

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, February 26, 2023**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Olga M. Yurechko (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) - by Marina Shapovalenko

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

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (English)

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

8:45 AM - Lit. +

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

**Friday, March 3, 2023**

6:30 PM - Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM - Lit. + Larry Ginda r/by Kathy Ginda

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, March 5, 2023**

Epistle - Heb 1:10-2:3; Gospel - Mk 2:1-12

9:00 AM - Lit. + Roman & Irene Ambrozewycz r/by Roman & Cathy

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

**Gift Auction - Next Week!**

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.

**Lenten Mission-Confession**

This year's Lenten Parish Mission will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (March 25-26). The mission will be conducted by Fr. Ihor Kolisnyk, C.Ss.R., a Redemptorist Father and an assistant pastor of St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church in Newark NJ. There will be a spiritual talk at each service scheduled during the Lenten mission and time for the Sacrament of Repentance. Please make every effort during the Lenten Mission to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter Sunday.

**Senior Citizens Club**

For many years, we were blessed in our parish to have not only many seniors but also the Parish Senior Club. The members of the club gathered once a month, on the first Thursday of the month at 12 noon in the parish hall. They enjoyed each other's company, share lunch and organize trips to a casino. The success of the organization was possible, because of the hard work and dedication of the President - Joan Zaleski and Treasurer - Eleanor Kataryniak. In recent years, membership has dropped and decision was made to discontinue the club.

**"We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen."**

Students and Faculty of Perth Amboy Catholic School and Assumption Catholic School in the City of Perth Amboy reunited in the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the anniversary of the beginning of the war in Ukraine to pray for peace and end to war

**School and Parish CLOTHING Drive**

You can drop off your clothes at school or in the church basement on Saturday and Sundays after Liturgies. Our School will earn \$\$\$\$ for your gently used Men's, Women's and Children's Clothing & Coats, Sheets, Blankets, Bed Spreads, Quilts, and so on.

**Reminder About the Eucharistic Fast.**

Those receiving Communion at an evening Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts are to fast for a minimum of 3 hours prior to the service. (Ideally, we should not eat after lunch.) Fasting from midnight is still observed before receiving Communion at any morning Liturgy. (Also, remember that only services called "Liturgy" have the distribution of Holy Communion. Other services—Stations of the Cross, Moleben, Parastas, do not have Communion.

**TODAY: 1st Sunday of Great Lent: Sunday of Orthodoxy**

Each of the Sundays of Great Lent has its own special theme. The first Sunday is called the Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. It is a historical feast commemorating the return of the icons to the churches in the year 843 after the heresy of iconoclasm was overcome.

**Welcome guests and visitors!**

Please join us for coffee after the 9:00 am Sunday Divine Liturgy. We look forward to saying hello.

**Altars Flowers Donation**

Two baskets of flowers were donated by Marina Shapovalenko in memory of + Olga M. Yurechko

**Altar Linen Ministry**

If you attend Liturgy regularly, you likely have an idea of the many pieces come together to create a beautiful experience of prayer each Sunday. The priest, the choir, the readers, the ushers, altar servers, each has a unique role in aiding the parish community as they worship. However, there is one group whose service at the liturgy often goes unnoticed. They are humble, behind-the-scenes members of our parish – our Altar Linen Ministry. Each time a priest celebrates Liturgy he uses a number of different linens – from the pieces that are used to cover the altar, to the "purificators" that are used to wipe the chalices holding the Precious Blood, and more. Our Altar Linen Ministry works hard, behind the scenes, to make sure that all of the linens used in the liturgy are carefully and reverently cleaned and ready to be used at the Liturgy. They also change altar Linens for different church seasons. Many thanks to Sisters, Maria Alvarez and Mary Retalis for changing linens for the Season of the Great Lent.

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

Sisters extend the invitation for the youth of the parish 13 and older to join them at the convent Saturday, March 4 at 6:30 pm for faith-based activities and spiritual awakening.

**Adult Faith Formation for Women.**

Please join our Sisters at the convent for another faith formation class at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 7 (in English) and Wednesday, March 22 (Ukrainian)

**Sorokousty- All Souls' Saturdays**

During Great Lent there are special services held for the deceased members of a parish. These requiem services, known as "Sorokousty", involve the reading of the individual names of deceased family members of parishioners. Kindly provide Fr. Ivan with the names of your deceased loved ones whom you wish to have remembered in our prayers. Please take an envelope or form at the entrance of the church, fill it out, place it in the envelope, and drop it in the collection basket or leave it in the basket on the table.

Sorokousty will be celebrated on All Souls' Saturdays during Great Lent. **The list of individual names of deceased family that were provided to the office prior to this Saturday, are posted on the bulletin board and on the wall in the church vestibule.**

**Presanctified Liturgies**

(Each Friday during Great Lent, beginning @ 6:30 PM)

Great Lent is a season of repentance and renewal of our Baptism. We fast and pray to remind us that the needs of the soul are far more important than the needs of the body. Scripture tells us, Man shall not live by bread alone (Matthew 4:4). We need God, Who provides all for both body and soul. We have an opportunity to come together each Friday to seek God's help and to be healed by more frequent reception of communion. Our Sunday Divine Liturgies have a festal character; however, Presanctified Liturgies are celebrated each Friday in our church during Great Lent as fitting the season of repentance, conversion, and intensified prayer and fasting. Come, bring someone, mark your appointment book now and whatever comes up you will be able to say with confidence: *"I am sorry, but my family has a very important appointment that night."*