

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**3rd Sunday of the Great Fast - Veneration of the Cross, March 12, 2023**

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:30 AM - Lit. + Hutnick, Kataryniak Families - Legate

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

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

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

8:45 AM - Lit. + Myron Poluha r/by Tom Smith

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

Friday, March 17, 2023

6:30 PM - Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 18, 2023

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM - Lit. + Helen Duda r/by Randy Siluk

4th Sunday of the Great Fast, March 19, 2023

Epistle - Heb 6:13-20; Gospel - Mk 9:17-31

9:00 AM - Lit. + Dmytro and Anna r/by Mariya Derevenska

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

**TODAY: The Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross.**

The Cross is the goal of our Lenten journey—as is the empty tomb and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Cross and Resurrection are the two components of the one integral paschal mystery. This is not only the crown of our liturgical year, but the very substance of our Orthodox Christian Faith. A Cross without the Resurrection would have buried Jesus in the oblivion of historical time. But according to the design of God, there could be no Resurrection without the scandal of the Cross.

Today, prostrating ourselves before the life-giving Cross, we sing the powerful hymn, "To Your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection.."

We worship the One Who was nailed to the Cross and we simultaneously glorify His resurrection. This hymn perfectly captures the Good News in a world often overwhelmed by bad news. And in a world paralyzed by uncertainty and "relativism," what a blessing and privilege to bow down before the Lord Jesus Christ, "the same yesterday and today and forever" [Hebrews 13:8], crucified and raised for our salvation!

2022 Financial Report.

Along with today's bulletin I am sharing the Annual Financial Report that includes information relating to the funds which were received in the offertory, donations, and other sources and the amount of money it cost to run the parish, the convent and the school in the 2022 fiscal year. The report can be found on the table in the vestibule.

Your generosity has been a blessing to the parish and allows us to pay the salaries and benefits of our employees, pay our bills, make incremental improvements to our church and school, assist our diocese, and contribute to the ongoing mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ in the context of our Catholic faith. We are blessed with a parish rich in tradition and dedicated to Faith, Education, Service and Community. Thank you. *Fr. Ivan Turyk - Pastor*

Lenten Mission-Confession

This year's Lenten Parish Mission will take place on the 5th 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.

St. Ann Society Spring Garden Tea Party Gift Auction.

The event was organized and conducted by the church's very active St. Ann Society and attracted a wonderful crowd after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19-Crisis. Everyone seems to agree that it was a big success. The dedication you ladies all show is inspiring. Thanks also goes to men from the parish Holy Name Society for cooking in the kitchen and to everyone who came out and supported this year's auction. Without you it wouldn't be successful.

Sorokousty- All Souls' Saturdays

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 February 25 is posted on the bulletin board and on the wall in the church vestibule.**

Church Donation

\$300 - In memory of + Orest Kalni - by mother, Lubomyra

Please Help

A woman escaping the war in Ukraine who arrived to the USA with her husband and three boys, who are currently ACS students at kindergarten, second and fourth grades, was struck by a car while using a crosswalk in Parlin NJ. Iryna went to the public library with her youngest son David to complete his school homework assignemnet. Police said, while crossing a crosswalk on a green light next to the library, she was struck by a car that ran a red light. Iryna is in a coma, as she sustained serious injuries to her body and a head. Her son David was also hit but suffered minor injuries.

I ask you, please pray for the miracle of her recovery and financially help the family. You can drop your donation into the collection basket or the donation box at the back of the church this Sunday.

Thank you Sisters

- Last Saturday, the 'young Church' gathered in fun and friendship to encounter Christ and reflect on the beauty of nature and God's creation. The joyful and peaceful environment of the Sisters convent provided our parish youth (23 young people) with the opportunity to come together to learn about the Christian faith and their identity.
- On Tuesday, after Stations, Sisters also held class for English speaking women and discussed with them the Holy Sacraments of Priesthood and Anointing of the Sick.

Our Parish Purchased an Ambulance for Ukraine.

In response to the tragic humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish in Perth Amboy, NJ of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia recently purchased an ambulance to help save the lives of Ukrainians. With the assistance of Bishop Hryhoriy Komar, Auxiliary Bishop of Sambir-Drohobych Eparchy in Ukraine, an ambulance has been purchased in Italy with the donation from the Medical Career Institute, NY and proceeds from the New Year's Dance (Zabava) fundraiser that took place in the parish on December 31, 2022. An ambulance for Ukraine as it defends itself against Russia's invasion was purchased for 13,000 euros (\$14,500) and was delivered to the city of Kramatorsk, eastern Ukraine for the A7015 Tank Brigade. Photos of the ambulance can be seen on the flyer in the church vestibule.

♥ God Bless America and God Protect Ukraine! ♥

Orchid Flower Donations

All lovely orchid flowers on the side altars were donated by our parishioner Iryna Kuzyshyn. Thank you. The flowers are beautiful and much appreciated.

St. Ann Society Meeting

The ladies of St. Ann Society will meet today in the church hall following the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Lunch will be served. All women are invited to attend and become a part of the group that prays together and fundraises for the benefit of the parish. New members are always welcomed.

Want to support ACS?

\$1 chocolate bars are for sale in back of the church with different delicious favors. If you want to help us sell a whole box at your work place - it is \$60 a box with 60 chocolates. Thank you!

❖ *Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all those who are in need of our prayers.*