

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Resurrection of Our Lord, Pascha, April 12, 2020

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

Bright Monday, April 13, 2020

9:00 AM - Lit. Blessings for Kobryn Family

Bright Tuesday, April 14, 20209:00 AM - Lit. +Joseph Caro (40th Day) r/by Dn. Paul & Anna**Bright Wednesday, April 15, 2020**9:00 AM - Lit. +Anton Massopust (40th Day) r/by Vera Gochal**Bright Thursday, April 16, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Nick Lyszyk r/by Maria Lyszyk

Bright Friday, April 17, 2020

9:00 AM - Lit. + Anna Kozak r/by Maria Derevenska

Bright Saturday, April 18, 2020

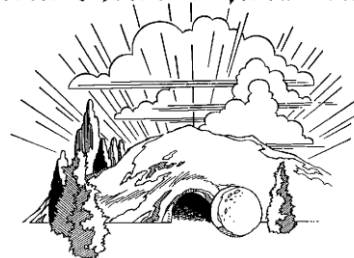
9:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph and Ann Kopi - Legate

5:00 PM - Lit. + Judith Vargas (1 yr.) r/by Cousin, Eleanor

Thomas Sunday, April 19, 2020

Epistle - Acts 5:12-20; Gospel - Jn 20:19-31

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

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!**Easter this year... and the First Easter**

Happy Easter everyone. It certainly is a different kind of Easter in this time of uncertainty and pandemic. However, I just read something about the first Easter that I wanted to share with you.

The very first Easter was not in a crowded worship space with singing and praising. On the very first Easter the disciples were locked in their house. It was dangerous for them to come out. They were afraid. They wanted to believe the good news they heard from the women, that Jesus had risen. But it seemed too good to be true.

They were living a time of such despair and such fear. If they left their homes, their lives and the lives of their loved ones might be at risk. Could a miracle really have happened? Could life really have won out over death? Could this time of terror and fear really be coming to an end? Alone in their homes they dared to believe that hope was possible, that the long night was over and morning had broken, that God's love was the most powerful of all, even though it didn't seem quite real yet. Eventually, they were able to leave their homes, when the fear and danger had subsided, they went around celebrating and spreading the good news that Jesus was risen and love was the most powerful force on the earth.

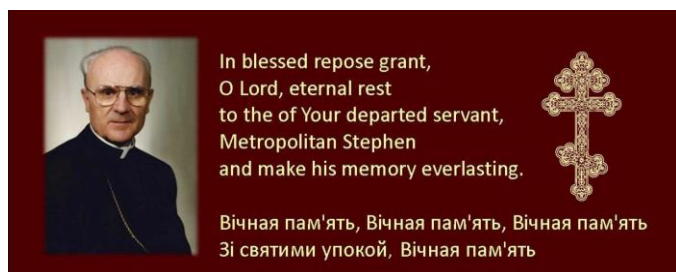
This year, we might get to experience a taste of what that first Easter was like, still in our homes daring to believe that hope is on the horizon. Then, after a while, when it is safe for all people, when it is the most loving choice, we will come out, gathering together, singing and shouting the good news that God brings life even out of death, that love always has the final say!

This year, we might get the closest taste we have had yet to what that first Easter was like.

My friends, even though we are celebrating Easter in a very different way this year, maybe much like the first Easter, let us remember when we face adversity, like the early disciples did, we will find our way through it, because God is with us through it all. God is there with us through every Good Friday of our life and at the end there is always a Resurrection!

I, as well as Deacon Paul, the parish staff, hold you and yours in prayer and we pray for an end to this pandemic, when we can see you all at the Divine Liturgy and celebrate! We wish you and yours a very Blessed and Happy Easter. The Lord is Risen, Alleluia!

Blessings ~ Fr.Ivan-Pastor~



With profound sadness the Diocesan Chancery announces that Metropolitan-Archbishop *Emeritus* Stephen Sulyk, former Pastor of Assumption Parish in Perth Amboy, NJ reposed in the Lord on Monday, April 6, 2020. He was appointed pastor of Assumption Church in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, March 22, 1962. Within a year, he completed a new elementary school. During his pastorate, he converted the rectory into a convent for nuns, built a new rectory, purchased and landscaped additional parish grounds and renovated the parish church. He also compiled and printed a series of bilingual texts for use in liturgical services.

The funeral of Metropolitan Stephen Sulyk will be on Monday, April 13 at 10:00 am. Interment will be in the Cathedral crypt next to Bishop Soter Ortynsky, Bishop Constantine Bohachevsky and Metropolitan Ambrose Senyshyn. We ask our faithful to pray for Archbishop Stephen at home due to the coronavirus epidemic. The faithful may watch the funeral live streamed on the Facebook page of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia at 10 AM. (It will be available on the internet in recorded form.)

Please pray for the blessed repose of Archbishop Stephen!

Rest in Peace Your Excellency. Thank you for inviting me to America and for giving me the opportunity to enter St. Josaphat seminary in Washington, DC. I will continue to pray for you in the church that you built and so much loved.

