

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of the Forefathers, December 16, 2018**

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Anna Baralecki r/by Eleanor Kataryniak

Monday, December 17, 2018

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Emil P. Dochych r/by Irene Dochych

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Linda (40 days) r/by Olesya Kuchirka

Thursday, December 20, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. Health of Daniel Krulik r/by Family

Friday, December 21, 2018

8:45 AM Lit. + Eva and George Radich - Legate

Saturday, December 22, 2018

8:00 AM Lit. + Michailo Repetskiy r/by Halyna & Bohdan

5:00 PM Lit. + Ray Otlowski r/by Ana & Ron Mascenik

Sunday Before Christmas, December 23, 2018*Epistle - Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40; Gospel - Mt 1:1-25*

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Rose Ann Rudy r/by Nancy

2019 Church Envelopes and Calendars

Parish envelopes and calendars for 2019 are available for pick-up in the church hall starting today. If you used envelopes in 2018, the envelopes will be labeled with your name and address. Help the church avoid the high cost of postage by not mailing your envelopes. Please advise the church office of any corrections or changes. We also have a number of unlabeled boxes should you wish to start using envelopes in 2019. To keep the parish records up-to-date, kindly include your name, address and phone number on the first few envelopes. Thank you to Gustav J. Novak Funeral Home for sponsoring our annual calendar.

St. Nicholas Visit*"O Who Loves Nicholas The Saintly"*

More than 80 children and their families met in a church last Sunday for a special visit from St. Nicholas. The children recited poems and sang some songs to adequately greet the favorite saint of children and adults. Eventually, all the children were worthily rewarded with gifts. Thanks to Holy Name Society for sponsoring the event. Thank you all for being part of this celebration that brought us together honoring the Saint of our childhood.

Thank You

We raised \$3,800 for St. Mary's church in Carteret, NJ that recently burned down! Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity.

Donations to Church

\$50.00 - Carol Evans, in memory of + MARIE CARO

Last Sunday's Bulletin

If you haven't yet picked up last Sunday's bulletin, it is available in the church vestibule, or on our newly updated website, www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net.

Marriage Preparation Course

For those couples wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at Assumption Church in 2019, please confirm your interest with the Parish Office as soon as possible. All couples will be required to attend a Marriage Preparation Course. Class dates to be announced.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party

At Assumption parish, we are blessed to have not only many seniors but also the Parish Senior Club. The members of the club gather once a month, on the first Thursday of the month at 12 noon in the parish hall. They enjoy each other's company, share lunch and listen to Fr. Ivan or other speakers offering reflections on different topics. They also sponsor some parish events and organize trips to a casino. This past Thursday, December 13, the seniors citizen's Christmas party was held at the Superior Diner in Perth Amboy, NJ. After a delicious lunch all in attendance received a poinsettia, a donation from Novak Funeral Home, a box of cookies and Fr. Ivan was given a Christmas tree skirt for the rectory tree. The seniors also donated \$2,000 to the Church for ongoing parish programs. Thank you and may the Lord Almighty bless you all and especially the two driving forces of the organization, the President - Joan Zaleski and Treasurer - Eleanor Kataryniak.

Mark your Calendars for Christmas Liturgy.

Please mark your calendars for the Christmas Liturgy in our church. How can we truly celebrate Christmas if we skip out on Christmas Liturgy? The Christmas season is a very busy time, and we have plans to be with friends and family. But, we must learn to set our priorities straight, so schedule your gatherings around the Christmas Liturgy. Can you imagine having a birthday party without the birthday boy?! That's exactly what we do when we don't attend Christmas Liturgy. Let us begin to change the secularization of Christmas and bring Christ back into the picture by remembering the reason for the season. We look forward to seeing you all at Christmas Liturgy. God bless!

2018 Christmas Schedule**Monday, Christmas Eve, December 24**

4:00 PM - Children's Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

10:30 PM - Great Compline (Eng.)

11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Tuesday, Christmas Day, December 25

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)

11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Weds., December 26, Synaxis of the Mother of God

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng)

Thurs., Dec. 27, Feast of St. Stephen, Protomartyr

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng)

Sunday of the Forefathers

Two Sundays before the celebration of Christmas, the Church rejoices in the festival of the Holy Forefathers of the Old Covenant, including those who came before the giving of the Law. They foretold the coming of the Messiah and are redeemed by his saving Pascha. There is a great difference between existing and living. Many people exist. Very few really live. Only those who seek God have life. Only those who delight in His commandments and rejoice in accomplishing His will pass beyond mere existence and actually find life. "Seek God, and your soul shall live" (Ps 69:32, LXX). The holy forefathers and mothers, together with all their descendants, have chosen life. They find it in God's Messiah, Jesus Christ, who is Life itself, God's incarnate Word.

Prospora (Holy Supper)

Sunday, January 6: Christmas Eve Holy Supper (according to Julian calendar) at 7:00 PM.

Monday, January 7: Christmas Day Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM (according to Julian calendar).

His Grace Bishop Andriy Rabyi, will be the honored guest at the Holy Supper and a main celebrant of the Christmas Liturgy on January 7, 2019.

New Year's Dance Zabava

WE ARE **SOLD OUT** NO MORE TICKETS. Over 350 guests.

Special Bequest Donation

\$65,123.43 - estate of + OLGA KANUSCHAK

Remember Your Church in Your Will

Please build treasures for yourselves in heaven by remembering your church in your will. You worked for your money all your life and your soul deserves to benefit from your labor. After your death, those who will happily inherit your assets will surely enjoy spending them on their pleasure. They may remember you in one or two Liturgies (Masses) at most and then you will end up as a "forgotten soul" waiting for the Mercy of God at the end of time. Leave part of your money to the church so your donation will become like incense pleasing to God. You will become a "benefactor shining like the sun in the kingdom of heaven" and remembered in the offerings of the Body and Blood at the altar in case your soul ends up in need of redemption or in a place of suffering. Write this sentence in your will, "I hereby give, and bequeath to Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church, a non-profit organization located at 684 Alta Vista Pl, Perth Amboy, NJ ___% of the residue of my estate (or the sum of \$___).

Ukrainian Christmas Traditions Brochure

On the wall stand in the church vestibule, you can find a brochure explaining Ukrainian Christmas traditions, with emphasis on the Christmas Eve Holy Supper. Please take one home with you.