

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of the Man Born Blind, May 14, 2023****Mothers Day**

9:00 AM - Lit. for Living Mothers of Our Parish
Pan. + Deceased Mothers of Our Parish

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

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Nadia Tarnavska (40th Day) r/by Son, Taras

6:30 PM - May Devotions to the Mother of God

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. + Mary Konyk - Legate

7:00 AM - Lit. + John Dzera r/by Gerald and Olga Tchir

Thursday, May 18, 2023**Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Maria Kuzyshyn r/by Alla Korostil

Friday, May 19, 2023

8:45 AM - Lit. + Sr. Martin Rodko r/by ACS

Saturday, May 20, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + Visiliy, Magdalena, John
r/by Nick & Olga Tulnew

5:00 PM - Lit. + Mary Clements r/by Joyce Adamshick

Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council, May 21, 2023

Epistle - Acts 20:16-18 & 28-38; Gospel - Jn 17:1-13

9:00 AM - Lit. First Solemn Holy Communion

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

First Solemn Reception of the Eucharist

The First Solemn Reception of the Eucharist will be celebrated NEXT Sunday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m. bilingual Liturgy. All parishioners are invited to attend, participate and pray with the youth of our parish on this very sacred day in their lives

Renovation of Sisters' Chapel.

Can you help support the parish sisters in their life of prayer and service? Every day, the Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, are dedicated to the teaching and catechesis of our the parish and school children. When they are home, they spend a lot of time praying in the convent chapel. Please consider making a donation towards a long needed renovation to the convent's chapel and I am sure Sisters will remember you in their prayers. As part of the basic repairs, in the following two weeks we will do the following: install a new floor, two new walls at the altar, refurbish pews, paint walls and ceiling and update the electrical. To make a Donation, please write a check to Assumption parish with memo; Convent Renovation.

Assumption Catholic School Summer Camp,

at the school: June 21 - July 19, 8:30 am to 2:55 pm.

- Children in PK to Grade 2
\$165 a week - paid at the beginning of the week or (\$40 a day)
- Children in grades 3-8 FREE with approval. Monday through Thursday 1.5 hours of reading and 1.5 hours of math, Fridays will be FRIDAY FUNDAYS with special activities and field trips.

Sign up ASAP! Call 732-826-8721 with any questions – we are filling up fast! Application forms are located in the church vestibule. Fill the out and return it to Fr. Ivan or the parish office.

Teachers Needed.

Assumption Catholic School is looking for new full time talented teachers so that ACS may offer the best possible education to its students. Please email resumes to Mrs. Shumny, school principal at lshumny@assumptioncatholicschool.net, call 732 826 8721

Parish Youth Ministry.

Last Saturday, the Assumption parish teenagers attended the Youth Meeting at the convent that addressed a typical youth's bad habit tendencies. Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará spoke about the issues and their solutions, using scientific facts and inspiring examples on how to shed bad habits and develop positive ones. The meeting encouraged youths to focus their minds on God and develop good Christian relationships, and a solid faith-based lifestyle.

Happy Mother's Day!

This weekend we offer our prayerful gratitude to all our wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and Godmothers—to all those exercising motherly ministry on our behalf in any way. Thank you and God bless you! The list of the living and deceased mothers that are being commemorated at this Sunday Liturgy is posted on the wall in the church vestibule.

The Ascension of Our Lord.

The feast of the Lord's Ascension always falls on Thursday on the fortieth day after Christ's resurrection. The Liturgies for the Feast will be celebrated on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m.

Trident Festival Inc Presents a Benefit Concert:

Sat, June 10, 2023 - 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Assumption Catholic School,
380 Meredith Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

Admission \$30 Adult, \$35 VIP

Ukrainian folk dances performed by Nadiya Dance School.
Famous Ukrainian singers Olena Topolya-Alyosha and Oleg Kolomyets

For tickets you you can also call NADIA 732-778-9367,
OKSANA 732-309-7174, ANNA 973-460-8059

Our Eventbrite page is up, you can buy tickets online following the link, or using a QR code from the poster that is on the wall in the church's vestibule

<https://www.eventbrite.com/.../slava-ukraini-tickets...>

Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Ukrainian Food and deserts

Premiering Ukrainian folk costumes made by Ukrainian designers "Colors of Ukraine" format. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to

ADRIANNA M. HERNANDEZ,

Daughter of Wilber Hernandez and Michelle Montufar

EWA MISYETCHKO

Daughter of Volodymyr Misyechko and Natalia Shamchakova

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

ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES (or proud parents)

We'd like to recognize all our graduates in our bulletin. Please submit the name of your graduate, school and degree earned or school they are graduating from and college they will be attending. Email the information to assumptionchurch@verizon.net

May, Moleben, and the Mother of God.

