

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

26th Sunday After Pentecost, November 21, 2021
PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE
 9:00 AM - Lit. 40th Wedding Anniversary of Ivan & Natalia
 Sytar r/by Children and Grandchildren
 +++ **Panahyda for Holodomor victims** +++
 11:30 AM - Lit. + Joseph & Rose Bigos r/by Ron & Irene
Monday, November 22, 2021
 7:30 AM - Lit. Health and Blessings Fr. Roman Dubitsky
Tuesday, November 23, 2021
 7:30 AM - Lit. + Ethel Melnykevich r/by Michael Paul Toth
Wednesday, November 24, 2021
 7:30 AM - Lit. + Helena Kawanka r/by Lucyna Mejsa
Thursday, November 25, 2021
Thanksgiving Day
 9:00 AM - Lit. + Sonia Kochbarski r/by Vera Gochal & Family
Saturday, November 27, 2021
 8:00 AM - Lit. + Ed Bishop r/by Pat, Flo and Gale (Bobick)
 5:00 PM - Lit. + Nastia Yurechko r/by Olga M. Yurechko
26th Sunday After Pentecost, November 28, 2021
Epistle - Eph 6:10-17; Gospel - Lk 13:10-17
 10:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

NEXT SUNDAY - Archbishop's Visit

Metropolitan-Archbishop Borys Gudziak will pay a visit to our parish and to our new sisters on Sunday, November 28, 2021. On that Sunday, we will have ONLY one bilingual Divine Liturgy at 10 am followed by a small reception in our church hall. All are welcome!

Visit with St. Nicholas.

Parish children 12 years old and younger are invited to a Saint Nicholas party on Sunday, December 5, 2021 after each liturgy. Admission is free; please sign the form in the vestibule by Nov. 28. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

Feed the Hungry in Our Community.

During the entire month of NOVEMBER, our parish will have a special collection of nonperishable goods and children's new toys for needy people in Perth Amboy, NJ. Please leave your donation in the Church foyer or downstairs on the bench next to the bulletin board.

Coffee Hour with UNWLA Branch 135.

We have resumed indoor Coffee Hours and every third Sunday of the month, Ukrainian National Womens League of America - Branch 135 members, will prepare some delicious meal and sweets after the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy. If you are not vaccinated, we ask people to wear a mask when moving around the hall but not when seated. Servers wearing masks and gloves will distribute coffee and delicious snacks for sale. Funds will be raised for the UNWLA to provide moral and financial support to elderly women and orphaned children in Ukraine. Please support this ministry.

School Christmas Bazaar.

ACS's Christmas Bazaar is underway and will run from November 30th to December 17th.
 STAY TUNED FOR SOME AWESOME PRIZES!

Grave Blanket Sale

The Holy Name Society will be taking orders for grave blankets. The cost for them will be \$25 each. If you wish to have the Holy Name members place the blankets at graveside there will be an additional \$5 fee per blanket. The point of contact is Charlie Boyko at 732-586-0405. Order forms available in the church vestibule.

Donation to Church

\$2,500.00 - Ann Marie Stek, in memory of
 STEK and PIKUS Families

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to TALYA STEPHANIE CASTIGLIA, daughter of Philip and Alexandra (Laschuk) Castiglia, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

Today's Gospel Reflection.

"You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?" Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God."

Luke 12:20-21

This passage is the response from God to one who decides to make worldly wealth his goal. In this parable, the rich man had such a bountiful harvest that he decided to tear down his old barns and build bigger ones so as to store the harvest. Little did this man realize that his life would soon come to an end and that all he stored up would never be used by him. The contrast in this parable is between an abundance of earthly wealth and wealth in what matters to God. Sure, it may be possible to be rich in both, but accomplishing this would be quite difficult. One straightforward challenge of this Gospel is to eliminate the desire for material wealth. This is hard to do. It's not that material wealth is evil, it's just that it is a serious temptation. The temptation is to trust in material things for satisfaction rather than trusting only in God. Material wealth should be understood to be a true temptation that must be kept in check.

PRESENTATION OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE:

When Mary was three years of age her parents took her from Nazareth to Jerusalem to give her to the service of the Lord in fulfillment of their promise. There, Zacharias, the father of St. John the Forerunner, took her by the hand and led her into the Holy of Holies where she dwelt for nine years, living in contemplation of God and being miraculously fed by an Archangel.

THIS THURSDAY - The national day of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by us all this week. But the pace at which most of us live is often so rushed that we tend to forget what it is all about. Can you stop now and give 30 seconds to consider just what you are actually thankful for right now and to whom to say thanks? Often times we spend more time in writing a note of thanks for some gift than we do in saying thanks to God for His constant shower of gifts. Just 30 seconds right now in recalling what you have to be thankful for and to whom you want to say it. When you have done this, you need to do one more thing. Attend church on Thanksgiving and offer your prayers of thanksgiving with your brothers and sisters in Christ and partake of the Holy Sacrament of Communion!

TIME TO CATCH UP! If you have missed any Sunday Offering throughout the year, now is the time to update your envelopes. Remember only donations received before Dec. 31st will be credited toward your 2021 income tax.

THANK YOU to all ladies who came out last week to the convent and participated at the Catechetical Classes graciously offered by our Sisters.

THIS SATURDAY - The men from the Holy Name Society will put up the outside Christmas decorations. Work will begin at 10 am and continue into the afternoon. Men from the parish are asked to come and help so that we can accomplish the tasks as quickly and efficiently as possible.

TEACHER NEEDED FOR 2021-2022

Do you have 60+ college credit hours, enjoy working with children, and have a desire to be a part of our community? We would love to have you, as our new 3rd grade teacher at Assumption School. Contact the school office at (732) 826-8721.

88th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Famine.

This year people of Ukrainian descent throughout the world commemorate the 88th anniversary of the Holodomor - the man-made famine in Ukraine that occurred in 1932-1933. This great tragedy continues to cry out to the world for its recognition as a crime against humanity and pleads never to be erased from the memory of the human race. To honor the victims of the Holodomor, this Sunday after 9:00 a.m. Liturgy we'll celebrate a Panahyda Service.