+++ Вічна Вам Память Владико +++ Fr. Ivan

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. Last week we received over \$2,000 in donations to support our parish during this trying time. Thanks for your generosity

Memorial Donation

\$50.00 - In memory of + Ken Frankel
r/by Marie & Son, Doug

TESTIMONIALS

*Written by some of the parishioners of Assumption Church about + Archbishop Metropolitan Stephen Sulyk
Pastor of Ukrainian Catholic Church
of the Assumption, Perth Amboy, NJ 1962-1981*



By: Mrs. Marcella Massopust

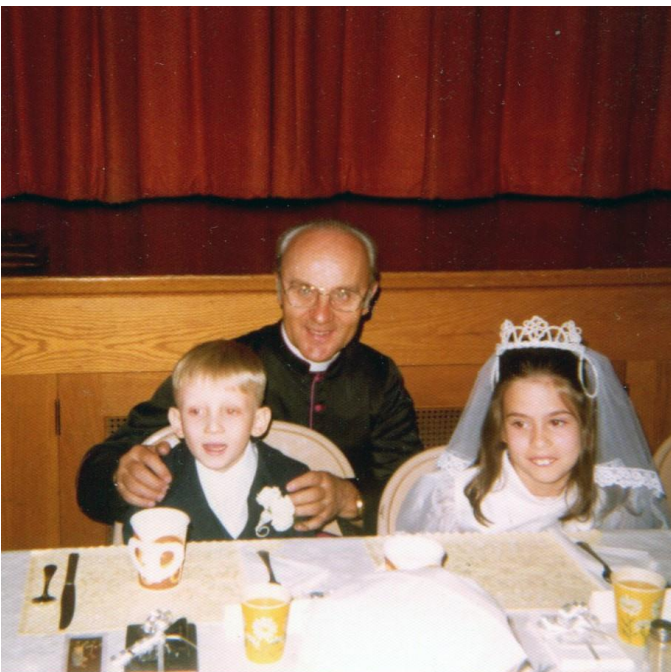
When I first met Fr. Sulyk, I was moderator of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We began our journey caring for the youth of the parish. We worked on many projects involving the religious education of the girls in the Sodality. I found Fr. Sulyk to be a deeply religious priest. The education of the youth was very important to him.

He baptized both my children and they received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion from him.

He was left with the task of completing the newly constructed Ukrainian Assumption School. For the first years of the operation of the school, he gave up his rectory to the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God to establish a convent.

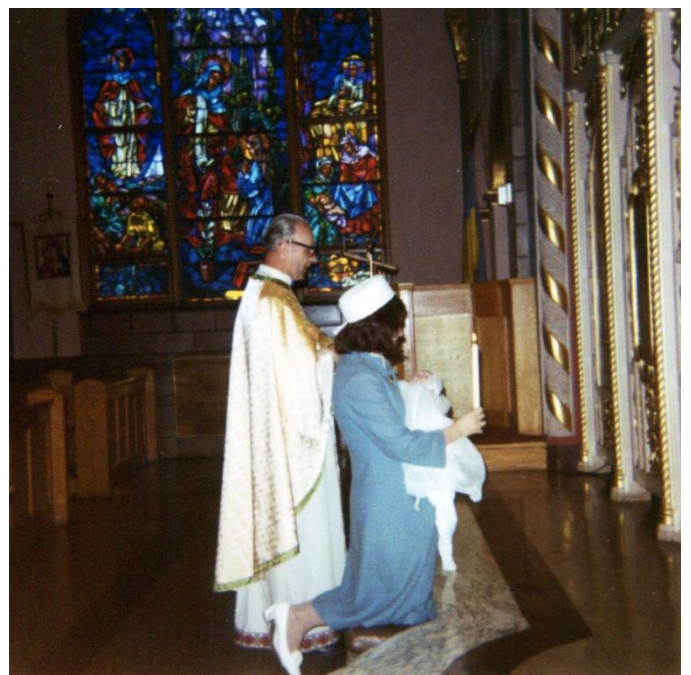
An excellent administrator, he was able to open the doors of the school on September 1, 1963. My two children: Katherine and Anton both attended and graduated from the school in the 1980's.

He was very conscientious with the church's funds. My husband, Anton was president of the PTA. They worked together very hard with the sisters on many projects for the benefit of the school. He always appreciated the work of all the families of the parish. He took on the task of educating the children in both religion and academics. We went to Philadelphia to witness Msgr. Sulyk's ordination as an Archbishop Metropolitan realizing that he would face new challenges in the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy and prayed for his success. Archbishop Stephen Sulyk's hard work and dedication will always be remembered. Eternal Memory.



