

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**2nd Sunday of Lent, March 17, 2019**

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

11:30 AM Lit. + Loretta Suto r/by Daughter

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (English)

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

8:45 AM Lit. Special Intention, Blessings for Irene Dochych r/by Tom

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

Friday, March 22, 2019

7:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 23, 2019

9:00 AM Lit. Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM Lit. + John & Josephine Kwiecinski r/by Son

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 24, 2019**Veneration of the Cross**

Epistle - Heb 4:14-5:6; Gospel - Mk 8:34-9:1

9:00 AM Lit. + Roman & Irene Ambrozewycz r/by Roman & Cathy

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

Join Deacon Paul on a Spiritual Journey through Lent

On Tuesdays, following Stations of the Cross, Deacon Paul will be presenting a series of short talks to help us understand the importance of Lent and preparing for Pascha (Our Lord's Resurrection). There will be four consecutive Tuesday sessions that last about 30 minutes each. Take a little time out of your weekly schedule to reconnect with God.

Paint and Sip

Assumption Catholic is hosting a Paint and Sip Event on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call the rectory or school to get tickets.

Women's Evening of Prayer

On Tuesday evening, May 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., the ladies from St. Ann's Society invite all ladies from our parish to participate in a Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God, followed by a homily "Blessed are the pure of heart: The life of Mary" preached by Very Rev. John Seniv, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Church in Northampton, PA. 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.

Sincere Sympathies

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + OREST KALNI who was recently called to his eternal reward.

Pysanky Workshop:

Who: Parish Children Grades 4 and Up

Date: Sunday, April 7

Time: 11:15 AM- 1:30 PM

Place: ACS School Auditorium

Cost: \$25 per child/ second child from same family \$10.

(Includes 2+ hours of instruction, as well as a kit that the child will take home, together with a completed egg)

Instructor: Melanie Fedynshyn

Registration: Sign up sheet in church vestibule. First come/ first served. Class size is limited to 20.

Lenten Smile

A bartender notices that every evening, without fail, one of his patrons orders three beers. After several weeks of noticing this pattern, the bartender asks the man why he always orders three beers. The man says, "I have two brothers who have moved away to different countries. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." Several weeks later, noticing that the man only ordered two beers, the bartender said, "Please accept my condolences on the death of one of your brothers. You know, the two beers and all..." The man replied, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well... It's just that I, myself, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

The Second Sunday of Lent - St. Gregory Palamas

On this Sunday we celebrate the memory of our Father among the saints, Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica and Wonder-worker. St. Gregory Palamas wrote this prayer for priests and I would ask that you make this part of your daily prayer. Pray for priests that you know as they minister daily to God's people.

- *Lord Jesus Christ, enkindle the hearts of all Your priests with the fire of zealous love for You, that they may ever seek Your glory; Give them strength that they may labor unceasingly in Your earthly vineyard for the salvation of our souls and the glory of Your All-Honorable and Majestic Name: of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*

The Lenten Prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian

In the Eastern Catholic Church, this prayer is added to church services from Sunday through Friday evenings during the Lenten season. Add it to your daily prayers!

1. Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of laziness, despair, lust for power and vain talking.
2. But give to me, Your servant, the spirit of purity, humility, patience and love.
3. Yes, Lord and King, grant me to see my own sins and not judge my brother. For blessed are You forever and ever. Amen.

Lenten Reflection - Patience

• *"But give rather the spirit of whole-mindedness (σωφροσύνης), humility, patience (ύπομονής), and love to Your servant." (Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem.)*

As the end of the second week of Lent draws to an end, I am grateful to be reminded of God's Spirit of "patience." Patience is a gift one often neglects in our culture of instant gratification; of fast information, fast food, and fast relationships, when it's enough to "swipe right" to get "hooked up" as one desires in the moment. But the many week-long "wellness program" of Lent, with the grace of its daily discipline of prayer and fasting, helps me to rediscover "the power to wait" that is patience. Let me be slowed down today, and embrace God's good will for me, which brings me good things in His good time. "But give rather the spirit of whole-mindedness, humility, patience, and love to Your servant."

ATTENDANCE AT LENTEN SERVICES

Lenten Services are conducted for our spiritual Renewal here at Assumption Church each and every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:00 PM during Great Lent. We should not feel as though we can excuse ourselves from these services as we find excuses for other things. We MUST make every effort to be present at these services so that we can better prepare ourselves to understand the meaning and significance of the Joy of Easter. Jesus said: "He who will come after ME, let him deny himself, take up his cross and then follow me!" Remember these words of our Lord? Let us put them into action and stop making excuses. Someday He will ask us, and accept no excuse.

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

In our Parish we will serve the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm during Great Lent. This liturgy is solemn Lenten Vespers with Holy Communion added to it. The Communion is received from the Sacramental Gifts of bread and wine offered and sanctified at the Divine Liturgy of the previous Sunday, hence the name the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Come and experience this very ancient Liturgy.

Property Insurance Due in March,

Our parish recently paid property insurance for our church and school buildings in the amount of \$34,510.00. This biggest expense of our parish was paid to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.