

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, January 29, 2023**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Ann Redus - Legate

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

7:30 AM - Lit. Health of Anna and Elizabeth r/by Iryna

**Wednesday, February 1, 2023**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Peggy Liberti r/by Eleanor and Joan

**Thursday, February 2, 2023****Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna****(Blessing of candles)**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Anna Melnyk r/by Halyna Tulys

6:00 PM - Lit + Joseph Yurechko r/by Alla Korostil

**Friday, February 3, 2023**

8:45 AM - Lit Special Intention Sr. Yosaphata

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**

8:00 AM - Lit +Tetiana Broda r/by Kotch Family, Luba Korkh

4:15 PM - Rosary Recitation

5:00 PM - Lit. + Ihor Sytar r/by Holy Name Society

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son, February 5, 2023***Epistle - 1 Cor 6:12-20; Gospel - Lk 15:11-32*

9:00 AM - Lit.+ Leonida Doroga r/by Christina Oertling

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

**Gift Auction**

St. Ann Society will be having their Spring Garden Tea Party Gift Auction on Sunday, March 5, 2023. Doors open at 12:00 PM and the auction starts at 2:00 PM. Many fabulous prizes, money raffle, gift card raffle, Lottery ticket raffle, and more. Complimentary cake and coffee. Tickets are \$20. See any St. Ann member or call the Rectory for tickets.

St. Ann Society is also taking donations of any NEW and Unused items to use as prizes...consider REGIFTING any Christmas gift you forgot to return. For additional info or questions email Colette at [Ketrn@comcast.net](mailto:Ketrn@comcast.net).

**School Angels Fund.**

ACS has opened its doors to eighteen students displaced by war in their home country, Ukraine. Some of these children have seen things no child should ever have to see or experience.

The average cost of tuition at Assumption Catholic School is \$5,500. For this academic year, students from Ukraine tuition is: in P-k \$200 per month and from K-8th grades \$100 per month. We're doing this in the moment because we know it's the right thing to do.

We are trying to meet all their needs which are, but not limited to: the language barrier, uncertainty about the future, keeping up academically, and emotional scars from their experiences. We seek monetary assistance towards tuition School Angels Fund and students' special needs as we go forward into uncharted territory. Lastly we ask, pray for the Ukrainians, mostly mothers, children, and older people that are refugees. Pray for the soldiers that have stood their ground against all odds. Pray for our world leaders that they may find the strength and guidance to help put an end to this unprovoked attack. Most of all pray especially for the innocent war children who have enrolled at Assumption Catholic School.

**Adult Faith Formation for Women.**

Please join our Sisters at the convent for another faith formation class at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 14 (in English).

**Invitation to the Youth of the Parish.**

Sisters extend a friendly invitation to the young people up to 13 years old on Friday, February 3 to join them at their convent at 6:30 pm.

Father and Sisters, also extend the invitation for the youth of the parish 13 and older to join them at the convent Saturday, February 11 at 6:30 pm for the faith-based activities and spiritual awakening.

**Blessing of Candles**

Candles are blessed on the Holy Day, Meeting of the Lord with Simeon, on February 2. After Liturgy, please take one (\$2) and light it at home during special needs.

**SUNDAY OF THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN**

Today, we remember the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, which occurs in the Holy Gospel according to Luke the Evangelist (18.10-14). In our Savior's parable, Jesus uses a Pharisee, a leader of the synagogue who was regarded in public opinion as virtuous, and a publican, a tax collector who was regarded as oppressive, greedy and a sinner. In their prayers to God, we discover the real hearts of these two men. We thus learn of the harm that comes from pride and the good that comes from humility.

**Assumption Catholic School Open House.**

JANUARY 29, 2023 -12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

FEBRUARY 1, 2023 -10:00 PM - 12:00 PM

- Cognia accredited, the school provides a Christ-centered, Catholic environment to a diverse population of pre-k (age 4) through 8th grade students.

- STREAM focused Curriculum.

- Pre-K through 8th grade Chromebook and iPad technology integrated with Google Classroom.

- Smartboards, Technology-Media Center, and Science Lab all enhance our academic programs.

- After School Extra Curricular Activity Opportunities: Basketball, Bowling, Drama, Musical Groups, Student Council and many others.

- Before Care and After Care are available.

- Re-Registration is now open for the 2023/24 School Year

- Open House is a great time for new families to ask questions, meet a Pastor, the Principal teachers, and get to know our community! You will also have the opportunity to have a tour of the school by one of our current students.

- Tours are available and speak we English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Ukrainian.

- To receive more information about the school tuition, call 732-826-8721 or visit

<http://assumptioncatholicschool.net/tuition/>

**Sorokousty Memorial Services**

As in the past, we will honor the memory of our beloved deceased with Sorokousty Memorial Services at 9 a.m. on all Saturdays of Lent beginning Saturday, February 25, 2023. This is a time to remember our departed family and friends. If you would like your deceased family members commemorated during these services, ***please submit your envelope with the names clearly listed, by Feb. 12.***

Envelopes are included in your box of donation envelopes. Please clearly PRINT the first names of the deceased on the front. If there is no change from last year, please check "same as last year" on the envelope.

**Parish Adult Faith Formation.**

Last week, our Sisters held a meeting in Ukrainian with our parish women and explained to them the differences and similarities between Catholic women religious orders. Each religious order or congregation has a particular gift (the charism) that they offer for the Church. Some religious orders like Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara are apostolic (active in the world), some monastic and some cloistered that do not live and minister actively in the outside world. Their life and work of prayer is primarily contained within their monastery setting. Among other topics at the gathering, the Sisters also explained to participants the meaning of sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation that give a person what we call an indelible character. Sisters thanks all ladies for joining them for fellowship, prayer, and spiritual nourishment.

**Christmas Decorations**

Last week, the crèche was packed away until next year, the wreaths taken down, and all the poinsettias were taken by parishioners. With the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Christmas season is over but the spirit lingers, and, for me, it is a spirit of gratitude. Specifically, I am grateful for the ways the men of the Holy Name Society under the leadership of their Presidents decorated the church and then took down all Christmas decoration. Thanks also, for making \$1,000 donation toward purchasing the shed. Today, the church seem plainer, but certainly no less bright. God's blessings to all of you for the giving of your time, talents and treasure for our Parish!