Although we honour Mary at all times and in all our prayers and church services, May has been chosen as a time to focus on the Mother of God and her place in our salvation.

One of the devotional services for the Blessed Mother of God is the Moleben that we celebrate in May. In general, a moleben is a service of intercession or supplication. The Moleben to the Theotokos is based on the service of matins, as served on a feast day, complete with a Gospel reading – in this case, Luke's account of Mary visiting Elizabeth. It also includes the trisagion hymn in honour of the Blessed Trinity, the Our Father, petitions from the faithful and, of course, hymns of praise..

It is celebrated in our church every TUESDAY at 6:30 PM throughout the month of May.



Assumption Parish purchased another ambulance for Ukraine.

It's been over a year since Russia invaded Ukraine, and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish in Perth Amboy, NJ of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, has all this time been trying to help those who are wounded, bleeding and injured by Russian bombs and bullets.

A few months ago, after making a report to the parish about an ambulance purchased in March, Fr. Ivan Turyk was approached by parishioners Bohdan and Halyna Jasinski (Medical Career Institute, NY) who offered a donation of \$15,000 to purchase another ambulance. The vehicle was purchased in Italy by the their charitable donation and recently handed over to the Ukrainian Military Brigade A4576.

The ambulance is already being used in the front lines, transporting wounded to the military hospital in Dnipro and saving the lives of those who are giving their all to save the lives behind them.

The purchase of the ambulance was a collaborative effort of people from three countries - the USA, Italy and Ukraine. We are very grateful to Bishop Hryhoriy Komar, Auxiliary Bishop of Sambir-Drohobych Eparchy in Ukraine, for the logistics of the process and for providing a driver. We are especially thankful to Fr. Vasyl Verbitsky from Ferrara, Italy for the actual purchase and a smooth transfer of the vehicle from Italy to Ukraine.

Thanks to all volunteers in Italy and in Ukraine



with



packed the ambulance with medical supplies and additional critical equipment before it was sent to the front line. The recently purchased ambulance is literally a lifeline for many defenders of Ukraine.

Thank you all, for your solidarity, and may God bless you and your families for standing up with

Церква - місце особливої присутності Бога, і перебувати у ній слід з любов'ю і благоговійно.

- Готуючись піти до храму, треба обов'язково постаратися примиритися з тими, хто щось має проти нас, перепросити всіх, кого ми скривдили чи образили. Коли ж не можна перепросити скривджених особисто, то перепросить їх бодай у своєму серці. На молитву в Божому храмі надихають також Божі слова в одному з псалмів: «Увійду в дім Твій і поклонюся до храму святого Твого в страхі Твоїм» (Пс. 5, 8).
- Коли йдете до церкви, постарайтесь, щоб ваш зовнішній вигляд був пристойний, для уникнення гріха спокушання ближніх чи осуду через наше нескромне, чи екстравагантне вбрання, адже ви йдете до Божого дому.
- У храм дозволяється входити жінкам під час вагітності та інших біологічних періодів.
- Перед входом до храму не забудьте вимкнути свій мобільний телефон!
- Увійшовши в храм перед початком Богослужінь, слід перехрестись звернувшись до Царських Воріт, пам'ятаючи, що у Кивоті на Престолах у Святих Дарах утаємно перебуває Сам Господь Ісус Христос. За бажанням, можна подати записку-поминання за здоров'я живих чи записку за упокій померлих до захристії, а також поставити свічки
- Робіть хресне знамено правильно і з увагою: перші три пальці правої руки з'єднуємо разом в честь Пресвятої Тройці; два останніх — безіменний і мізинець — прикладаємо до долоні; це означає дві природи Ісуса Христа: Він Бог і людина. Склавши правильно пальці, не поспішаючи прикладаємо їх до чола, грудей, правого і лівого рамена.
- У Храмі під час Богослужінь мовчазним поклоном привітайтеся зі знайомими. В інший час відповідайте на вітання «Слава Ісусу Христу!» - «Слава Навіки»; «Христос Воскрес!» - «Воістину Воскрес!», «Христос Рождається!» - «Славимо Його».
- Якщо приходите з дітьми, привчайте їх до молитви. Якщо дітям потрібно вийти із храму, скажіть, щоб перехрестилися і тихо вийшли, або самі виведіть їх та постарайтесь їх супроводжувати. Коли переходите через середину храму, навпроти Царських Воріт, призупиніться і, хрестячись, поклоніться.
- Перед Причастям складіть руки на груди навхрест, праву поверх лівої, поклоніться і підійдіть до Ісуса Христа у Св. Причасті з вірою і любов'ю, щоб прийняти Його святі Тіло і Кров. Після Причастя подякуйте Ісусу за всі Його добродійства для вас. Дітям після хрещення дозволяється приходити і приймати Св. Причастя. Євхаристійний піст (піст перед Св. Причастям) - 1 година.
- Перебувати в храмі потрібно до повного закінчення Богослужіння. Залишати храм до закінчення Богослужіння можна лише в разі хвороби, або негайної потреби.
- Кадження у церкві: коли священнослужитель кадить, варто стояти, схилиючи у невеликому поклоні голову під час кадиння священнослужителем вірних.
- Коли чуємо слова «Премудрість, прості, вислухаймо святого Євангелія...», «Прості, прийнявши божественних, святих... Христових таїн, достойно подякуймо Господеві» (після Причастя), то маємо розуміти, що церковнослов'янське слово «прості» дослівно перекладається, як «струнко стоячи», «рівна вертикальна струнка постава тіла».
- Потрібно робити знак святого хреста під час Богослужінь у моменти: коли чуємо імена Трьох Божественних Осіб повністю (Отця, Сина, Святого Духа, або принаймні 2-х із Них: Наприклад: («... із безначальним Твоїм Отцем, і Пресвятим, і благим, і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків»).
- Коли священнослужитель благословляє (робить знак святого хреста) вірних хрестом, чашею, свічками тощо. Коли священнослужитель благословляє вірних (робить знак св. хреста) тільки своєю рукою, так як «Мир Всім».
- Примітка: Коли священнослужитель завершує свої слова фразою: «...Христу Богові віддаймо», а вірні відповідають: «Тобі, Господи», то тоді варто також лише схилити голову.
- Вийшовши з храму, розважайте про Божі речі, пам'ятаючи свою участь у Безкровній Жертві Сина Божого - Святій Літургії, яку тепер ви маєте продовжувати добрими ділами і християнським життям. «Нехай світить перед людьми ваше світло, щоб вони, бачивши ваші добрі вчинки, прославляли вашого Отця, що на небі» (Мт. 5, 16)

Over 100 Participants Celebrate Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Women's Evening of Prayer

By: Katherine Massopust

PERTH AMBOY – On Tuesdays in May, the Moleben to the Most Blessed Mother of God is celebrated at the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption. The Moleben is a devotion to Mary. On one Tuesday in May, it has become a modern tradition to invite members from other local churches and parishes to attend the Moleben and celebrate the devotion to Mary together at The Women's Evening of Prayer. This event was put on hiatus for three years due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This year the event resumed on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, and over 100 people attended the service.

The Sister Servants of the Lord and Virgin of Matara, Perth Amboy, NJ sang the Opening Hymn, "Immaculate Mary," in Ukrainian. Very Rev. Ivan Turyk, Pastor of Assumption Parish led the Moleben service which was sung in both English and Ukrainian. The Gospel was Lk: 1,39-49.56: which is when Mary visited her cousin, Elizabeth.

Rev. Ivan Turyk introduced The Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko, Pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Mount Carmel, PA and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Centralia, PA. Archpriest Hutsko drove three hours to get to Perth Amboy.

Archpriest Hutsko gave the Homily titled: "Mary: Mother, Intercessor, Protector."

"This morning, I saw the post on Facebook, and I saw the picture of me as a young man and wondered how many people would expect to see a young man and see an older priest. When I came here and saw all the Jersey plates, I realized (like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz) "I'm not in Kansas anymore." When I was asked to give the homily, the threefold role of Mary: the devotion states: Mother of Our Christ God; Mother of Eternal Love; Mother of Divine Grace; Immaculately Conceived... All the challenges we face in our daily lives – every one of us here this evening is one of these things or more – the human condition. Mary was entrusted to the Apostle John (when Jesus was on the cross). Mary is portrayed in prayer. I can remit three instances:

