

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday Before Theophany, January 3, 2021**

9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings for Stan Jakubowycz

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

Monday, January 4, 2021

8:00 AM - Special intention of Galagoza family

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

6:00 PM - Liturgy with Great Vespers and Blessing of Water

Wednesday, January 6, 2021**Theophany of Our Lord**9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
(Solemn Blessing of Water)**Thursday, January 7, 2021****Julian Calendar Christmas**

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

Friday, January 8, 20218:00 AM - Lit. For God's blessings of Mykola and Andriy
Tabaka - r/by wife and mother Oksana**Saturday, January 9, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph Yurechko (1 yr.)

- r/by Olga M. Yurechko

5:00 PM - Lit. + Anthony Kuzmiak r/by Ana & Ron Mascenik

Sunday After Theophany, January 10, 2021*Epistle - Eph 4:7-13; Gospel - Mt 4:12-17*9:00 AM - Lit. + Philip, Anna, Helen, John, Nicholas, Steve,
Marie Romanko - Legate

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

COVID Reminder.

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 remember, Covid-19 cases/infections are spiking across the country and across the world. Therefore, as a special reminder and for everyone's safety: if you cough or sneeze (even a little--no matter for what reason), please stay home from Church. With the rise in Covid cases, it's best to keep EVERYONE around you safe, even if you don't think your symptoms are "contagious."

Thank You!

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you all for your prayers, beautiful Christmas cards, and gifts I have received during this festive season. May Christ born in Bethlehem reward you with many happy and blessed years!

2021 Parish Registration Form

Why Register? Often people attend Liturgy at a parish for months or sometimes years, but never officially register as a parishioner. Registering at Assumption parish is the expression of your commitment to being part of our parish community. Being a registered parishioner also makes the process much simpler when it is time for receiving sacraments, registering for religious education, sponsoring a sacrament recipient and even planning funerals.

Parents of Assumption school students, in order to obtain parishioner tuition rates, you MUST register as a parishioner and use your weekly donation envelopes in order to get credit for your donation.

Registration is very easy. On weekdays, stop by our parish office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. On Sundays, a blue registration form is available on the desk in the church vestibule. Fill it out and return it to Fr. Ivan or our parish office. Please contact us with additional questions at 732-826-0767.

Church Candles

These candles are viewed as continual, inanimate prayers offered by the candle's 'benefactor' to Christ, our Lady, or the saints. Suggested donation (\$1 per candle).

Donations to Church

\$10,000.00 - St. Ann Society

\$2,000.00 - Kernitsky Family

\$300.00 - Assumption Seniors Society

\$200.00 - Olga Kytsa

\$210.00 - from Prosfora Bread donations

\$200.00 - Christopher and Anastasia Davie

\$100.00 - Vasyly and Anna Kitchoula

Wishing you all a Happy and Blessed New Year 2021!

Bless us, O Lord, and bless the time and seasons yet to come. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. And fill this New Year with Your kindness that we may be glad and rejoice all the days of our life.

The Theophany of Our Lord.

About the beginning of our Lord's thirtieth year, John the Forerunner, who was some six months older than Our Savior according to the flesh, and had lived in the wilderness since his childhood, received a command from God and came into the parts of the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins. Then our Savior also came from Galilee to the Jordan, and sought and received baptism though He was the Master and John was but a servant. Whereupon, there came to pass those marvelous deeds, great and beyond nature: the Heavens were opened, the Spirit descended in the form of a dove upon Him that was being baptized and the voice was heard from the Heavens hearing witness that this was the beloved Son of God, now baptized as a man. It is also from this that the present feast is called "*Theophany*," that is, the divine manifestation, God's appearance among men. On this venerable day the sacred mystery of Christian baptism was inaugurated; henceforth also began the saving preaching of the Kingdom of the Heavens.

Holy Water blessed on the Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord will be available in small bottles at the front of our Church. This year, I ask that you please don't bring your own containers as you won't be able to fill them on your own due to covid 19 restrictions.

Two traditional greetings for Theophany:

One greeting is "Christ is baptized" and the response "Glorify Him!" Another greeting starts the same way "Christ is baptized" but responds with "In the Jordan river!" Both are very recent (the first in the last 150 years) although the second seemed to appear even more recently in the last 50-60 years.

House Blessings.

One of the holy traditions of the Ukrainian Catholic Church is the Home Blessing Service, which was established by Our Savior Jesus Christ, when after His Resurrection He entered the upper room and blessed the disciples. When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." (John. 20:19). During the apostolic times, the twelve apostles of Jesus visited the homes of the faithful to bless them and to spread the good news of Christ's birth and His Resurrection. Likewise their followers - priests and bishops, entered the homes of the faithful on the occasions of Theophany to tell the good news of our Lord's Nativity and to bless them and their homes through a special Service.

- *It is with great regret due to Covid-19 pandemic Fr. Ivan won't have in-person house blessings for our parishioners this year.*
- *Small bottles of holy water will be available for anyone to take home at the front of the church.*
- *Those parishioners who built or purchased their house and who wish to have it blessed are asked to call Fr. Ivan 202-368-2408, and schedule a house blessing after current COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.*

Theophany one-day Retreatwith Metropolitan Borys Gudziak,
Bishops Hlib Lonchyna and Kenneth Nowakowski!

Date: January 3, 2021 (Sunday).

Time: 14:30 - Philadelphia, 19:30 - London, 20:30 - Paris

Duration: 90 minutes

Format: Zoom-conference broadcast to Facebook page

Language: English

Topic: You are My beloved Son (Daughter), in whom I am well pleased (see Matthew 3:17) In order to receive the Zoom link, kindly fill in the form that you will find via the link below: <https://forms.gle/jnYwwFjrjQAG5cvf9>