

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers, April 26, 2020**

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

Tuesday, April 28, 20209:00 AM - Lit. + Deceased members in Dzeva Family
r/by Maria Dzeva**Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Pauline Dochych r/by Tom Dochych

Thursday, April 30, 2020

9:00 AM - Lit. + Mary Makar r/by Galetta Family

Friday, May 1, 20209:00 AM - Lit. + Harry, Tessie Terefenko; Anna Balinski
- Legate**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Hanna Sverstiuk r/by Iryna Kuzyshyn

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

Sunday of the Paralytic Man, May 3, 2020*Epistle - Acts 9:32-42; Gospel - Jn 5:1-15*

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

"LIGHT A CANDLE"

Do you miss lighting candles in church during the current COVID-19 "Stay At Home" time? Now you can have a real candle lit for you during daily and weekdays services at Assumption Church.

At this time while we are not physically able to be in the church, we are praying at home but dearly miss the ability to do so in our parish's spiritual home. And one of the first things most people do upon entering the Church is to light their candle and offer prayers for one's personal needs or that of a family member or friend. We also light candles to pray for divine protection and safety as an affirmation of our trust in the "Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16).

• *Even though we are not able to light a candle ourselves during this time, it is still possible to have a candle lit for you!*

Offer a donation to have electrical or a beeswax taper candle lit for you during the next service along with a prayer for the name(s) you submit. Donations can be directly sent to the Assumption Parish address with a notation/candles.

Thank you and God bless you!

Mothers Day

On Sunday, May 10, 2020, we will remember all of our Mothers at the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. There will be petitions for their health and continued blessings, and a requiem service, panachyda, for all our Mothers who have died, that the Lord God remembers them. The names of mothers and donors will be listed provided we receive the names by May 3, 2020.

Memorial Donation to School

\$50.00 - Marcy Stepash, in memory of
+ ANTON J. MASSOPUST

Church Donation

\$2,000 - Roman & Lydia Kernitsky Family

Remember to Support Our Parish.

These days are challenging for us all on many levels, including financially. A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to all who have continued to make donations to our parish either by mail, or by dropping envelopes off over the past few weeks. Any small way you can contribute is very much appreciated. With your sacrificial giving we will be able to pay our bills. If sending multiple donations, one check is fine, and a note dictating what the donation is for. If you prefer to drop them off, there is a mail slot outside the Rectory office door.

Last week we received over \$4,838.00 in donations to support our parish during this trying time. Thanks for your generosity.

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

The third Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed as the Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers. The day commemorates when the women disciples of our Lord came to the tomb to anoint his body with myrrh-oils but found the tomb empty. As the women wondered what this meant, angels appeared proclaiming that Christ had risen from the dead.

*MAY THE LIGHT THAT SHINES FORTH FROM THE EMPTY
TOMB FILL OUR HEARTS AND SOULS,
OUR FAMILIES, AND OUR PARISH LIFE !*

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Thank you for your prayerful presence to all parishioners who were able to join us at our Lenten and Easter services by livestream. The responses to our streaming services have been awesomely positive and grow each week. I continue to pray and offer services for you every day. Please remember, that while we cannot be filling our lovely church together, we can still worship together on Sunday at 9 am, by joining our live streaming services on Facebook at

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

How many people saw the risen Jesus?

According to the Bible, over 500 people witnessed the resurrected body of Jesus. For starters, we know that Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9) and "other women" who visited the tomb (Matthew 28:9). This could have been approximately 3-4 people.

After that, Jesus appeared to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, who are traditionally said to have been two people (Luke 24:12).

Jesus also appears in the midst of all of his apostles, which may have also included St. Matthias, who would eventually replace Judas as one of the twelve (Luke 24:36).

This brings our total up to around 20 people, but St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians relates even more appearances.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

St. Paul's claim makes Jesus' resurrection a wide-reaching experience, not reserved for a small handful of disciples, but for a "multitude" of people. Furthermore, with an abundance of witnesses, the disciples of Jesus had a somewhat easier time convincing others of Jesus' resurrection when so many saw him in the flesh. It would not have been easy proving that a man died and rose from the dead, but when over 500 people witnessed it, the task may have been a bit easier.

Interim Guidance for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Recommendations are to cancel community-wide mass gatherings. Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend these events and introduce the virus to new communities. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies.