

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers, April 23, 2023**

10:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
Easter Dinner (Sviachene) following Liturgy in the school hall

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + John and Helen Bulecza - Legate

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Michael, Sophie, John, Nicholas, Martha,
 John, Joseph, Steve Boyko-Yaremczak; John, Anna,
 Stan Kmiec - Legate

Thursday, April 27, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Harry, Tessie Terefenko; Anna Balinski -Leg.

Friday, April 28, 2023

8:45 AM - Lit. Health of Iryna
 r/by Assumption Catholic School

Saturday, April 29, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. + Andriy r/by wife, Maria Dzeva
 5:00 PM - Lit. + Ray Otlowski r/by Galetta Family

Sunday of the Paralytic Man, April 30, 2023

Epistle - Acts 9:32-42; Gospel - Mk 5:1-15

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
 11:30 AM - Lit. God's blessings on Charles and Ann Boyko
 for their 40th wedding anniversary.

From Father's Desk

- If you would like to meet with Father Ivan, please call him @202-368-2408 to arrange a time and place which is convenient for you.
- Emergency Sick Calls: Father is available for emergencies at any time.
- Marriages. Consult Father at least six months in advance and before plans have been made for the wedding reception.
- Baptisms are normally scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. Consult Father for scheduling

Mothers Day

On Sunday, May 14, 2023, we will remember all of our mothers at the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy. There will be petitions for their health and continued blessings, and a requiem service, panachyda, for all our mothers who have died, that the Lord God remembers them. The names of mothers and donors will be listed provided the envelopes are turned in by May 1st.

Women's Evening of Prayer - Mark Your Calendar

On Tuesday evening, May 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., the ladies from St. Ann Society invite all ladies from our parish to participate in a Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God. The homilist will be Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko. The theme of the homily will be "*Mary: Mother, Intercessor, Protector*". Mark your calendar and be sure to attend this event of spiritual renewal. It is our hope that you will join us not only in these prayerful devotions, but also in fellowship afterwards in our church hall as guests for refreshments.

Donation to Church

\$200.00 - Vasyl & Anna Kitchoula

Congratulations


Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to the following upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation - Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist:

SOPHIE POPUKH,

Daughter of Viktor Popukh and Yuliya Zinkevych

NICHOLAS GABRIEL SALSINI,

Son of Gerlando Salsini and Inga Sizova



Sincere Sympathies

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of

+ JEANETTE DIAKUN,
 + MYKHAILO BOLYUK,
 + CATHERINE STEPASH

who were recently called to their eternal reward.
 Вічна Пам'ять.

TODAY: Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women

When reading the Holy Gospels, one of the most striking things we see is that after the Lord's Resurrection, His Disciples were not the first to see Him. Instead, it was the women who had anointed Jesus' dead body with myrrh, who would receive the blessing to see the Lord first. These pious women, who remained faithful to Him since the beginning, kept the flame of devotion constantly burning in their hearts.

They followed Jesus and the Twelve Apostles during their public ministry, and served them in the needs of daily life. What is most remarkable about the Myrrh-bearers is their dedicated love for Christ, which was constant.

They were there from the start, and remained with Him always. They were there when He was arrested and crucified on the Cross as a criminal. They remained at the foot of the Cross, and stood by as He was taken down. They were there for His burial by Joseph and Nicodemus, and then returned to the tomb on Sunday morning to offer myrrh in their worship of Christ. They would not allow fear or any threats to keep them away from the Lord. What a great example for all of us! To maintain our devotion to Christ to the very end, and to His Holy Body, the Church.

There have been countless women of great faith associated with the Resurrection of Christ and His Church through the centuries, even to today. They too are "*myrrh-bearers*," offering their service to the Church in many ways. This includes charity, catechism, missionary work and serving the needs of others. They know that whatever they do for the poor, hungry, sick, and the stranger, the Lord accepts it as an offering to Him. Just as the Resurrected Lord appeared to the Myrrh-bearers, so too will He be revealed in all His glory to call upon those who have loved Him, and remained united with Him through His Church, to enjoy His eternal blessing.

May God enlighten us all to understand the great truth in all of this. Amen.

Ukraine Diary - by Henri J M Nouwen

"Henri Nouwen's account of two pilgrimages to Ukraine in the early 1990s, with an introduction by Archbishop Borys Gudziak, setting this story in the context of the current war in Ukraine." In 1993-94, Henri Nouwen, the Dutch-born priest and spiritual writer, made two trips to recently-independent Ukraine. There he led retreats, observed the resurgence of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, and connected with local communities working with handicapped adults. These trips were deeply significant to Nouwen. And yet the full meaning of his observations may only now become clear.

The book costs \$20 and can be picked up in the church vestibule. Leave the money in the basket.

The Liturgy of the Eastern Catholic Church.

The term liturgy denotes the work of the people that pertains to God. By the fourth century the term Divine Liturgy became the technical term for the mystery of the Eucharist (communion), the crux of our liturgical celebration. The word Eucharist is taken from the great prayer of the consecration (the Anaphora) and in turn means thanksgiving.

Four liturgies have passed down through our sacred tradition: the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, the Liturgy of Saint Basil, the Presanctified Liturgy, and the Liturgy of Saint James, the Brother of our Lord. Each in turn offers the faithful a unique means towards the same climatic end, the celebration of the Eucharist.

Church Parking on Sunday

If you are planning to stay at the Coffee Hour after 9:00 a.m. Liturgy please park in the spaces furthest away from the church or on the school parking lot. Please be mindful of other parishioners who come to church for 11:30 Liturgy and can't find spots near the church. Also, please be mindful of our elderly and disabled as well as people with young children needing to be closer to the building.

Alleluia! Alleluia!