

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****The Prodigal Son, January 28, 2018**

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners  
 11:30 AM Lit. + Helen Hutnick r/by Daughter, Eleanor

**Monday, January 29, 2018**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Tuesday, January 30, 2018****Three Holy Hierarchs**

7:30 AM Lit. Health for Archbishop Stefan Soroka who underwent knee replacement surgery.

**Wednesday, January 31, 2018**

7:30 AM Lit. Special Intention Deacon Paul r/by Family

**Thursday, February 1, 2018**

7:30 AM Lit. + Tekla Lewkowicz  
 r/by Yosef & Oksana Lyudera

**Friday, February 2, 2018****Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon**

8:45 AM Lit. Sp. Int. Natasha Walden r/by ACS Staff

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**

8:00 AM Lit. Sp. Int. Deacon Paul r/by HNS

5:00 PM Lit. + Sena Waselyk r/by Ana & Ron Mascenik

**Sunday of Meat Fare, February 4, 2018**

*Epistle - 1 Cor 8:8-9:2; Gospel - Mt 25:31-46*

9:00 AM Lit. + Teodor Worobel r/by Daughter & Family

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

**Please Pray For Our Deacon**

Deacon Paul Makar has been diagnosed with colon cancer and on Thursday February 1st will undergo surgical treatment. He has asked for prayers that he may beat it, and that he may accept God's will, whatever it may be. Lord give him the strength needed to go through the treatments, keep his positive attitude and let him know that he is loved by so many at Assumption parish.

**St. Ann Society Gift Auction**

The annual Gift Auction will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2018. Members or anyone else wishing to make a donation are reminded that gifts for the auction may be dropped off at Bingo on Wednesday or Friday evenings. Items may also be dropped off at the rectory office during the day. Any donations should be dropped off soon so that we may plan and properly prepare the gifts for the auction.

**Celebrate Catholic Schools Week - You're Invited!**

You are invited to the celebration of Catholic Schools Week at ACS (January 28th through February 3rd). Come experience our beautiful learning community, witness our academic excellence, and feel the presence of God that permeates all areas of our school. Join us at the 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy on Friday, February 2, celebrated by newly-ordained auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia, the Most Reverend Andriy Rabi, followed by His Excellency visiting ACS students at the school.

**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 February 17, 2018. This is a time to remember our departed family and friends. Please come with a list of names to be remembered at this service.

Saturday is the day which the Church has set aside for the commemoration of faithful Christians departed this life in the hope of resurrection to eternal life. If you would like your deceased family members commemorated during these services, please submit your envelope with the names clearly listed, by Feb. 11. After that date, names of your loved ones can still be submitted and will be commemorated, but not listed in the bulletin.

**Today: Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

On the third Sunday of preparation for Lent, we hear the parable of the Prodigal Son. Together with the hymns on this day, the parable reveals to us the time of repentance as man's return from exile. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong.

**The Meeting of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

On Friday, February 2 at 8:45 a.m. at the Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Andriy Rabi we will celebrate the Entrance of Our Lord into the temple 40 days after His Nativity. At that time, in fulfillment of the Old Testament Law, Christ Our Savior was carried by His Mother and the Holy and Righteous Joseph to the temple, where a Holy Prophet, Simeon the Just, received the Divine Savior into his arms and presented Him at the Holy of Holies. The Holy and Righteous Simeon had been promised that he would not die before he would behold with his own eyes the Messiah. When he received Our Lord, he joyfully prayed this prayer - which is properly sung at the time of Vespers: "*Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace, according to Your Word; for my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and for the glory of Your people Israel.*"

**Blessing of Candles**

Candles are blessed on the Holy Day of the Meeting of the Lord (Striteniye) on February 2. This is done to emphasize the reference to Christ as "a Light" in Luke 2:32. These blessed candles are used in the church and at the Holy Supper on Christmas Eve, at the blessing of the home, in the room of the sick or dying, at Pascha, etc. They are sometimes called "*thunder*" or "*hromnitza*" candles and are lighted during storms and lightning. The lighting of candles is a must in the Ukrainian Church. No service can be held without them. Next time you are in church, light a candle for a special intention. It is a centuries and centuries old tradition.

**Memorial Donation**

\$100.00 - Marie Frankel

In memory of husband, + KENNETH FRANKEL

\$50.00 - Albert E. Fuchs III and Deborah Fuchs,

In memory of + ALMA ROKITA

**Cell Phones - Switch them OFF!**

Please switch off cell phones or put them into silent/vibrate mode BEFORE stepping into Church. If your cell phone does go off accidentally then do not answer it in church and start talking loudly. To prevent the noise of the call interfering the service you should answer the call (accept it), but do not start speaking until you have stepped away (outside or in the narthex-vestibule). Walk out of the church quietly and calmly. Do not sprint/dash out of the church when this happens. Make the caller wait. You can also try to cover the phone with both hands to minimize the sound as another option. Usually one incident like this will make you remember to always switch off before stepping into church.