

## DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son, January 31, 2021**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Nicholas Lyszyk r/by Mojsa Family  
11:30 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Monday, February 1, 2021**

No Liturgy Scheduled

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna  
(Blessing of candles)

8:00 AM - Lit. for Maria - Alla & Stefan Korostil

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Ethel Melnykevich  
r/by Steve & Dorothy Melnykevich

**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Helena Kawanka  
r/by Jerry & Krystyna Chrominski

**Friday, February 5, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Faustino Rodriguez r/by Ana & Ron Mascenik

**Saturday, February 6, 2021**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Ihor r/by Mother, Iryna  
5:00 PM - Lit. + Teodor Worobel r/by Daughter & Family

**Sunday of Meat Fare, February 7, 2021**

Epistle - 1 Cor 8:8-9:2; Gospel - Mt 25:31-46

9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:30 AM - Lit. + Ed Pawlak r/by Joan & Bob Galetta

**Important Safety Reminders**

As we remain open for in-person worship, it is very important that we continue to observe recommended safety measures. In particular, we ask for your cooperation with the following:

- If you have ANY symptoms, even low risk symptoms (e.g. runny nose, congestion, sore throat, nausea, headache, fatigue), PLEASE stay home.
- If you do attend services, please wear a mask that covers both your nose and mouth at all times.

Thank you in advance for helping us maintain a safe environment for our attendees, especially the most vulnerable. God bless!

**Sorokousty Memorial Services**

As in the past, we will honor the memory of our beloved deceased with Sorokousty Memorial Services at 9 a.m. on all Saturdays of Lent beginning February 20, 2021. This is a time to remember our departed family and friends.

If you would like your deceased family members commemorated during these services, **please submit your envelope with the names clearly listed, by Feb. 14**

Envelopes for Sorokousty are available in the church vestibule; **please add your name**. If you use the one in your envelope box, please clearly PRINT the first names of the deceased on the blank side. It is a pale grey envelope with only your name and number printed on it. If there is no change from last year, please write "same as last year" on the envelope.

**Catholic Schools Week: Feb. 1-Feb. 5**

*This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.* Archbishop Borys Gudziak will visit our Assumption Catholic School on Thursday, February 4, 9:00 a.m. Children's Divine Liturgy. Classrooms Visits and Blessings of a new built STEM classroom. (STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math).

**Church Donations**

The Annual Report of parishioner donations is available in the church vestibule. This report is for your use in reporting your charitable donations to the church for income tax purposes.

Please note that this list is for registered parishioners. Unregistered donors or visitors are not included in this report; only donations given in church issued envelopes are recorded. If you are a registered parishioner and you use a generic envelope, your donation will be recorded.

**Our Sympathies**

Our sympathy goes out to the family of + JOSEPH W. YURECHKO who passed away this week. Please remember his wife Olga, son Mathew and his sister Olha and family in your prayers.

**The Pre-Lenten Sundays: The Prodigal Son.**

We hear on this third pre-Lenten Sunday the Parable of the Prodigal Son [Luke 15:11-32]. The younger son asks for his inheritance even while his father is still alive. It is as if to suggest that his father is more useful dead than alive. The story develops quickly by a series of powerful emotional images. The younger son is soon deflated as he encounters hunger, deprivation and loneliness. His father is eager to welcome him home upon his return, running out to meet him. The older son remains outside the celebration for his brother, paralyzed by anger, resentment and envy. This parable of God's forgiveness calls us to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the journey of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that our heavenly Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong.

**Priest's Vestments**

\$700 - Stefan and Yaroslava Dnistryan.

Thanks for your offering that helped our church to purchase a set of Purple Lenten priest's vestments. Vestments will be blessed after this week's Sunday 9:00 am Liturgy.

**Blessing Candles on the Feast of the Presentation.**

In the Church, the Holy Day of the Meeting of the Lord (Striteniye) is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Jesus' birth. It is customary on this feastday to bless candles. These blessed candles are used in the church and at the Holy Supper on Christmas Eve, at the blessing of the home, in the room of the sick or dying, at Pascha, etc. They are sometimes called "*thunder*" or "*hromnitza*" candles and are lighted during storms and lightning. The lighting of candles is a must in the Ukrainian Catholic Church. No service can be held without them. Next time you are in church, light a candle for a special intention. It is a centuries and centuries old tradition.

**Fraud Alert - Fraud Alert -Covid-19 Vaccine Scams.**

With the distribution of vaccines for COVID-19 now underway, it is important to be aware of scams seeking to take advantage of the elderly and other vulnerable people. Seniors should be particularly vigilant for callers, texters, or visitors seeking money or their private information in order to receive the vaccine. The United States Department of Health and Human Services issued these tips to protect yourself from fraud.

- You will NOT be asked for money to improve your ranking for vaccine eligibility.
- Government and State officials will NOT call you to obtain personal information in order to receive the vaccine, and you will NOT be solicited door to door to receive the vaccine.
- Medicare will NOT contact you to offer you COVID-19 related products.
- Do NOT respond to or open any text messages or hyperlinks from unknown senders.
- Be suspicious of any unexpected calls or visitors offering vaccinations, tests or supplies.

**Parish Websites**

Visit our website at [www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net](http://www.assumptioncatholicchurch.net) to see a copy of the weekly bulletin.

**Address Changes**

So that we can keep our parishioner information up-to-date, please call or email the parish office when you have a change in address or phone number or if someone moves in or out of the household.