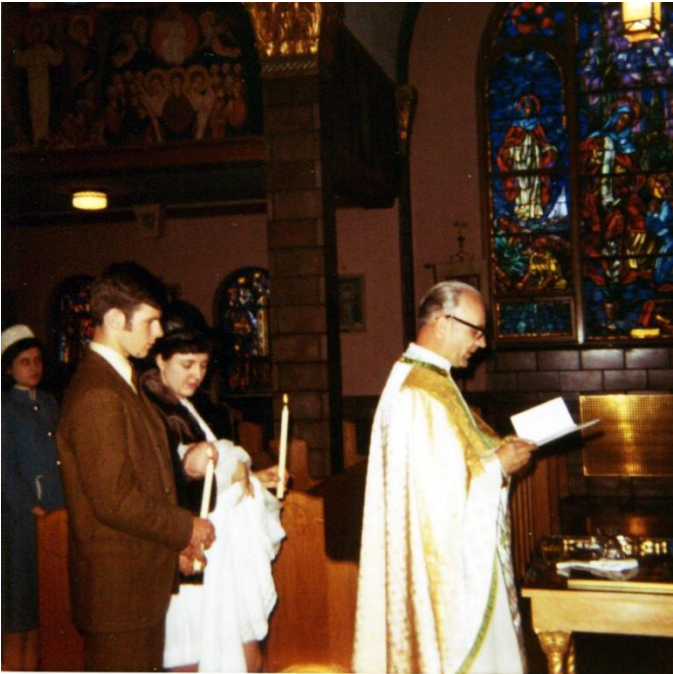
By: Mrs. Melanie Fedynyshyn

I was very close to my grandmother, Melania Slahetka, and when she died of a massive heart attack in 1974, I was beside myself. Msgr. Sulyk offered words of comfort which I never forgot. In essence, he explained that her dying on the eve of Palm Sunday should provide me with great consolation knowing that the upcoming week would lead to the Resurrection. He told me to focus on how Jesus would be bringing my grandmother with Him to heaven. He explained that Holy Week was the best time of the year to die, adding that he would wish that for himself. As it happens, Archbishop Sulyk died on the very same day, April 6, forty-six years to the day.



By: Mr. Joseph Britton

May St. Peter meet him at Heaven's gates and welcome him to his eternal reward. He was a wonderful Pastor and loved by all his parishioners. May he RIP.



By: Mrs. Phyllis Kwiecinski

Archbishop Emeritus Stephen Sulyk, my former pastor and friend of sixty years to myself and my family. A person of goodness and generosity to all he knew which were reminders of the true meaning of God. Thank you for being the blessing you were to all who knew you. You will Always be with us.



A tribute to Metropolitan-Archbishop *Emeritus* Stephen Sulyk former pastor of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy

The Assumption parish has a great deal of gratitude, love and admiration for Archbishop Steven Sulyk. I can remember the nearly 20 years that he spent here in Perth Amboy. His achievements and successes were quite significant. He also had his share of difficult challenges to overcome. I remember him telling me that it wasn't easy for him in the early goings of his pastorate, taking on the parish committee which managed the parish. His job was to establish a new management platform forming a corporation giving the pastor control of the parish, and there was opposition. During this same time period he began a major project to complete the construction of our new parish school. He did this in two stages beginning with the 1st floor and then the 2nd. In addition, he converted the original rectory into a convent. During this interim period, before the completion of the new rectory, he took up temporary residency in the school. He also renovated the interior of the church with superb art work: beautiful mosaics and frescoes. I can't forget the beautiful mosaic shrine to the Mother of God between the rectory and church and a large mosaic of the Resurrection of Christ at our refurbished cemetery. I am thankful to our Heavenly Father for sending us Fr. Stephen Sulyk and that I was able to witness these accomplishments. These achievements will never be forgotten!

I can also remember when I was an altar boy. For several years in a row, he would rent a station wagon and take a small group of us to our Cathedral in Philadelphia to see the ordinations to the diaconate and priesthood. It is interesting because 15 years later, Archbishop Stephen's replacement as pastor in Perth Amboy would be Rev. Roman Dubitsky. Also, during Archbishop Stephen's time in Perth Amboy, my wife and I received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. Afterwards our three children received the Sacraments of Initiation. Not too long after leaving Perth Amboy for his new assignment, Metropolitan-Archbishop Stephen came back to Perth Amboy and ordained me a deacon. He was a deeply spiritual man. I remember a time during my early ministry as a deacon, I would accompany him on parish visitations and pilgrimages. I would usually be driving. During our travels, he would always have his Chaso Slav to recite his daily prayers. He was active outside his role as a pastor. He also loved to play golf and go bowling. I can remember seeing him with Fr. John Stevensky (his assistant), when I went with my father to bowl at the Majestic Lanes. He was an avid golfer and attended many of our Eparchial golf outings that Fr. Roman Dubitsky and I would arrange at the Ramblewood CC in Cherry Hill, NJ.

He was a very special individual. May his memory be everlasting! He will be missed by all who knew him and never forgotten in Perth Amboy. He was truly a gift sent to the parishes of our Archeparchy by God. Rest in peace. Job well done!

Rev. Deacon Paul Makar

