

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Sunday Before Christmas, December 18, 2022**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Charles Galetta r/by Galetta Family

**Monday, December 19, 2022**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Myron Swidersky r/by Kohut Family

**Tuesday, December 20, 2022**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Elena &amp; Russ Fazio

r/by Caterina, Ralph and Family

**Wednesday, December 21, 2022**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Eva &amp; George Radich - Legate

**Thursday, December 22, 2022**

7:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention Edith Kowalczyk r/by ACS

**Friday, December 23, 2022**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Mary Otlowski r/by Joan Galetta

**Saturday, December 24, 2022**

4:00 PM - Lit. Children's Divine Liturgy

10:30 PM - Great Compline

11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (English)

**Christmas Day, Birth of our Lord, December 25, 2022***Epistle - Gal 4:4-7; Gospel - Mt 2:1-12*

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)

11:30 AM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko (English)

**Corporate Communion**

St. Ann Society will gather for their Christmas party at The Armory 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18 following their Corporate Communion at the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

**Prospora Bread.**

Our traditional Christmas Eve Supper Prospora Breads will be blessed and distributed after Saturday-Sunday Liturgies, December 17-18. Thanks to Mrs. Colette Baginsky and her helpers for making the bread. Your donation for the prospora bread will go to St. Ann Society.

**Adult Faith Formation for Women.**

Please join our Sisters at the convent for another faith formation class at 6:30 pm on December 21 (in Ukrainian).

**Memorial Donation for Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine**

\$50.00 - Cynthia Pryszyk, in memory of

+ ROSE MARIE (PEGGY) LIBERTI

**Bread Sale**

St. Ann Society will sponsor a Bread Sale on Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign up on the order sheet in the vestibule or call the rectory at 732-826-0767. Pickup between 5 pm and 8 pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Large braided loaf \$15, Small braided loaf \$7. Pre-orders only, last day to order is Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Any questions please email Colette at Ketrn@comcast.net

**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.

**St. Nicholas Visit - "O Who Loves Nicholas The Sainly"**

More than 100 children and their families gathered in our parish last Sunday for the Divine Liturgy and a special visit of 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. Thank you all for being part of this celebration that brought us together honoring the Saint of our childhood.

**2023 LITURGICAL CALENDARS** are available to be picked up at the church entrance. Special thanks to Novak Funeral Home for once again sponsoring the beautiful liturgical calendars. Take one per family.

**2023 CHURCH ENVELOPES** will be available next week.

**Genealogy Sunday.**

Today we begin the last few days before we celebrate the birth of Jesus. During the past two weeks we have heard about the Savior, about his role, and how to respond to him. From now on we hear about his actual appearance among us, beginning with his genealogy.

Thousands of years ago the promise of the Messiah coming into the world came to Abraham, God told him that his descendants would be numerous and the Messiah would come from his blood line. When Jesus came into the world He came as a Jew into the nation of Israel.

For years they had been waiting for the Messiah that was promised, and all the signs indicated that the Messiah was going to come soon. Most of the Jews heard the preaching of John the Baptist, saying that he was preparing the way for the Lord. All Israel had to know the Messiah was coming. They had this view of who the Messiah was going to be. They expected Jesus to come as a conquering general and to set up a kingdom on earth. Jesus never tried to become king as He lived on the earth; He came humbly. The Jews expected Him to come with more power and that is why so many of Israel rejected Jesus as the Messiah.

**A Reflection in Preparation for Christmas.**

As we prepare our hearts and homes for Christmas... let us remember that JESUS is the real reason for the Season of Christmas.

- **Many of our homes have Christmas Trees...**
- The Evergreen Tree always green symbolizes our everlasting life with Jesus.
- **Lights and Candles...**
- Christmas Lights symbolize Jesus the Light of the World. As we follow Christ, the Light of the World, we are called to be a reflection of Christ's light to others.
- **Angel...** The angel tells us to rejoice in the birth of the Child Jesus and brings the message that Jesus is for EVERYONE!!!
- **Star...** The star led the Three Wise Men to find the manger and the Newborn King. It reminds us that we are to follow the words in the Gospel and that Jesus is King of kings..

**Children's Divine Liturgy - Christmas Eve**

On Saturday evening, children who wish to participate in the procession for the 4:00 pm Liturgy are asked to gather in the church hall ten minutes before Liturgy. All children are encouraged to participate in the procession!

**Christmas Ornaments for Children!**

There will be Christmas ornaments for the children of our parish in a basket near the manger. Children may take one per child on Christmas Eve.

**Mirovanije** – In celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, there will be anointing with blessed oil (mirovanije). This year, Fr. Ivan will use the oil that was recently brought to him from the Holy Land trip by a parishioner, Mary Retalis. All are welcome to receive anointing and blessed bread.

**Farewell to Bishop Andriy Rabi**

This week, BISHOP ANDRIY RABIY, THE NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP OF WINNIPEG (UKRAINIAN), MANITOBA, CANADA celebrated his Farewell Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Members of the Class of 2023, the Principal Mrs. Shumny, 8th Grade teacher Mrs. Pickering, 5th Grade teacher Miss Shumny, the President of the Family School Association, Mrs. Palhais and our Sisters represented Assumption Catholic School and Parish in Philadelphia to say farewell to Bishop Andriy Rabi. Bishop Andriy has always supported our students and believed in our mission here at ACS. Your Grace, thank you, we appreciate your work and the service you have provided for us all through this time.

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