

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, March 21, 2021**

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

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

**Monday, March 22, 2021**

9:00 AM - Stations of the Cross (School Kids)

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross, English

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross, Ukrainian

**Thursday, March 25, 2021****Annunciation of the Theotokos**

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

6:30 PM - Lit. + Joseph Kopi - Legate

**Friday, March 26, 2021**

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

**Saturday, March 27, 2021**

9:00 AM - + Anna Kozak (1st anniv.) r/by Daughters

5:00 PM - Lit. + Anna and Steve Palyha r/by Roman &amp; Cathy

**Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021***Epistle - Phil 4:4-9; Gospel - Jn 12:1-18*

9:00 AM - Lit. God's blessing for Alla Korostil family

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

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

\$50.00 - Phyllis C. Rock, In Memory of + EDWARD BISHOP

**Church:**\$100.00 - Joanne Symchik Hosbach, in memory of  
+ SYMCHIK-SOWA Families**Donation to Church**

\$100.00 - Salsini Family

**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 9 am Vespers until 12pm. Pickup is in the Church Basement. Leave your phone number on the form.

**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 Lusia - 201-233-723

**Lenten Confessions**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) will be offered NEXT SATURDAY, March 27 from 4-6 pm by a visiting priest Fr. Volodymyr Popyk, Pastor of St. Stephen Church in Toms River, NJ.

If it has been a while since you have been to Confession, do not be afraid! The Priest will guide you through this Sacrament of healing. Confession is an encounter with Jesus whose "mercy motivates us to do better." (Pope Francis)

**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.

**Holy Week and Pascha Schedule 2021**

(Due to COVID-19, please note that this schedule may change if things change with the pandemic. For the most current information, we encourage you to visit our website <http://www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net>) Also, due to the pandemic and for everyone's safety, please arrive no more than a half hour before the Liturgy you are going to attend. Masks are mandatory.

**Palm Sunday, March 28**

9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) Blessing of willows  
11:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (Eng.) Blessing of willows  
(Children's Easter Egg Hunt after both liturgies outside the church sponsored by Holy Name Society).

**Holy Monday, March 29**

7:00 p.m. - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

**Holy Tuesday, March 30**

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

**Holy Wednesday, March 31**

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Holy Thursday, April 1**

7:00 p.m. - Matins, Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels.

**Good Friday, April 2**

9:00 a.m. - Vespers and Procession and Exposition of the Holy Shroud (choir "Boyan")

7:00 p.m. - Jerusalem Matins

**Holy Saturday, April 3**

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Confessions in the Church  
2:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Baskets in the School Hall  
4:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Baskets in the School Hall  
5:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Baskets **outside the church**  
6:30 p.m. - Nadhrobne (Prayer at the Tomb)  
7:00 p.m. - Procession & Resurrection Matins Easter

**Resurrection Sunday (Pascha), April 4**

9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian

11:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy in English

**Panahyda - Memorial Service.**

On Saturday March 20, 2021, the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Churches throughout the world hold a prayer service for those who died as a result of COVID-19. "For more than a year now, we have all been united by one grief - the coronavirus pandemic. I think that each of us feels anxiety and sadness over the loss of loved ones: priests, monks and nuns, relatives or friends," said His Beatitude Sviatoslav in a letter he wrote to the UGCC bishops. A panahyda is being held here following the 5:00 PM Divine Liturgy, March 20.

**THE ANNUNCIATION FEAST.**

We observe Annunciation Day on March 25. It commemorates the archangel's announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus, the long-awaited Messiah. The word "annunciation" tells it all in both Ukrainian and Greek it means "good news" or "joyful tidings." News that the emancipation of man from sin and eternal death has begun. We sing this in the tropar/hymn for the day: "Today is the beginning of our salvation." This Holy Day is regarded as one of the greatest on the Church Calendar as it is the beginning of the process which will bring about Christ's coming on earth - His Nativity or Christmas. This day usually falls during Great Lent. However, its celebration takes precedence over the usual grave Lenten observance. A Divine Liturgy is served, the clergy wear bright colored vestments and the hymns tell of the gladness of our coming salvation.

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