

## DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**Sunday Before Theophany, January 2, 2022**9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings for Anna & Vasyk Kitchoula  
r/by Maria Derevenska

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

**Tuesday, January 4, 2022**7:30 AM - Lit. + Sr. Anne Binkowski, M.S.M.G. (40<sup>th</sup> Day)  
r/by Joyce Adamshick**Wednesday, January 5, 2022**7:30 AM - Lit. + Philip, Anna, Helen, John, Nicholas,  
Steve, Marie Romanko - Legate**Thursday, January 6, 2022****Theophany of Our Lord**

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

6:00 PM - Lit. + Sonia Kochbarski r/by Michael Romanko

**Friday, January 7, 2022****Julian Calendar Christmas**

9:00 AM - Lit. Intention of the Parishioners

**Saturday, January 8, 2022**8:00 AM - Lit. + Anastasia & Joseph Yurechko  
r/by Diane Basniak Wiesen5:00 PM - Lit. + Glenys Romanko (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
r/by Children and Grandchildren**Sunday After Theophany, January 9, 2022***Epistle - Eph 4:7-13; Gospel - Mt 4:12-17*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Ed Bishop r/by Debbie, Cindy, Joanne  
And Families

- Please join us for coffee and sweets after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy.

**The Theophany of Our Lord.**

Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation. For your convenience liturgies will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Water will be solemnly blessed at each service. *Myrovaniye* will follow all liturgies. Please bring jars/containers for Holy Water. Thank you!

**Christmas Eve Dinner Buffet**

Amid the surge of coronavirus cases across the U.S., this year's Christmas Eve Dinner scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is CANCELED.

**House Blessing on Feast of Theophany**

With the increased number of Covid cases I have decided not to bless homes for the second year in a row. Hopefully I'll resume this tradition next year. Thanks for your understanding. *Those parishioners who purchased a new house and who wish to have it blessed are asked to call Fr. Ivan at 202-368-2408, and discuss with him the possibility of a house blessing this year.*

**2022 Weekly Offering Envelopes**

Pick up your envelopes in the church hall. If there was not an envelope box for you, it may mean you are not listed as a parishioner. Please contact the office so we can correct this oversight. If you want to formally join the parish, sign the sheet on the table with the envelopes or call the Church office at 732-826-0767 during regular office hours.

Those parishioners who did not pick up 2021 envelopes because of COVID were given those envelopes to use for 2022. It is ok to use your old envelopes since the envelope number is the same.

**Parish Choir Christmas CD.**

Two years ago, our church Choir Boyan under the direction of Mrs. Alla Korostil, released a CD album of 16 Ukrainian Christmas carols and "shchedrivky" sung by the choir. The disk includes a mix of traditional carols and contemporary compositions from Ukraine. Available for pick up \$15 and \$20 by mail. Send your checks to Choir Boyan or Assumption church at 684 Alta Vista Pl, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. For more information call the rectory at 732-826-0767.

**Christmas and Sunday after Christmas Collections:**

Beloved, your attendance and sacrificial offerings total a little bit over \$13,000. Thank You!

**Pastor's Corner**

At the end of a bad year, it is tempting to be pessimistic about life and even grow in despair. This is especially the case when we surround ourselves with negative news headlines every day, seeing all the death, destruction and deceit that happens in the world.

Yet, it is important to remember that "bad news" does not have the final word. As we conclude the calendar year, may we not let the news dictate our lives, but place our hope firmly in Jesus Christ, who alone is capable of conquering every obstacle.

May our Divine Savior, the Prince of Peace, bring you all the joys of this holy season, and bless you with health and prosperity in the New Year 2022; and may we ask the newly born Babe of Bethlehem to put an end to this devastating Pandemic and bring universal peace and renewed health to all nations.

**January 6: Epiphany/Theophany (Baptism of Our Lord)**

The Feast of the Theophany ("manifestation as God") of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ celebrates that, when our Lord was baptized in the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and the Father proclaimed that Jesus was his Only-Begotten Son. Though in America it is overshadowed by Christmas, the Theophany is at least as important to us as Christians. As part of the feast, we have the Great Blessing of Water, which recalls all the ways God has worked salvation through water, culminating in the Lord's baptism—which points to his descent into death and rising on the third day.


- **Reminder:** There is NO FASTING between Christmas and Theophany! Faithful are obliged to fast ONLY on the Eve of the Theophany on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**School News - Principal**

Dear Parents of ACS students,

Many of you have reached out since Perth Amboy School District announced that they will start remote instructions until January 18.

Assumption Catholic School will remain open. We kindly ask that all our families to continue to encourage your children to wear their face masks and remind them of social distancing. We also remind you that if your child is showing any symptoms of illness to please keep them home. We will continue to follow our protocols and COVID-19 cleaning schedules.

Thank you all for helping us in keeping your children safe - I pray for the same success we had last year. Should you have any questions please email or call me 732-343-0750. Thank you and please stay safe. See everyone on Monday  Mrs. Shumny

**A Year of Time**

...Though even thinking on the subject of time may prove a Year of discomforting, it is not a bad idea—especially at the beginning of a new year. As we look into 2022, we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it.

Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life. The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak—every man, woman and child has the same twenty-four hours every day. Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on.

And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God. The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?