- 1.) The Feast of Protection of the Mother of God: On October 1, every year since the year 911, when our church first celebrated the Feast of Protection of the Mother of God. The people of Constantinople gathered in church and prayed to the Blessed Mother to protect them and their city. The church had a relic of Mary in it. Mary appeared in the center of the church with her arms open. She took her veil off and spread her arms symbolizing to the people that she was an intercessor protecting them. The city was saved. The heavenly protection of Mary is in all of our hearts.
- 2.) St. Sophia's Church: In the Capital City of Ukraine, Kyiv, in the Church of St. Sophia, there are frescos, icons, of Jesus, the apostles, saints throughout the ages. Behind the altar, there is a mosaic of the Most Holy Mother of God. As you gaze at her, you can see her motherly care of her hands extended. She is the intercessor on our behalf for the safety of her people. The mosaic is known as the Indestructible Wall. The belief is as long as that wall stands, Ukraine will never be defeated by its enemies. Ever since this was known, enemies have tried to damage the wall. During the (Communist) Revolution, there was an attempt to shoot that wall – the bullets bounced off that wall. She is the wall who protects us against the devil himself. She is the indestructible agent of the power of God. As we pray, our prayers will be answered. She will pray for us as our protector. Hundreds of thousands of people prayed the rosary and prayed for the corrupt (communist) government to be overthrown - and it was.
- 3.) Mystery Solved: Archpriest Hutsko explained that the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Centralia PA is built in a mining town. In 1962 there was an underground mine fire. Forty years ago (1983 - years after the residents were evacuated and money was allotted for the residents to relocate), we were asked by the government if the church should stay or leave. Archbishop Sulyk spoke with the people and asked them what they thought. He prayed to Mary. He said to drill some holes by the church. There was no coal found underneath the church. They said the church stands on solid rock. Hutsko stated this blue domed church stands on top of a mountain and the presence of God is here. Bells ring during the liturgy which calls all the people here to come worship and pray. A stone wall surrounds the property. In 2015 Patriarch Sviatoslav came for a visit. We went to church and prayed. He saw the icon of Our Lady (icon of the Mother of God of Pochaiv). We had found it in the closet and put it on an altar for veneration. Patriarch Sviatoslav saw the icon and stated that the church must become a place for prayer and pilgrimage to pray before this icon. I wondered why. Mystery Solved - I was reading the book: At the Foot of the Cross: Lessons from Ukraine an Interview with Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk. In the book, Archbishop Sviatoslav states: "I was thirteen years old. I visited the monastery in Pochaiv on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Because of the feast, the miraculous icon of the Mother of God of Pochaiv was brought down and people were allowed to come venerate it. I was waiting to see the icon and I was praying. I was praying, "Mother of God, I want to be a priest. I know it is impossible; I know that everybody will say that I'm crazy. But for you, nothing is impossible. I approached the icon and kissed it." - Mystery Solved! The icon is still on display in the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Mary. It is funny how God works. Mary has so many names and is revered in many ways. The best way to refer to her is as the God-bearer. We are all called to be God-bearers - not as she did but carrying her in heart and sorrow. The sovereign redeemer – His will and all called to God – will bring Christ and the word of the divine."
- Two hymns were sung by all: "Always Protect Us," in both Ukrainian and English, and Immaculate Mary in English. Fr Ivan said, "Mary was a doer. She always listens, always intercedes on behalf of us. She is the Holy Theotokos." He thanked Archpriest Hutsko for coming despite the long trip and giving the homily. He thanked The St. Ann's Society and President Melanie Fedynychyn, for coordinating the event and providing refreshments. He also thanked parishioner John Baginsky for making the program.

At the reception under the church, President of the St. Ann's Society Melanie Fedynychyn spoke, "I sent letters to 19 different parishes." There were participants from Ukrainian Assumption Church, St. John Paul II Parish, Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, St. James Church (Woodbridge), and other churches.

Mrs. Fedynychyn spoke how Ukrainian Assumption Church was founded over 100 years ago in 1908 on Wayne Street, Perth Amboy when the grandparents of many of today's parishioners were teenagers and immigrated from Ukraine. She explained that every local catholic church had an organization for women and for girls (sodalities). "Once a year in May, the Blessed Mother was crowned in Waters Stadium. The bleachers on both the home and visiting side were packed. I had to walk from my home on Kennedy Street because it was so overcrowded. But, little by little there were less and less sodalities, so around ten years ago, I thought that all the women in the catholic community could gather together for the Moleben. We celebrate the Moleben every Tuesday in May, and you are welcome to come." The evening ended with refreshments and fellowship with all the participants.

