

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

34th Sunday After Pentecost, January 16, 2022

9:00 AM - Lit. Health & Blessings for Andrea Hetling-Wernyj r/by Choir Boyan

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

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:30 AM - Lit. health and blessings for Maria

Wednesday, January 19, 2022**Theophany of Our Lord (Julian Calendar)**

9:00 AM - Lit. + John Kopi - Legate

Thursday, January 20, 2022

7:30 AM - Lit. + Irene Skaskiv - by Oksana & Bohdan Kuzyszyn

Friday, January 21, 2022

8:45 AM - Lit. Sp. Int. Health of Mary Catherine Mahasky r/by ACS Faculty and Staff

Saturday, January 22, 2022

8:00 AM - Lit. God's blessings for Anna - Iryna Kuzyshyn

5:00 PM - Lit. + Deceased Members r/by Holy Name Society

35th Sunday After Pentecost, January 23, 2022*Epistle - 2 Cor 6:16-7:1; Gospel - Mt 15:21-28*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Richard Kerzetski r/by Family



January 19, 2022 (Julian Calendar)

Theophany of Our Lord (Jordan)

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Blessing of Water

19-го січня, 2022 (Юліанський Календар)

Богоявлення (Йордан)

9:00 a.m. Служба Божа - Водосвяття

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.

VIRUS PREVENTION

Beloved in Christ, I would like to remind everyone that those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety about contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons, are not obliged to attend Divine Liturgy. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. Thank you for doing your part to keep everyone safe and healthy

A SPECIAL REQUEST.

At the conclusion of each Divine Liturgy please close all Liturgy books and/or hymn books/brochures/newspapers and return them to their proper place. Let us all do our part to be true stewards of our Church by helping to keep the Church pews clean and neat. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

SNOW DAY

Please be mindful of the weather conditions when choosing to go to Liturgy during a snowstorm. Depending on the timing of the storm, parking lots and sidewalks may not be cleared. Since we are in the season of colder temperatures, be careful when you are walking on our church steps and sidewalks. If you are not sure, if there is a Liturgy, call the office before coming.

NEWLY SANCTIFIED JORDAN WATER

On the Feast of Theophany we celebrated the Great Sanctification of Water. The dispenser containing the newly sanctified water is located in the church vestibule. You are encouraged to take some water home for your sanctification.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Next Saturday, January 22, after 10:00 am, the men from the Holy name Society will be taking down our Christmas decorations. If any parishioners are able to come and help, it would be greatly appreciated.

Leaving Church after the Liturgy

The respectful protocol is to leave the church only after the final priest's blessing, and after venerating the cross held by the priest at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Please exit the church quietly and refrain from conversing with friends until after you have exited the church, so as not to disrupt those who wish to pray after the Liturgy.

Eternal Memory

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + MIROSLAVA J. MORIAK, who was recently called to her eternal reward. Mrs. Moriak taught at Assumption Catholic School for 32 years, and worked as substitute teacher and librarian after she retired. We pray to our Almighty Father that He accept her into His Heavenly Kingdom. May she rest in peace.

Donation to School

\$50.00 - Kwiecinski Family, in memory of + CAROL DALY

Donation to Church

\$500.00 - John Lishak, Jr.

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to, son of OWEN MATTHEW DISTEFANO, son of Matthew and Brooke (Biloholowski) Distefano, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

??? ASK THE PASTOR ???

- *Can priests give or take confessions over the phone, Facetime, Skype or Zoom?*

No, nor can they do so over the Internet using chat, or other similar means. The Church long ago recognized something that most of the world just recently recognized - that electronic communications are never truly private. Privacy is of key importance to the sacrament of reconciliation. Priests are strictly admonished to keep all confessions as private as possible. They can be excommunicated if they don't.

But more importantly, it is the personal encounter that matters the most. The priest, when offering the sacrament of reconciliation, is acting *in persona Christi* - that is, in the person of Christ. The Church believes that the personal encounter with Christ when partaking of sacraments is vital.

Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered "real" in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent.

While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.

- *What happens to a consecrated Body and Blood if it accidentally falls to the ground?*

This a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated gifts.

The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated bread or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled. Another question we might ask is: How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled? If this happens, the bishop, priest, deacon should immediately pick up the dropped Eucharist and consume it.

If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Liturgy is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.)