

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of the Forefathers, December 13, 2020**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Marie Komlodi - r/by daughter

Monday, December 14, 2020

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Sister Sharon Santos

r/by Tom & Lori Hawrylko

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Mary Stek r/by Ann Marie Stek

Thursday, December 17, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings for Vitiv Family

Friday, December 18, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Anna, Mychailo, Mykolka - Iryna Kuzychyn

Saturday, December 19, 2020

8:00 AM - Lit. + Marie and Vera Glowa

5:00 PM - Lit. + Richard Bischof (40th Day) r/by Gochal Fam.**Sunday Before Christmas, December 20, 2020***Epistle - Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40; Gospel - Mt 1:1-25*

9:00 AM - Lit. + Marta Royik - Fr. Ivan

11:30 AM - Lit. + God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

2020 Christmas Schedule

With the angels, the shepherds, the wise men and all the saints, then, let us come to adore Him Christmas Eve.

*This schedule could change, due to the pandemic.***Thursday, Christmas Eve, December 24**

4:00 PM - Children's Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

10:30 PM - Great Compline (Eng.)

11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Friday, Christmas Day, December 25

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)

11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Saturday, 26, Synaxis of the Mother of God

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng)

5:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Sunday Of The Forefathers (Ancestors) Of Christ.

Today we commemorate the holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Youths Ananias, Azarias and Mishael; Dionysios of Zakynthos, the wonderworker; and the New Martyrs Paisios the hieromonk and his disciple Habakkuk the deacon of Belgrade. On this day we celebrate the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (Ancestors) of our Lord Jesus. We remember all the holy Patriarchs of the Old Testament who prefigured or foretold Christ: Adam the first Father, Enoch, Melchizedek, Abraham, the friend of God, Isaac, the fruit of the Promise, Jacob and the twelve patriarchs. We then commemorate those who lived under the Law: Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, David, and the Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel; the twelve minor prophets; Elijah, Elisha, Zachariah, and John the Baptist; and finally, the Virgin Mary, the intermediary between mankind and her divine Son. Indeed, the Lord Jesus did not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to redeem humanity, which suffered the weight of evil since Adam, to realize the promise made to Abraham, to change the Law of Fear into the Law of Love and to give Resurrection and Life to mankind. This feast prepares us for the Nativity of Jesus Christ, placing before us the anticipation and hope for His coming among us.

1st CORINTHIAN - CHAPTER 13*Rewritten for the Christmas Season*

- If I decorate my house perfectly with lovely plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny glass balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.
- If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.
- If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.
- If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

LOVE stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love doesn't envy another home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens. Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of your way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can not. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break; pearl necklaces will be lost; golf clubs will rust. But giving the gift of love will endure.

Sincere Sympathies

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + CAROLYN TREFENKO who was recently called to her eternal reward.

Memorial Donation

\$50.00 - Bernadette Zavorsky, in memory of

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COVID Reminder.

We are asking all who come to Sunday services to please continue wearing a mask and keep a "social distance" of 6ft or more from each other as much as possible until further notice. Please remember, if you are feeling sick (Covid Symptoms, Flu Symptoms, ANY symptoms), please stay home from Church. With the rise in Covid cases, it's best to keep EVERYONE around you safe, even if you don't think your symptoms are "contagious."

Donation to Church

\$500.00 - John Lishak Jr.

2021 Donation Envelopes

Donation Envelopes for 2021 may be picked up in the church hall. Please check your envelopes for correct name and address. Any corrections should be directed to the church secretary. If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the parish office. If you would like to have envelopes, please speak to Fr. Ivan or contact the parish office @ 732-826-0767 and a number will be issued to you.

Parish Choir Christmas CD.

The disk includes a mix of traditional carols and contemporary compositions from Ukraine. This is a great Christmas gift! Each CD costs \$15 and can be purchased from Choir members after today's Liturgies or at the Church Rectory. You can also order it from Andrij Wowk by emailing him andywowk@gmail.com or sending a check \$18: Choir Boyan, c/o Andrij Wowk, 213 Short Hills Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.

Home Made Christmas Cookies Sale

Please support the initiative of 135th branch of the UNWLA (Ukrainian National Women's League of America). All raised funds will be directed towards helping children in need in Ukraine.

1 lb box - \$12; 2 lb box - \$20.

Please place your order by December 20th by contacting Olia - 908-265-4037 or Lusia - 201-233-7230

ACS Virtual Christmas Bazaar.

Get your Christmas shopping done from the comfort of your own home, all while supporting Assumption Catholic School in Perth Amboy, NJ. Go on school or Fr. Ivan facebook pages and bid on some great prizes. Hoping to spin some boards at the end of each week throughout the month of December.

Gift for Children.

St. Nicholas has a Christmas gift for you! Look for your tree ornament at the church manger.

Thank you to our parishioner John Grausam for donating rock salt to melt snow and ice this winter. Thank you for your generosity!