Epistle - Eph 4:1-6; Gospel - Lk 12:16-21; TONE 8

## **DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**

## 25th Sunday After Pentecost, November 19, 2023

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners Panachyda service for the victims of the Holodomor 11:30 AM - Lit. + Helen & George Melnykevich r/by Family

Monday, November 20, 2023

Fr. Ivan attending the clergy conference

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

**Entrance of the Theotokos** 

7:30 AM - Lit. + Mariano Plasenia r/by ACS

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

7:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention Fr. Roman Dubitsky

Saturday, November 25, 2023

5:00 PM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, November 26, 2023

Epistle - Eph 5:9-19; Gospel - Lk 13:10-17

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Rose & Joseph Bigos

r/by Ron & Irene Bigos

## Congratulations Fr. Roman Dubitsky!

Metropolitan Borys with joy announces the elevation of the former pastor of Assumption Catholic Church, in Perth Amboy, NJ - REV. ROMAN DUBITSKY to the rank of Archpriest in recognition of his faithful service to the Ukrainian Catholic Church and to the Philadelphia Archeparchy.

Reverend Roman Dubitsky, born in Lypicia Dolishna, Ukraine on November 22, 1938, ordained to the Priesthood on April 10, 1965. Father Roman served with grace in parishes in Philadelphia (Cathedral, St. Josaphat, St. Andrew), Allentown, Wilmington, Chesapeake City, Perth Amboy, and was the founding Pastor of our parish in Toms River. He retired in 2010 after 45 years of ministry. Father Roman has been a faithful priest for 58 years. The Archeparchy's senior clergyman is ever a gentleman.

Archpriests-Elect Roman Dubitsky and John Seniw will be elevated to the Dignity of Archpriest on Friday, November 24th after the Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia.

The same day the Archeparchy will recognize the three Orders of Religious Sisters in our Archeparchy for their dedicated service in education.

Two other priests, Archpriest-Elect Taras Lonchyna will be elevated to the Dignity of Archpriest on November 26, at St. Josaphat Church in Trenton and Archpriest-Elect Robert Hitchens will be elevated to the Dignity of Archpriest on February 4, 2024, at the Ukrainian Catholic National of the Holy Family Shrine in Washington.

May our Lord bless these worthy candidates who have served Him and the People of God with dignity and honor. Многая і благая літа!

# Religious Education for the Parish Youth and Women in

Tuesday, November 21, 6:30-8:30 pm - women (Ukrainian) Saturday, November 25, 6:30-8:30 pm - teenagers (13 -18)

## Christmas Bazaar.

Assumption Catholic School will be holding its Annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 from 11:00 am - 5 pm. FREE admission! As usual, the kitchen will be open serving all kinds of delicious hot cooked meals to eat in or take out. Enjoy an afternoon of old-fashioned family fun. There will be games of chance, vendors, 50/50 raffles, crafts, prizes, and baked goods. All are welcome. Bring your friends and neighbors. ACS has been running an annual holiday bazaar since 1968, one of the longest running bazaars in the area. Call 732-826-8721 for info.

### Visit with St. Nicholas.

Parish children 12 years old and younger are invited to a Saint Nicholas Party on Sunday, December 10, 2023 after each liturgy. Admission is free; please sign the form in the vestibule by Dec. 3. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

## Give Thanks For What You Have.

Our God takes little and nothing and does mighty things. He allows us to do the same when we thank Him for what we have rather than complain about what we don't have. We are grateful to God first and foremost because He is God.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are fully aware that we receive blessings for our own enjoyment and for our sharing with others. Gratefulness opens up a bounty of blessings to anyone - not because they did something to deserve it - but because we're all a product of God's love.

- We don't deserve the gift of salvation that Jesus' life paid for, but we are grateful.
- We don't deserve God's grace and mercy that follows us all the days of our life but we're grateful.
- We don't deserve the forgiveness of our sins toward God and each other - but we're grateful.

Therefore, out of our gratefulness to God let us share our blessings with others this Thanksgiving season so that they may also be grateful to the One Who loves them equally among everyone else.

#### KOLIADA in your house.

Our parish sisters and choir "Boyan" are organizing a parish VERTEP (nativity play) with the participation of choir members and youth. The Nativity Play will be presented to the entire parish to see, but apart from performing in the church, the VERTEP can also come to your home.

The carolers will expresses the good news and the joy of the Nativity of Christ. Let's not be indifferent to the revival of the spirit and tradition of Ukrainian Christmas koliada! VERTEP in your home is the joyful proclamation of the coming of Christ and the singing of ancient carols that will leave an echo in the hearts of your children and family!

To have VERTEP come to you, sign up on the list at the entrance to the church (December 30-31, January 6). The funds donated for the koliada will be used for the needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine! Let everyone contribute to the victory.

## Volunteers - Decorate the Church!

On Saturday, November 25 at 10:00 am the Holy Name Society is welcoming men of the parish to help them decorate the church. Please come and help beautify our church for Christmas.

## 90th anniversary of the Holodomor-genocide.

In 2022-2023, Ukraine commemorates the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor genocide. We remember this sad date today in the realities of the new struggle for the survival of the Ukrainian nation. 90 years after the Holodomor genocide committed on the territory of Ukraine, Russia is committing a new genocide - war. The eternal enemy is again trying to "denationalize" and suppress us so as not to let us out of its influence and prevent the strengthening of Ukrainian statehood. The methods of the latest Putin regime differ little from Stalin's: murder, terror with hunger and cold, intimidation, and deportation. The Ukrainian nation courageously opposes a much larger enemy. We have no other choice but to persevere. Otherwise, history will throw Ukrainians to a new round of already passed tests. We remember the lessons of the past and do not want to return to the "prison of nations". It is national memory that makes us stronger and gives us strength for further struggle.

This Sunday, we pray and commemorate all those who died during the Holodomor famine of 1932-33

<u>Feed the Hungry in Our Community.</u>
Please remember to bring can goods, etc. for the food pantry. Until Thanksgiving Day, leave your donation in the Church foyer or downstairs on the bench next to the bulletin board. Thank you for your continued generosity to the poor and needy and may God Bless You!