

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, June 14, 2020**

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

**Monday, June 15, 2020**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Oksana - r/by son Andriy and Kristina

**Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Alexander Ginda r/by Kathy

**Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + John Ilek r/by Helen &amp; Jeff

**Thursday, June 18, 2020**9:00 AM - Lit. + John, Catherine, Andrew, Mary Bodnar;  
Rose Chanel - Legate**Friday, June 19, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Peter Gadek - r/by Stelle, Joan Gadek

**Saturday, June 20, 2020**

9:00 AM - no Liturgy

5:00 PM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, June 21, 2020****Fathers Day***Epistle - Rom 5:1-10; Gospel - Mt 64:22-34*

9:00 AM - Lit. Living Fathers of Our Parish

Pan. + Deceased Fathers of Our Parish

**Thanks to our Cantors.**

In the midst of this pandemic we know how important it is for us to be together in our church. While we are physically separated, we are together in Christ through prayers for one another, livestreaming of Liturgies, and other prayer services at Assumption parish in Perth Amboy, NJ. I know, we will be together again soon, filling our church more than ever and that will our victory and a joyful reunion!

At this time, I want to thank Deacon Paul Makar, and my cantors Thomas Dochych and Anna Lawrence, for helping with cantoring of all services during the weeks of Covid-19 pandemic. The good work that church cantors do is not often mentioned in the church bulletin, newspapers or on the evening news, but during these uncertain times they are the unsung heroes of many church communities. Thanks for being essential front-line workers in God's vineyard during the pandemic. Your labors of love and time did not go unnoticed but instead are greatly appreciated by me and all our parishioners.

**Church Donations**

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver their weekly envelopes to the Parish Office when they're unable to come to Divine Liturgy. Even in these times of so many changes, suspensions and disruptions, our bills to run our Parish and School still need to be paid. If you are financially able, please continue to support our us. You may mail your donations, drop them off at the office or put them in the mailbox slot in the front of the Parish Office. Last week we received \$2,452 in donations to support our parish. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Stay well and God bless!

**Father's Day - June 21**

Last chance to use your Father's Day Remembrance envelope so that your father's name may be included in the Divine Liturgy. Names will appear online with the bulletin. Last year's names will be remembered in Father's prayers.

**Parish Festival canceled.**

Our Annual Parish Festival that was to take place on Saturday June 27, 2020, has been canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We would like to thank all the people of the parish, our volunteers and sponsors who support our annual event, and all our guests who make the Ukrainian Festival one of the most colorful and enjoyable festivals in our culture-rich community. Our parish looks forward to planning the 2021 Festival.

**Sincere Sympathies**

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + STEVE DAISAK who was recently called to his eternal reward.

**WELCOME BACK TO YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!****Reopening of Our Church - Alleluia, June 20th & 21st**

Last week, we received word that we may reopen church and celebrate Divine Liturgy with a congregation beginning on Saturday-Sunday, June 20th and 21st. Divine Liturgies are 5:00 p.m. Saturday evening in English and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in Ukrainian and 11:30 p.m. English.

I know we all look forward to being back at church.

As we reopen we will still have many restrictions in place, among them the following:

1. We will be limited to about 30% of the capacity of our church. This is subject to change. This includes Divine Liturgies, Funerals, Weddings and Christenings.
2. Wearing of face coverings (masks) MUST be practiced. Please bring your own mask. Face masks are to be worn by all except very young children.
3. Social distancing must be observed between all present at the services. No handshakes, hugs or kissing when greeting one another. No touching or kissing of icons, venerate them with a simple bow.
4. Some pews have been cordoned off and the pews that are open have been marked with blue tape indicating where people may sit. Please note that family groups may sit together and are not bound by social distancing. They should remain in place once they are seated. The church and pews will be cleaned regularly.
5. Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance of the church. You are also encouraged to bring your own small sanitizer.
6. Donation Baskets will be available at the door to accept your gracious contributions. In the future, since we don't pass a basket plate in the pews like some Roman Catholic churches do, we might use only two ushers to collect. They will take the Collection with a long-handled basket (6 feet or armlength) and place the collection in the usual place.
7. All Hymn Books and Liturgy Books have been temporarily removed from church. You are welcome to bring your own prayer book.
8. Choir singing will not be used. The cantor will assist the priest by leading the faithful in worship. There will be limited use of singing by congregation.
9. Reception of Holy Communion will be explained at the proper time of the Divine Liturgy. People will process to receive communion while maintaining social distance. Face masks should be removed as you approach the Holy Communion.
10. Until further notice, there will not be any visitations to hospitals, nursing homes or private homes. Only in EXTREME CASE OF EMERGENCY will a sacramental visitation be made. Call 2023682408
11. As we begin the restoration of Liturgies with a congregation the safety of all is our highest priority. Those individuals who are hesitant or fearful because of COVID-19 concerns as well as those with a COVID-19 diagnosis or symptoms, those who may be asymptomatic carriers, those not feeling well, those with underlying health conditions or those in a high risk category should stay home and avoid any public gathering.
12. Please remember that even though Liturgies with a congregation have been restored the obligation to attend Divine Liturgy is removed until the Hierarchy lift this dispensation.

Beloved in Christ, I look forward to welcoming many back to church on June 20th and 21st and hopefully welcoming everyone back shortly thereafter as restrictions are lifted. It is important for us to be peaceful during this time! All these rules are subject to change and will be adjusted as we move forward.

Let us respect our civil authorities as well as our hierarchy and take seriously their call for us to use common sense.

*Our prayers are with all of those affected by the crisis as well as our health care and essential workers.*



**ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESENTS:**  
**Road to Graduation Class of 2020**

Peter Fizer has been a part of our ACS family since third grade and he is a keeper! There is no task that he does not volunteer to help with - he truly loves his school and his parish. You can see Peter hauling Christmas Bazaar gifts or working the Ukrainian Festival - he volunteers with a giving heart.

At ACS Peter is involved in Basketball, Soccer, Culinary Club, Bulldog News, was this year's Student Council President, a member of the ACS chapter of the Jr. Honor Society, an Altar boy and a parishioner of Ukrainian Assumption Parish.

As Peter embarks on his High School journey to St. Thomas Aquinas, we look forward to watching him excel and wish him the very best.

• **What I will miss most about ACS?**

At ACS I will miss the fun times such as the Back to School Barbecues, the trip at the end of the year to Warren Park, the Christmas Heritage Project, and the family atmosphere.

• **What am I most proud of?**

I am most proud of making the National Junior Honor Society, and also being accepted to the two High Schools I applied to; Saint Joseph High School and Saint Thomas Aquinas High School.

• **What was your Jobs of the Future Project topic in 7th grade? What was your favorite?**

My job of the future was a Major League baseball player because the players inspire me to be who I am. I learned a lot from this project and it was a great experience.

• **What was your favorite class trip you've taken at ACS?**

My favorite class trip I have taken at ACS would be the trip to Great Adventure because it was a fun bus ride and I got to ride crazy rollercoasters with my friends. We enjoyed our time and it is a great memory

**Virtual Kindergarten Graduation 2020.**

Last week, was a big day for 12 amazing kindergarten students, as they officially graduate and move to the 1st grade! These students have big dreams of being a veterinarian, nurse, ballerina, professional athlete, firefighter, and so on. We at ACS, can't wait to help them get there! We are so excited to meet your kindergarteners next year. In the meantime, watch the kindergarten graduation video

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ADuzpTgTJak>

**Pre-K Graduation 2020.**

We bid our little graduates best of luck and farewell from their ACS home. Kindergarten here they come! Please watch a short video from the virtual Pre-K graduation at

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VAZ8FBX-EH0&feature=youtu.be>

**10 Questions for personal reflection as coronavirus lockdown ends.**

*Let's not let this opportunity for insight and growth pass by without taking advantage of it.*

"What have we been through? What changes do we want to keep? What unsuspected talents or resources have we discovered?"

**Our relationship with ourselves**

1. During this time of being confined at home, what did I learn/discover about myself? This might include my relationship to time, property, my body, my health, my activities, loneliness, etc.

2. What were my joys? Perhaps make a special note of one or more moments worth remembering.

3. What were my difficulties/sorrows? Name my emotions, my thoughts, and perhaps my regrets.

**Our relationships with others**

4. What person comes to mind spontaneously when I think back on the past two months? Why?

5. What new type or level of relationship have I discovered or developed? Have my relationships been enriched or deepened? Did I suffer because I missed someone in particular?

6. Have I (re)discovered limitations in the way I live my relationships (family, friends, co-workers)?

7. What decision(s) does this time of confinement invite me to make in the way I live my relationships with others from now on?

**Our relationship with God**

8. How did I perceive the presence of God during this time of confinement? What place have I given to the Word of God? What words of Scripture particularly affected me during this time of confinement?

9. How did I experience this time of forced abstinence from sacraments (Eucharist, Reconciliation)? What desire or awareness did it foster in me?

10. To what does this time of confinement invite me to pay attention, in terms of renewing personal and community prayer (listening to the Word of God, praise, commitment to parish life linked to the Eucharist)?

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We can take some time to answer these questions, and either keep them to ourselves or share them with others. We might receive interesting inspiration or ideas if we discuss these questions with someone close to us, or with a spiritual director.

Let's not let this opportunity for insight and growth pass by without taking advantage of it. God speaks to us through the events and people in our lives, even (or perhaps especially) through difficult situations that challenge us.



**Повідомлення про відновлення Богослужень.**  
**Дорогі парафіяни нашого храму.**

У зв'язку з послабленням карантину у Америці, хочу Вас повідомити, що наш храм буде відкритим для людей і будуть служитись Літургії у наступну Суботу і Неділю, 20-21 червня 2020 року. Просимо Вас дотримуватись вказівок, які Ви знайдете у храмі, між якими обов'язкове носіння масок, займати тільки зазначені місця у лавках які є позначені і відкриті, дезинфікувати руки антисептиком, та дотриматись соціальної дистанції у 1,5-2 метри. Богослуження буде без хору і книжок у лавках. Буде співати тільки дяк а вірні можуть допомагати. Після Богослужень не скупуйтесь у притворі чи на вулиці. Пам'ятайте про заборону контактувати з іншими людьми. Прошу з розумінням ставитись до всіх вимог ситуації пандемії. Нехай береже нас усіх Господь.