24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

24th Sunday After Pentecost, November 20, 2022 9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioner 11:30 AM - Lit. + Joseph & Rose Bigos r/by Ron & Irene Monday, November 21, 2022 7:30 AM - Lit. Intention of the Superior of the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara. Tuesday, November 22, 2022 7:30 AM - Lit. + Sr. Joyce Jacobs r/by Elizabeth Wutkowski Wednesday, November 23, 2022 7:30 AM - Lit. + Ronald J. Kopi r/by sister, Joanne Kara Thursday, November 24, 2022 THANKSGIVING DAY 9:00 AM - Lit. Health for Leonida r/by Alla Korostil Saturday, November 26, 2022 8:00 AM - Lit. + David Rader r/by Galetta Family 5:00 PM - Lit. + Michael Palyla Sr; Stefan Palyla r/by Family 25th Sunday After Pentecost, November 27, 2022 Epistle - Eph 4:1-6; Gospel - Lk 13:10-17 9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioner 11:30 AM - Lit. + John Hetling r/by Beverly & Anthony Turro

Feed the Hungry in Our Community.

In an effort to help our community in these trying times, the Church and our parish School is holding a special collection of nonperishable goods and children's new toys for the needy people in Perth Amboy, NJ. Please, during the entire month of NOVEMBER, leave your donation in the Church foyer or downstairs on the bench next to the bulletin board. Monetary donations are also being accepte. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Christmas Bazaar.

Assumption Catholic School will be holding its Annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, December 4, 2022 from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. FREE admission! As usual, the kitchen will be open serving all kinds of delicious hot cooked meals to eat in or take out. Enjoy an afternoon of old-fasioned family fun. There will be games of chance, vendors, 50/50 raffles, crafts, prizes, and baked goods. All are welcome. Bring your friends and neighbors. ACS has been running an annual holiday bazaar since 1968, one of the longest running bazaars in the area. 732-826-8721.

Adult Faith Formation for Women.

Please join our Sisters at the convent for another faith formation class on December 9 (in English) and December 21 (in Ukrainian).

Visit with St. Nicholas.

Parish children 12 years old and younger are invited to a Saint Nicholas Party on Sunday, December 11, 2022 after each liturgy. Admission is free; please sign the form in the vestibule by Dec. 4. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

Invitation to the Youth of the Parish.

Our Sisters extend a friendly invitation to all young people in the parish to join them at the convent on December 16 at 6:30-8:30 pm. This will be an opportunity to glimpse the life of consecrated women, a time to pray, share a meal and a chance to meet some new friends. All ages are welcome!

ACS needs donations for our Christmas Bazaar!

Prizes are needed for our small and medium auctions! Do you have any small gifts to donate? Have you picked up an item that you just couldn't leave at the store because it was a great deal, but you realize you have no use for it? Sent it in! Someone give you a candle, decoration, kitchen bowl that doesn't quite match your decor? Send it in! Have a kitchen gadget (small or big) that you purchased with every intention of baking or taking up a new hobby but there's no time? Send it in! Send all you potential prizes to the school or parish office! All donation items are needed and appreciated!

Vespers and Divine Liturgy.

On Saturday, December 10 at 4:00 pm, we will celebrate an evening service called Vespers and then the 5:00 pm

English Liturgy. The services will be sung by our Sisters and we invite all to come.

Happy Thanksgiving.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful and restful Thanksgiving holiday with your families and friends. For those traveling, I pray for your safety. For those who will be around, consider joining us for a bilingual Liturgy of Thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am.

Mary's Entrance into the Temple.

On November 21st, the Feast of Mary's Entrance into the Temple as a child, is celebrated. This Feast is filled with important spiritual significance for us the believers. The main theme of Mary's entrance into the Temple is the fact that she enters into the Temple to become the LIVING TEMPLE OF GOD, thus inaugurating the New Testament in which are fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament that "THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD IS WITH MAN" and that the human person is the sole proper dwelling place of the Divine Presence.

Orphanage in Ukraine

Thank you so much to all who donated money to purchase various items for the orphan children. I'm so delighted to report, that this week we received a thank you letter from the religious sisters who run the orphanage and who informed us that all packages were successfully delivered to the children in Ukraine. How blessed we are for each of you. It is during times such as these that we are called to be the church in very specific ways.

New Year's Eve Dance "Zabava"

Saturday, December 31, 2022.

Music by " Cheremosh" Delicious, Bountiful Buffet Dinner Served at 8:00 p.m.

and lasts all evening. Dessert Table and Champagne Toast.

- Adult Tickets \$120 .
- Young Adults (age 13-17) \$90 •
- Children (up to 12) \$60

For tickets please call: 732-826-0767 or 202-368-2408 or purchase them in the church hall after the 9:00 am . Liturgy.

Some proceeds will benefit Ukraine's armed forces and support humanitarian aid to those suffering the deadly consequences of a brutal war!

Designer Bag Bingo was a HUGE success!

Thank you to everyone who attended Designer Bag Bingo this past Sunday. A total of 14 designer bags found a new home and we hope over 100 players had a great time! A big THANKS goes out to all men of the parish Holy Name Society and to its President Mr. Joseph Britton for organizing the event, helping in the kitchen, serving meal, serving drinks, and selling raffle tickets through the evening.

THE NATIVITY FAST

GIFTS OF LOVE... As we continue the Nativity Fast it's a wonderful time to reflect on the needs of those in our community who don't have resources to purchase the necessary food to nourish their bodies. Please consider picking up a few extra non-perishable items when you are at the grocery store and leave them at the back of the church. May your kindness be rewarded.

- Entering the Church. 1. <u>Arrive on Time</u>. The time to arrive at church is before the service starts. If you arrive after the Divine Liturgy has begun, try to enter the church quietly and at the appropriate moment. We must not be walking in or around the church when the Gospel is being read, when a procession is taking place, or at any time that the priest is facing the congregation.
- Fast before the Liturgy. It is a Church law that one 2 fasts for at least 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine can be consumed, of course. The purpose is to help us prepare to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.
- 3. Please be quiet while in church. Once you enter the church - it is not the time or place to visit with those around you. If you must talk - do so as quietly and briefly as possible. Remember that your conversation might be disturbing someone who is in prayer, which is much more important. Sssshhhh.