

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

35th Sunday After Pentecost, January 23, 2022

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

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

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

7:30 AM - Lit. health for Olesia Kuchirka - Maria Dzeva

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

7:30 AM - Lit. + Ann Redus - Legate

Thursday, January 27, 2022

7:30 AM - Lit. + Archbishop Stephen Sulyk - Sr. Yosaphata

Friday, January 28, 20228:45 AM - Lit. Blessings for Carmona Family
r/by ACS Faculty and Staff**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

8:00 AM - Lit Specil Intention

5:00 PM - Lit. + Wilson r/by Miller

Sunday of Zaccheus, January 30, 2022

Epistle - 1 Tim 1:15-17; Gospel - Lk 18:35-43

9:00 AM - Lit. Specil intention for Ivan Sytar Family

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

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.

Please do not seal contribution envelopes with scotch tape or return labels. This makes it very difficult for the collection counters, who very generously give of their time. When envelopes are taped, it takes twice as long to complete the collection and make the deposits.

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.

Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund

\$50.00 - Massopust Family in memory of
+ MIROSLAVA MORIAK

PRAY FOR PEACE

We have recently seen on the news how Russia has deployed troops along their border with Ukraine. Russia has shown its aggression towards Ukraine in the past with the annexation of Crimea and parts of Eastern Ukraine. Western leaders are trying to get Russia to deescalate a potential threat to peace for Europe and the world.

Please pray the following prayer.

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God."

At this hour, we fervently pray

that Your Holy Spirit may inspire men and women in Ukraine to become Peacemakers.

May they seek reconciliation and dialogue and end the violent confrontation and killing.

May they restore tranquility to their nation and restore human rights, democratic principles and religious liberty to their troubled land. God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom.

And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine.

And may each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your Peace. Amen

First Solemn Communion.

First Solemn Communion is an important step in our spiritual lives. It is the first major opportunity for a child to learn about their faith, and fully participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist on their own. In one sense this is a spiritual graduation from being a child who passively receives the faith from their parents, to a young person who actively participates in their own spiritual development. Usually children are presented as infants to the Church to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation (aka Confirmation) and the Eucharist. These children are then brought forward at each Divine Liturgy by their parents, God-parents, or grand-parents to continue receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. When they become old enough to understand the basic truths of the faith, and to recognize the meaning of their own actions, they are prepared to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and then approach the Holy Eucharist, no longer being brought forth, but on their own. This is what "First Solemn Communion" is all about. It is a program designed to recognize a child's growth in maturity, to teach him or her what Life with Christ is about, and to help the child to take more responsibility for his or her own spiritual well-being. Currently in the parish there are 16 children, who under direction of our Religious Sister are preparing for this important Sacrament in their lives.

Ask Pastor Question about our Faith

- *What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?*

The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions: The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.

- *Why do we use incense at the Divine Liturgy?*

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today. Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives. The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — as well as in devotions to the Eucharist — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant. Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel, the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed.