

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**1st Sunday of the Great Fast, February 21, 2021**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Mykola Lyszyk r/by Wife and Family

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

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross, English

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross, Ukrainian

Friday, February 26, 2021

6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Saturday, February 27, 2021

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM - Lit. + Charles Biloholowski r/by Son and Family

2nd Sunday of the Great Fast, February 28, 2021

Epistle - Heb 1:10-2:3; Gospel - Mk 2:1-12

9:00 AM - Lit. + Roman & Irene Ambrozewycz

r/by Roman & Cathy

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

Important Safety Reminders

As we remain open for in-person worship, it is very important that we continue to observe recommended safety measures. In particular, we ask for your cooperation with the following:

- If you have ANY symptoms, even low risk symptoms (e.g. runny nose, congestion, sore throat, nausea, headache, fatigue), PLEASE stay home.
- If you do attend services, please wear a mask that covers both your nose and mouth at all times.
- After each person has received, the Communion spoon is sanitized in a vessel containing an alcohol product [75% alcohol] which is drinkable, to encourage participation in the Eucharist.
- We are profoundly thankful to God that, despite challenges related to Covid-19, parish life continues: with Baptisms, Weddings, Liturgies, various services, in-person.

Thank you in advance for helping us maintain a safe environment for our attendees, especially the most vulnerable.

Memorial Donations**Church:****In Memory of + JOSEPH W. YURECHKO**

\$100.00 - Luba Bilowchtchuk

\$100.00 - Helena Blyskun

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\$25.00 - Kwiecinski Family

The Lenten Prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian.

In the Eastern Catholic Church, this prayer is added to church services during the Lenten season. Add it to your daily prayers!

- Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter.
(Prostration)
- Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience, and love.
(Prostration)
- Yes, O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brothers and sisters; for You are blessed now and ever and forever. Amen.
(Prostration)

Lenten season brings Pyrohy Sale!

We will be selling pyrohy (from Passiac parish) in the church hall following this week's Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 9 and 11:30 am liturgies. Potato or sauerkraut, only \$8.00. Delicious pyrohy are cooked and then frozen, awaiting hungry buyers looking for a non-meat options during Lent.

The Sunday of Orthodoxy.

On the first Sunday of Great Lent we celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy in which we celebrate the restoration of Icons and their use in Christian worship. This Sunday commemorates the return of the Icons into the churches, according to the decision of the Seventh Ecumenical Synod (787). The icons of Our Lord, the Theotokos, and all the saints are images of true humanity, signs of what our eternal calling and vocation really are. They tell us that we are all called to be living icons and imitators of Christ, bearing the likeness of God as gracious vessels of the Holy Spirit. We are also invited to come and see Christ as Phillip said to Nathanael in today's Gospel. We can see Christ through icons and we see Him through prayer, through sacraments, through our interactions with other people, and through the Liturgy. In all these encounters He sees us, as he saw Nathanael, and knows us deeply as he knows our hearts, desires, hurts, and needs.

Sorokousty- All Souls' Saturdays

During Great Lent there are special services held for the deceased members of a parish. These requiem services, known as "Sorokousty", involve the reading of the individual names of deceased family members of parishioners. Kindly provide Fr. Ivan with the names of your deceased loved ones whom you wish to have remembered in our prayers. Please take an envelope or form at the entrance of the church, fill it out, place it in the envelope, and drop it in the collection basket or leave it in the basket on the table.

Sorokousty will be celebrated on All Souls' Saturdays during Great Lent. **The list of individual names of deceased family that were provided to the office prior to this Saturday, are posted on the bulletin board and on the wall in the church vestibule.**

Presanctified Liturgies

(Each Friday during Great Lent, beginning @ 6:30 PM)

Great Lent is a season of repentance and renewal of our Baptism. We fast and pray to remind us that the needs of the soul are far more important than the needs of the body. Scripture tells us, Man shall not live by bread alone (Matthew 4:4). We need God, Who provides all for both body and soul. We have an opportunity to come together each Friday to seek God's help and to be healed by more frequent reception of communion. Our Sunday Divine Liturgies have a festal character; however, Presanctified Liturgies are celebrated each Friday in our church during Great Lent as fitting the season of repentance, conversion, and intensified prayer and fasting. Come, bring someone, mark your appointment book now and whatever comes up you will be able to say with confidence: *"I am sorry, but my family has a very important appointment that night."*

Reminder About the Eucharistic Fast.

Those receiving Communion at an evening Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts are to fast for a minimum of 3 hours prior to the service. (Ideally, we should not eat after lunch.) Fasting from midnight is still observed before receiving Communion at any morning Liturgy. (Also, remember that only services called "Liturgy" have the distribution of Holy Communion. Other services—Stations of the Cross, Moleben, Parastas, do not have Communion.

Enrollment and Registration at ACS.

Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. Give us a call at 732-826-8721 to schedule a tour. Over the past year, faced with a national pandemic, Assumption Catholic School has been successfully operating both in-person and virtually.

- AdvancEd accredited, the school provides a Christ-centered, Catholic environment to a diverse population of pre-K (age 4) through 8th grade students.

Last year, our school received a grant to be a 21st Century Community Learning Center which provides FREE of charge programs and academic enrichment opportunities during non-school hours for children in grades 3 to 8. You can find the registration information and tuition on our website <https://assumptioncatholicschool.net/tuition> Don't delay your visit. Call us. Tell Your Friends.