

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**4th Sunday of the Great Fast, March 14, 2021**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Cheryl Weigel r/by Joan & Bob Galetta

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross, English

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross, Ukrainian

Friday, March 19, 2021

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

Saturday, March 20, 2021

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM - Lit. + Joseph, Dorothy, Mary, Steve, Joseph
Andrews-Andrushetsko - Legate**5th Sunday of the Great Fast, March 21, 2021**

Epistle - Heb 9:11-14; Gospel - Mk 10:32-45

9:00 AM - Lit. + Fedir Kichula r/by Petro & Mariia Kichula

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

**2020 Financial Report.**

In today's bulletin I am sharing the Annual Financial Report that includes information relating to the funds which were received in the offertory, donations, and other sources and the amount of money it cost to run the parish and a school in the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Your generosity has been a blessing to the parish and your continued assistance is crucial during this time! As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused us to cancel a few of our most important fundraisers that we rely on to keep the parish going. Please keep this in mind as you continue to donate in person at the weekend Liturgies or send in your weekly contributions.

Your financial support of our parish allows us to pay the salaries and benefits of our employees, pay our bills, make incremental improvements to our church and school, assist our diocese, and contribute to the ongoing mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in the context of our Catholic faith. We are blessed with a parish rich in tradition and dedicated to Faith, Education, Service and Community. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.
Fr. Ivan - Pastor

Memorial Donations**Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund:**

\$200.00 - Ann Marie Stek, In Memory of + HELEN PIKUS

\$100.00 - Thomas Dochych, In Memory of + EDWARD BISHOP

Church:

\$100.00 - Joan & Bob Galetta

In Memory of + JOSEPH W. YURECHKO

Paska and Bread Sale

Our parish will be having an Easter Paska sale this year.

Round Paska \$12 and Small Braided Loaf \$5.

ALL PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT THE PARISH.

Please sign up in the vestibule or call the Rectory at 732-826-0767. All orders to be placed by March 29th.

Pickup will be Holy Thursday between 5 and 7 pm or Good Friday after the 9am Vespers until 12pm. Pickup is in the Church Basement

Easter Cookie Sale

Branch 135 of UNWLA is doing a home made Easter cookie sale to support the orphanage in Kolomyia and children of the fallen soldiers in Ukraine.

Also, there are children's Easter gift baskets full of sweets, toys and colourful seasonal decorations for your little ones. Please place your order by March 25th. Price of one cookie box or one gift basket - \$25. Please contact: Nadia - 732-877-9814 or Liusia - 201-233-723

Important Safety Reminders (Covid-19)

Masks must be worn covering both your nose and mouth. Your nose is a filter for your body. Therefore, the nose and mouth must be equally covered for best safety practices as per our health authorities. Coverage of both areas places you in compliance, improves safety, and it is the policy that we have adopted in our churches. Thank you for your cooperation. Our worship life, our parish-social life, and our educational life have all been "rocked," but we are ready to prudently direct our energies and efforts toward "coming back." The first sign of coming back will be "Pussy Willow Blessing" and an Easter egg hunt for children on Palm Sunday, as well as the blessing of baskets on Easter Sunday, all done in compliance with state and Archdiocesan guidelines.

SCHOOL NEWS: Principal's Newsletter.

The month of February was "FIRE" as the middle school likes to say. We celebrated Catholic Schools Week, Black History Month, welcomed Archbishop BORYS to our school, celebrated Mardi Gras and had wonderful 100th Day of School festivities. If those events weren't enough, we also blessed and opened our new STEM room in the ground level of our building. It is furnished with white board desks, green apple chairs, air-condition system and two 3D printers. The Smartboard will be installed soon and the Legos are starting to add up - THANKS to our parents who donated! We also completed our window project renovation for the school year. We thank our students & parents in grades 5-8 for being flexible to the schedule change. It has been a most remarkable 2021 considering how differently we started this year. Please take a few minutes to check out the ACS social media page and our website for great pictures.

Special Visit.

Last week, we had the pleasure of having Bishop Benedict Aleksiychuk of St. Nicholas Eparchy in Chicago, IL and Bishop Andriy Rabyi, the Auxiliary Bishop for Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia come to our Parish and School in Perth Amboy, NJ. As they visited classrooms, bishops learned the history of ACS and about teaching during the coronavirus pandemic. This was Bishop Benedict's first visit to the parish and a school, and we're just thrilled that both he and Bishop Andriy took the time to see us. In the past two months, 4 Bishops and 1 Archbishop visited our Assumption Community. We are truly blessed, that our parish and school is well known not only in the USA but also abroad.

QUESTION ABOUT OUR FAITH

- *Is it true that the Presanctified Liturgy that is celebrated in our church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. is a late innovation in our Church?*

Yes. The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is an innovation, insofar as it was not used in Apostolic times. When it became part of the liturgical life of the Church, however, is not exactly known. But by the year 364 the Council of Laodicia says: "It is not permitted during the Great Fast to offer up the Bread except on Saturday and Sunday." (Rule 49). In 691 the Council of Trullo (Rule 52) states: "On the days of the Great Fast, with the exception of Saturday and Sunday, and the Feast of the Annunciation, the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts must be celebrated." It does not say "might" or "could" but "must" be celebrated. This is a directive that goes back at least 1300 years, conceivably 1600 years, probably even a bit longer than that. It refers to a very special service, specific to the tenor of the Great Fast of Lent; part of the public prayer of the Church; and a valuable resource for any Christian who wishes to know, love and practice the Faith in a manner beyond the superficial. If we ignore the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts we lose a vast treasure house of spiritual formation. If we supplant it with some private devotion, we deprive ourselves of the power of the whole Church praying. (Private devotion—even if thousands are praying in unison—is just that: PRIVATE. "Liturgy" is prayer which calls upon the strength of all members of the Mystical Body together as a public act of worship). [C.f. Pius XII]

Funny - Big Donation.

Father O'Malley answers the phone. 'Hello, is this Father O'Malley?' 'It is!' This is the IRS. Can you help us?' 'I can!' 'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?' 'I do!' 'Is he a member of your congregation?' 'He is!' 'Did he donate \$10,000.00 to the church?' 'He will!'