

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****27<sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, December 6, 2020****Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra**

9:00 AM - Lit. Blessings to all choir members - Alla Korostil

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

**Monday, December 7, 2020**

8:00 - Lit. Health of Myron Rajsz r/by Wife, Maria

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020**8:00 AM - Lit. + John Andrewshetsko, mothers, sisters -  
r/by Bobbie Karanevskii**Wednesday, December 9, 2020****Conception of St. Anne (Immaculate Conception)**

8:00 AM - Lit. Special intention Korostil family

**Thursday, December 10, 2020**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Roman Douglas - r/by Natalia

**Friday, December 11, 2020**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Rafael Baez - r/by ACS faculty and Staff

**Saturday, December 12, 2020**

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention

5:00 PM - Lit. + Michael Romanko - r/by children

**Sunday of the Forefathers, December 13, 2020***Epistle - Col 3:4-11; Gospel - Lk 14:16-24*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Marie Komlodi - r/by daughter

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK!**

We are asking all who come to Sunday services to please continue wearing a mask and keep a "social distance" of 6ft or more from each other as much as possible until further notice. Please note: Recent research has shown that scarves, bandanas or gaitorstyle face coverings are NOT as effective as the surgical/medical or handmade cloth masks in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Please refrain from wearing these types of face coverings at church.

\*\*\* Please remember that the main reason we wear a mask is to protect others, not ourselves!\*\*\* Thank you!

**Donation to Church**

\$500.00 - MEEST-AMERICA INC.

**Maternity of the Holy Anna (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION)**

This feast is celebrated to remind us that the Mother of God was conceived and born into this world free from the stain of original sin. Although the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was defined by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854, the feast known in the East under the name of the "Child-begetting of St. Anne", and celebrated on December 9th, dates back to at least the fifth century. St. John Damascene in his First Sermon on the Nativity of Mary says "Why is the Virgin Mother born of a once sterile mother? Plainly, because it was necessary that the road to that which was to be a new thing under the sun and the chief among wonders should be paved by wonders and that a gradual ascent should be made from the lower to the more sublime.

**Virus can't stop Joy of Christmas.**

During the pandemic, all is certainly not calm. But very soon things will be a little bit brighter on the block of Assumption parish in Perth Amboy, NJ. This year armed with strings of lights, large wreaths, boughs of greenery and plenty of extension cords, the men from the parish Holy Name Society adorned the church, the Blessed Mother mosaic icon, and the rectory. The outside decorations help bring some much-needed cheer during the coronavirus crisis. THANK YOU also to men who also last week came out to help to put together the crèche and other Christmas decorations in the church.

**2021 CALENDARS** are available on the table in the church foyer. PLEASE only one calendar per family

**2021 Donation Envelopes**

Donation Envelopes for 2021 may be picked up in the church hall. Please check your envelopes for correct name and address. Any corrections should be directed to the church secretary.

If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the parish office. If you would like to have envelopes, please speak to Fr. Ivan or contact the parish office @ 732-826-0767 and a number will be issued to you.

**2020 Christmas Schedule**

*This schedule could change, due to the pandemic.*

**Thursday, Christmas Eve, December 24**

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

10:30 PM - Great Compline (Eng.)

11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

**Friday, Christmas Day, December 25**

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)

11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

**Saturday, 26, Synaxis of the Mother of God**

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

5:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

**Nicholas the Wonderworker****(Archbishop of Myra, December 6).**

This Saint lived during the reign of Saint Constantine the Great, and reposed in 330. As a young man, he desired to espouse the solitary life. He made a pilgrimage to the holy city, Jerusalem, where he found a place to withdraw to devote himself to prayer. It was made known to him, however, that this was not the will of God for him, but that he should return to his homeland to be a cause of salvation for many. He returned to Myra, and was ordained bishop. He became known for his abundant mercy, providing for the poor and needy, and delivering those who had been unjustly accused. No less was he known for his zeal for the truth. He was present at the First Ecumenical Council of the 318 Fathers at Nicaea in 325; upon hearing the blasphemies that Arius brazenly uttered against the Son of God, Saint Nicholas struck him on the face. Since the canons of the Church forbid the clergy to strike any man at all, his fellow bishops were in perplexity what disciplinary action was to be taken against this hierarch whom all revered. In the night our Lord Jesus Christ and our Lady Theotokos appeared to certain of the bishops, informing them that no action was to be taken against him, since he had acted not out of passion, but extreme love and piety. The Dismissal Hymn for holy hierarchs, The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock... was written originally for Saint Nicholas. He is the patron of all travelers, and of sea-farers in particular; he is one of the best known and best loved Saints of all time.

**Thank you, Linen Ministry!**

During any given week, the church uses purificators (used to purify the Priest's chalice) and countless other altar linens for different seasons. Priest's albs and altar linens are often washed and ironed. An amazing group of ladies, led by Marie Alvarez, work truly behind the altar and find a way to remove any stains and whiten all these linens (how do they keep them so white!) This important ministry is a year-round job and is greatly appreciated by Fr. Ivan. Many thanks to Marie Alvarez, Mary Retalis and Ana Mascenik for their dedicated work. On behalf of a grateful Parish family, THANK YOU!

**Virtual Christmas Bazaar**

While some of Assumption school traditional, seasonal events have been cancelled, the Christmas Bazaar is not only going on, it's starting this week online. Go to our school facebook page and be sure to shop early for lots of good gifts.

**School News**

And just like that it is December and ACS has kicked off Virtual Learning for a week. We are so proud of our students for working so cooperatively (a little louder than in class lol) and happily! To spice things up we decided to have a Virtual Spirit week: so check out Pajama Day, Crazy Sock Day and just wait ..... because we can't wait to see everyone's sunglasses!!! Way to go ACS TEAM!. Can't wait to be back in the building next Tuesday!