

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****11<sup>TH</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 13, 2023**

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Peter, Matthew r/by Anna

**Tuesday, August 15 2023****Dormition of the Theotokos**

6:30 PM - Lit. + Elena &amp; Giovanni Fazio

r/by Caterina &amp; Ralph Iacuzio

**Friday, August 18, 2023**

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention of Gerald &amp; Marianne Wutkowski (Wedding Anniversary) r/by Elizabeth

**Saturday, August 19, 2023**

8:00 AM - Lit. &amp; Pan. + Stephen &amp; Vera Lahola

r/by Family

5:00 PM - Lit. + Arthur Kara

**12<sup>TH</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 20, 2023***Epistle - 1 Cor 15:1-11; Gospel - Mt 19:16-26*

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

11:00 AM - Lit. + Lydia Kernitsky r/by Husband

**Assumption Catholic School****Looking for a school that offers***Faith Formation, Rigorous Academics, Morals & Values***Call to Schedule a Tour Today**

- The school provides a Christ-centered, Catholic environment to a diverse population of prekindergarten (age 3- 4) through 8th-grade students.
- COGNIA certified and STEAM curriculum integrates Religion into the STEAM content areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.
- ACS is 21st century Community Learning Center which provides FREE of charge, comprehensive, after school program for students in grade 3 to 8.
- After school Extra Curricular Activity Opportunities: Track, Bowling, Basketball, Drama, Musical Groups, Clubs, Student Council and many others.
- Before Care and After Care are available.
- EVERY CLASSROOM HAS PROMETHEAN BOARDS, Technology-Media Centers, and Science lab; all enhance our academic programs.
- Yes, Assumption Catholic School Has It All.

**Welcome!**

Our warmest greetings are extended once again to all visitors and guests who are participating in Divine Liturgy. It is always a joy to have you praying with us. Our Pastor, Fr. Ivan is on vacation through August 17.

**Anniversary Banquet**

This year our Pastor celebrates his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priestly ordination and Assumption parish will hold a celebratory banquet in the school hall at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> following ONLY ONE Divine Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

Tickets will be sold in church after liturgies. Tickets are \$40 per adult, \$20 per child age 5-17, children under 5 free. Everyone attending must have a ticket so we have enough seating. Tickets must be purchased in advance (no tickets sold at the door). We are looking forward to this celebration, and expect Fr. Ivan's parents to attend.

**THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD.**

The Feast of the Dormition or Falling asleep of the Theotokos is celebrated on the 15th of August. This feast, which is also known as the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the Heavenly Kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence. According to an old custom, flowers and medicinal herbs are blessed after the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Dormition. According to traditional belief, after Mary's assumption, her tomb was filled with a "heavenly fragrance" and flowers. The herbs, used as natural medicine, are blessed in commemoration of the numerous healing and extraordinary graces bestowed on the pilgrims at Mary's tomb.

**Blessing of flowers.**

In the Byzantine Church we bless flowers on this feast, not simply because they were found in the tomb of the Virgin Mary, but because they are the seeds of next year's plantings. What we see in any bloom now is the seed of another one to come, and therefore a strong symbol of resurrection. The Icon of the Feast of the Dormition that is on the ceiling of our church shows Jesus Christ standing in the center looking at His mother. He is holding a small child clothed in white representing the soul of the Virgin Mary.

**Beach Blanket Bingo**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2023 AT 6 PM

Celebrating the summer with this Special Wednesday Bingo event! Beach Blanket Bingo! Featuring our usual great bingo with special giveaways and surprises! Spin the wheel for a prize! Free cotton candy! Free Italian Ice! Bring your beach towel and receive a free double booklet (\$4). Be there or be square!

Wouldn't it be great if you could add your children to our parish school family. COME and you will have the opportunity to tour the school and enjoy conversation with Principal Mrs. Shumny and current students, who will be assisting with each tour. Registrations for the 2023-2024 school year are available.

Students who recently arrived from the war zone in Ukraine to the USA through "United For Ukraine" program qualify for the tuition discount. Please, call Fr. Ivan at 202-368-2408 to speak about the admission and tuition discount.

It's never too early to start thinking about giving your children the great gift of a Catholic education - one which is effective and affordable! To receive more information about the school, please stop by at 380 Meredith St, Perth Amboy, NJ, call 732-826-8721 or visit <http://assumptioncatholicschool.net/tuition>

**Attention all Parishioners.**

Please do your part to help us keep our church and the parish hall clean. After Saturday and Sunday Liturgies, please make sure that the downstairs hall and bathrooms lights and water faucets are turned off. Thanks for your help and cooperation.

**Pilgrimage Opportunity.**

Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate relocate the Stations of the Cross in Sloatsburg. Join them on Aug. 12-13, Holy Dormition Pilgrimage weekend, as all gather to pray together.

**Memorial Donation**

\$300.00 - In Memory of + CAROLYN TREFENKO

**Donation to Church**

\$300.00 - Vasyl &amp; Anna Kitchoula

**Ukraine Relief**

As a parish, we are accepting monetary donations to aid in relief efforts in Ukraine. If you desire to give, simply place your donation (payable to Assumption Church) in the collection basket in a clearly marked envelope.

**Full Time Teacher Needed.**

Assumption Catholic School is looking to hire an elementary school teacher for the upcoming school year. We are looking for someone who is willing to learn, believes in the value of a Catholic School education and is a team player. Call Mrs. Shumny 732-826-8721, or email your resume: [lshumny@assumptioncatholicschool.net](mailto:lshumny@assumptioncatholicschool.net).