

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday of the Forefathers, December 12, 2021

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

11:30 AM - Lit. Blessings for St. Ann Society

Monday, December 13, 2021

7:30 AM - Lit. + souls in purgatory r/by Galyna Skrypnik

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

7:30 AM - Lit. + Michael Romanko r/by Family

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

7:30 AM - Lit. + Carolyn Terefenko r/by Anna Makar

Thursday, December 16, 2021

7:30 AM - Lit. + Nastia Yurechko r/by Daughter

Friday, December 17, 2021

8:45 AM - Lit. for Health of Andrea Hetling-Wernyj

Saturday, December 18, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + Anna - r/by Iryna Kuzychyn

9:00 AM - Lit. + Evhen (25th Anniv.) r/by Voitiv Family

5:00 PM - Lit. + Richard Kerzetski r/by Vera, Michael, Glenys

Sunday Before Christmas, December 19, 2021*Epistle - Heb 11:9-19 & 32-40; Gospel - Mt 1:1-25*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Harry Romanetz

r/by Nancy Romanetz Sikora

St. Ann Society.

There will be a Corporate Communion for all members today, December 12 at the 11:30 Liturgy. It will be followed by installation of officers for 2022-2023. Afterwards, there will be a regular monthly meeting in the church hall. Desserts and coffee will be provided. New members are always welcomed!

Bread Sale

St. Ann Society will sponsor a Bread Sale on Wednesday December 22. Please sign up on the order sheet in the vestibule or call the rectory at 732-826-0767. Pickup after 5 PM on the 22nd. Large braided loaf \$10, Small braided loaf \$5. Pre-orders only, last day to order is Sunday December 19. Any questions please email Colette at Ketrn@comcast.net

Pyrohy Sale!

Once again, during the month of December we will be selling pyrohy in the church hall following Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 9:00 and 11:30 am liturgies. Potato pyrohy only, \$8.00.

2022 Weekly Offering Envelopes

Church envelopes are ready for pick up in the church hall. Every married couple or single person 18 years or over is to be registered and receive envelopes. The neglect of regular church attendance and regular use of church envelopes can lead to difficulties at the time of baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. If you did not receive Church envelopes, and would like to, please call the Church office at 732-826-0767 during regular office hours.

Donation to Assumption Catholic School

\$100.00 - Kochbarski Family, in memory of
+ RICHARD KERZETSKI

2022 Church Calendars

Church calendars for 2022 are available in the church vestibule and hall. One per household, please. You may take additional copies after every family has had a chance to get one. Our thanks to Gustav Novak Funeral Home for sponsoring the calendars.

"O Who Loves Nicholas The Sainly"

More than 50 children and their families met at at our parish last week for a special visit from St. Nicholas. The children recited poems and sang some songs to adequately greet the favorite saint of children and adults. Eventually, all the children were worthily rewarded with gifts. Thanks to Holy Name Society for sponsoring the event. Thanks also to Anna Boyko for helping St. Nick to get gifts to all the children. Thank you all for being part of this celebration that brought us together honoring the Saint of our childhood.

Christmas Confessions

Rev. Msgr. Peter Waslo - will be available for Confessions before Liturgies on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE **2021 Christmas Schedule**

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

Friday, Christmas Eve, December 24

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

10:30 PM - Great Compline (Eng.)

11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Saturday, Christmas Day, December 25

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)

11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Sunday After Christmas, December 26

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)

11:30 PM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!

We all know family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or school friends, who are Catholic and no longer attend the Divine Liturgy. Christmas is a great time to invite them to come home to the Church. Think about it, pray about it, and invite someone to come to Church with you during the Christmas Season. There is always a chance that you will be rejected or your invitation will fall on deaf ears. Just remember that Jesus experienced the same kind of reception and He did not give up. So if your invitation receives no response or a negative one, just wait a few weeks and ask again. In the meantime, pray for that person, but don't give up on them no matter how long it takes. It is hard to persevere and it is hard to be rejected, but just be patient and kind and trust in the Lord.

Today's Sunday: HOLY FOREFATHERS & MOTHERS

The Church rejoices in the festival of the Holy Forefathers and Mothers of the Old Covenant, including those who came before the giving of the Law; they foretold the coming of the Messiah and are redeemed by his saving Pascha...The holy forefathers and mothers, together with all their descendants, have chosen life. They find it in God's Messiah, Jesus Christ, who is Life itself, God's incarnate Word. The celebration of the 'Winter Pascha' is a celebration of Life in God's Word. For "Christ who is our life" has already appeared (Colossians 3: 4). We have "beheld His glory" (John 1: 14). Now that glory is hidden in the "form of a slave" (Philippians 2: 7), but it will be revealed at the end of the ages in power for those who "have loved His appearing" (2 Timothy 4: 8).

"IT'S OKAY TO SAY MERRY CHRISTMAS"

Every Christmas, anti-Christian groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Communist Party, various Islamic groups and Atheist groups sue some city for erecting a nativity scene on public property. Likewise, fearing they may be perceived as politically incorrect, a handful of retailers (like Target and others) replace the word "Christmas" with "Holiday" in their marketing. It may seem like a small issue, but these things are significant because they diminish the importance of the Christian foundations of our society. Our ideas of justice, mercy, liberty and love for our fellow man are deeply rooted in the Traditions of the Apostolic Church which includes the Bible, particularly in the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. That's why America has been a light among the nations in the world. Like the angel who appeared to the shepherds saying: "I bring you good news of great joy," we Christians have a story to tell about the blessings of honoring the true God. Telling the story can start with simply not patronizing stores that use "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas" and by reminding those who say "Happy Holidays" that "It's okay to say Merry Christmas."

What's new on the ACS block?

A brand new 6 foot fence! We are so happy this project was able to be completed before the official arrival of winter. Student safety is our main priority and having a higher fence makes our school grounds even more safe.