

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Sunday Before Christmas, December 22, 2019**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Olena Babeniuk (40 days) - son Andriy  
 11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Monday, December 23, 2019**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019****Vigil of Christmas, Christmas Eve**

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

10:30 PM - Great Compline (English)

11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (English)

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019****Christmas, Birth of Our Lord**

Epistle - Gal 4:4-7; Gospel - Mt 2:1-12

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)

For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy (English)

**Thursday, December 26, 2019****Synaxis of the Theotokos**

9:00 AM - Lit. Blessings for Irene Dochych

r/by Dochych-Bricki Family

**Friday, December 27, 2019****Feast of St. Stephen**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Maria Kuzyszyn r/by Henry & Olga Pogoda

**Saturday, December 28, 2019**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Luigi & Italia Iacuzio r/by Ralph & Caterina

5:00 PM - Lit. + Parasha Lykosh; Steven Palyla

r/by Palyla Family

**Sunday After Christmas, December 29, 2019**

Epistle - Gal 1:11-19; Gospel - Mt 2:13-23

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Arthur Peter Dochych (50 yrs)

r/by Tom Dochych

**A Warm Welcome!**

We warmly welcome all our visitors. It's good to have you with us! If you have never been to our church before, you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Divine Liturgy is celebrated every Sunday of the year. Liturgy means the work of the people. That means that we all have special and holy work to do this morning, and that all of your prayers are necessary! May the light of the newborn Christ child shine upon you and may God's blessing be with you all. Fr. Ivan Turyk - Pastor

**Children's Divine Liturgy - Christmas Eve**

On Monday evening, children who wish to participate in the procession for the 4:00 pm Liturgy are asked to gather in the church hall ten minutes before Liturgy. All children are encouraged to participate in procession!

**Traditional Christmas Eve Supper (Prospora)**

The event is hosted by the Holy Name Society on Monday, January 6, 2020 starting at 7:00 pm at the school hall. Prospora Registration form for those who wish to attend the free dinner is located on the table in the church vestibule. Please register by Sunday, December 29.

**Marriage Preparation Course**

For those couples wishing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony at Assumption Church in 2020, please confirm your interest with the Parish Office as soon as possible. All couples will be required to attend a Marriage Preparation Course on March 28-29 at St. John Church in Newark, NJ.

**Children!** There will be Christmas ornaments, gifts for the children of our parish, in a basket near the manger. Children may take one per child on Christmas Eve.

**Church Envelopes**

Personalized donation envelopes will be delayed due to a problem at the envelope company. Temporary envelopes will be provided for the beginning of January 2020 if needed. Please read the letter from the envelope company that explains the reason for the delay.

**Pick up your 2020 church calendar today**

Thank you to Novak Funeral Home for sponsoring our annual calendar. Calendars are available at the back of the Church. Take one per family.

**Please Come Home for Christmas**

We all know family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or school friends, who are Catholic and no longer attend The Church of Christ because of so many scandals. Christmas is a great time to invite them to come home to the Church. Remind them that those causing Our Lord to weep for His church are to be stood up against so that Satan can be defeated. Think about it, pray about it, and invite someone to come to Church with you during the Christmas Season. There is always a chance that you will be rejected or your invitation will fall on deaf ears. Just remember that Jesus experienced the same kind of rejection and He didn't give up. So if your invitation receives no response or a negative one, just wait a few weeks and ask again. In the meantime, pray for that person, but don't give up on them no matter how long it takes. It is hard to persevere and it is hard to be rejected, but just be patient and kind and trust in the Lord. COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!

**Sunday before Nativity**

In today's Gospel, evangelist Matthew recounts for us the genealogy of our salvation from Abraham, our father in faith, to Jesus Christ, the newborn King of the universe. Saint Matthew reminds us that our family extends beyond our blood relations to a spiritual family made possible through Jesus Christ.

**Christmas Greetings**

Our Byzantine Catholic greeting to one another for Christmas through Christmastide is "Christ is born!" Our response is "Glorify Him!" In Slavonic (transliterated), it is "Christos razdajetsa!" And the response, "Slavite Jeho!" **Христос Рождається! Славіте Його!**

**Prospora Bread**

Our traditional Christmas Eve Supper Prospora Breads will be blessed at the Saturday liturgy and distributed after all liturgies this weekend. Thanks to Mrs. Collette Baginskiy and her helpers for making the bread. Your donation for the prospora bread will go to St. Ann society.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to

- ALEXANDER KALASHNIKOV, son of Pavlo and Marina Kalashnikova
- EMMA GRACE PLUNKETT, daughter of John and Catherine (Shatynski) Plunkett,

upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist in our church.

**Sincere Sympathies**

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + MARIE KOMLODI who was recently called to her eternal reward.

**NAME AND CONTACT REQUEST**

Our parish is asking for your help! We are looking to reach out to those who have fallen away from the parish in the past 50 years still remaining in the area. Please send in the name, address and phone number of people you know to the office. If you would like to help in the effort to reach out, please talk to Fr. Ivan or email the name to our parish email, [assumptionchurch@verizon.net](mailto:assumptionchurch@verizon.net).

**Parish Choir Christmas CD.**

Our church's Choir Boyan under direction of Mrs. Alla Korostil has just released a CD album of 16 Ukrainian Christmas carols and "shchedrivky" sung by the choir. The disk includes a mix of traditional carols and contemporary compositions from Ukraine. Over a year of work went into making this project a reality, and it makes a great Christmas gift! Each CD costs \$15 and can be purchased from Choir members after today's Liturgies or at the Church Rectory.

**Donation to Church**

\$1,000.00 - Rozalia Czaban in memory of CZABAN/ANDRUSEZKO FAMILY