+ ANTON J. MASSOPIUST

\$100.00 - Mary Stepash, in memory of

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Live Stream Liturgy.*Beloved in Christ,*

I can only hope and pray that all of you are well and out of harm's way during these days of confinement and restrictions. I pray that our Lord, whom apostle Paul calls "The God of All Comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:1-11) comes and comforts you and gift you with the faith, perseverance and courage during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be informed that even though there is no access to public worship in our parish church (because of social distancing) the Lenten Services and the Sacred Liturgy - the Holy Eucharist is being offered on the sacred altar in our church. During these private services you and yours are remembered at the holy table and there also your special intentions both for the living and the deceased are being offered, mentioned and fulfilled. As your Pastor, I humbly ask that you unite yourself with me by making a fervent "Act of Spiritual Communion".

We are reminded that there is no better prayer than the Divine Liturgy at which we commemorate our Lord's sacrifice on the Cross and his Resurrection from the dead, that transcends the limitations of time, space and location.

On Sunday, March 29th at 9:00 am, the Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian/ English) from our parish will be live streamed on my Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ivan.turyk>

Join us online! Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Don't hesitate to call me if you need any help, the Parish Office 732-826-0767 or Fr. Ivan's cellphone 202-368-2408

LITURGICAL SERVICES - COVID 19 PANDEMIC

1. Following upon the civil restriction concerning the gathering of persons, all Feast Day Divine Liturgies are hereby closed to the public. This means that priests are to celebrate these liturgies with limited assistants, such as a cantor, for the given intentions, especially for the parish, the sick and deceased. The faithful are dispensed from the canonical obligation to attend Sunday and Feast Day Liturgies.
2. The same restriction applies to other liturgical functions, including the Lenten services. The clergy are to conduct these liturgical services, especially for the spiritual benefit of the faithful, but only with limited assistants.
3. Special instructions will be given separately for liturgical services for Holy Week and Easter.

SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the soul of + ANNA KOZAK, a mother of our parishioner and a school teacher Maria Derevenska. May Our Lord grant her rest in the bosom of Abraham, may she be numbered among the saints and may her memory be eternal. Vichnaya pamyat.

Fasting regulation during the Great Lent

Due to coronavirus pandemic and to continuous food shortages and economic hardships recently being experienced by many people, the obligation to fast from meat on March 27 and April 3 is lifted. However, the faithful are strongly encouraged to continue observing the fast if circumstances allow in addition to prayers and almsgiving

Remember to Support Our Parish

During these challenging days of this coronavirus outbreak, it's important that we practice social distancing and encourage one another to stay healthy. It is also important to mail your weekly offerings to our parish until public services are resumed. With your sacrificial giving we'll be able to pay our bills and continue our mission during this challenging period.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Sunday of Saint Mary of Egypt.

When Mary was only twelve years old, she left her parents and departed to Alexandria, where she lived a depraved life for seventeen years. Then, moved by curiosity, she went with many pilgrims to Jerusalem, that she might see the Exaltation of the venerable Cross. Even in the Holy City she gave herself over to every kind of licentiousness and drew many into the depth of perdition.

Desiring to go into the church on the day of the Exaltation of the Cross, time and again she perceived a certain invisible power preventing her entrance, whereas the multitude of people about her entered unhindered. Therefore, wounded in heart by this, she decided to change her way of life and reconcile herself to God by means of repentance. Invoking our Lady the Theotokos as her protectress, she asked her to open the way for her to worship the Cross, and vowed that she would renounce the world. And thus, returning once again to the church, she entered easily. When she had worshipped the precious Wood, she departed that same day from Jerusalem and passed over the Jordan. She went into the inner wilderness and for forty-seven years lived a most harsh manner of life, surpassing human strength; alone, she prayed to God alone. Toward the end of her life, she met a certain hermit named Zosimas, and she related to him her life from the beginning. She requested of him to bring her the immaculate Mysteries that she might partake of them. According to her request, he did this the following year on Holy and Great Thursday. One year after this, Zosimas again went thither and found her dead, laid upon the ground, and letters written in the sand near her which said: "Abba Zosimas, bury here the body of wretched Mary. I died on the very day I partook of the immaculate Mysteries. Pray for me."

Bishop Jaroslav Gabro our former Pastor

March 28, we commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Death of Bishop Jaroslav Gabro, a parish priest of the Ukrainian Church of Assumption in Perth Amboy, N.J. Pope John XXIII named him as the bishop of St. Nicholas of Chicago on July 14, 1961. The plans for the construction of Assumption Catholic School were also initiated by Monsignor Jaroslav Gabro in the late 1950's. Upon his elevation to the episcopacy in 1960, his successor, Fr. Stephen Sulyk, undertook the completion of this major project. In September of 1963, Ukrainian Assumption School was officially opened.

28-го березня виповнюється 40 років з того дня, коли Господь покликав до себе свого ревного слугу владика Ярослава Габра (перший український єпископ Чиказької єпархії). У липні 1949 року призначений парохом парафії Успіння Пресвятої Богородиці в Перт-Амбої, де збудував нову церкву, парафіяльний дім і парафіяльну школу. 14 липня 1961 року папа Римський Іван XXIII створив Чиказьку єпархію УГКЦ. 12 грудня 1961 року єпископ Ярослав був поставлений в рочисто на престіл Чиказької Свято-Миколаївської Єпархії її першим правлячим єпископом. Помер єпископ Ярослав Габро 28 березня 1980 року, після короткотривалої важкої хвороби, у Чикаго.