

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday Before Christmas, December 24, 2023****Christmas Eve**

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
 11:30 AM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko
 4:00 PM - Children's Divine Liturgy for all children of the parish (English)
 10:00 PM - Great Compline (English/Ukrainian)
 11:00 PM - Lit. + Marie and Vera Glowa

**Monday December 25, 2023****Christmas Day, Birth of Our Lord**

9:00 AM - Lit. for all victims of war in Ukraine
 11:30 AM - For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
Myrovania, Festal Anointing after Liturgies

Tuesday, December 26, 2023**Synaxis of the Theotokos**

9:00 AM Lit. + Deceased members of Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará

Wednesday, December 27, 2023**Feast of St. Stephen**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Archbishop Stefan Sulyk r/by Fr. Ivan

Saturday, December 30, 2023

8:00 AM - Lit. for health of Michailo, Oksana, Volodymyr, Vasyl, Maria, Yuriy, Tetyana, Ivana

5:00 PM - Lit. + Jessica Zulin r/by Family

Sunday After Christmas, December 31, 2023

Epistle - Gal 1:11-19; Gospel - Mt 2:13-23

9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings and Health for Iryna Chobit's 20th Birthday r/by mother Alla, brother Stephan and grandparents

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

Prospora Bread.

Our traditional Christmas Eve Supper Prospora Breads will be blessed and distributed after Saturday-Sunday Liturgies, December 23-24. Thanks to Mrs. Colette Baginsky and her helpers for making the bread. Your donation for the prospora bread will go to St. Ann Society.

Christmas Caroling with VERTEP.

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 on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st following 9:00 am Liturgy**, but apart from performing in the church, the VERTEP can also come to your home.

You are welcome to invite carolers with the VERTEP to your home on Saturday, December 30, Sunday, December 31 and Saturday, January 6 from 11 AM- 4PM.

The funds donated for the koliada will be used for the needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine!

Parish Donation Envelopes

Parish envelopes for 2024 are available in the church hall. Please check name and address. If you have not registered or received a box for 2023, and would like to have one please contact parish secretary Anna or Fr. Ivan. By using your envelopes, you indicate your attendance at Liturgy. What you put inside the envelope is between you and God.

Theophany of Our Lord and Meat Feast**Saturday, January 6, 2023**

9:00 a.m Liturgy and Blessing of the water outside before the ice carved cross.

After the Liturgy, the parish community is invited to the "Meat Fest". Delicious "shish-kabob" and a salad will be served to all parishioners and visitors. The donation is \$10 for a plate. All proceeds will go for the humanitarian aid and medical treatment for injured Ukrainians in the war.

**Welcome!**

During the Christmas season, we extend a warm welcome to the visiting families and friends of our parishioners, and to all of our guests. No matter where you live, how frequently you attend services or where your religious roots are, we welcome you. Our Byzantine Catholic greeting to one another for Christmas is "Christ is born!" Our response is "Glorify Him!" In Ukrainian it is "Christos Raždajetsa!" and the response, "Slavite Jeho!"

Pastor's Corner

Dear parishioners,

With Christmas occurring tomorrow (Monday), we find ourselves enjoying a "double-header" of Liturgies. We attend Liturgy for the Sunday Before Christmas and then jump right into the vigil Liturgy for the Nativity of the Lord Sunday evening. As such, we have a double reminder this weekend of the tremendous gift we have received in the Son of God coming to us in the flesh. He took to himself a full human nature from the Blessed Virgin Mary to offer salvation to fallen mankind - to each of us!

As we gather with our family and friends to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord, we keep in mind that Christ is truly the reason for our gathering, the cause of our joy, and the source of our peace and charity. Kindly know of my prayerful wishes for safe travel and for Christ's many blessings to be poured out on you and your loved ones as you gather to celebrate the Incarnation!

Blessings, Fr. Ivan

Donations to Church

\$1,000.00 - Myron & Maria Rajsz

\$300.00 - In Memory of CAROLYN TEREFENKO

Christmas Flowers.

Our tradition here at Assumption is to decorate the church with beautiful Poinsettia Flowers as we celebrate the Birth of Our Lord. We thank Kuchie's Alpine Florist for donating flowers to our church.

Thank You.

The other day, on social media I saw someone posted, "I highly recommend loving Jesus."

I kept thinking about this positive post and agreed that I, too, could highly recommend loving Jesus. Since God created each one of us, we should all jump at the chance to be His friend and love His Son Jesus, who shines a light so we can see what God is like.

At our parish we demonstrate that we love Jesus when we pray together, help take care of Church and School, keep the commandments, and love each other. We show our love for Jesus Christ Our Lord by what we do here.

These two weeks before Christmas were truly busy for our Assumption Community with the Christmas Bazaar and St. Nicholas Visit, Parish Youth Gatherings, Catechism-Bible Studies for Women provided by our Sisters, Bingo and the Coffee Hour, Church cleaning by ladies and decoration by men, a School Christmas Concert, a Christmas Bread Sale, and so on.

May God bless all our parishioners and volunteers for running these projects and "Loving Jesus" and His Church on earth. Our church is truly blessed by your dedication to maintaining the perfect house of worship for all of us to enjoy.

Children's Divine Liturgy - Christmas Eve

On Saturday evening, children who wish to participate in the procession for the 4:00 pm Liturgy are asked to gather in the church hall fifteen minutes before Liturgy. All children are encouraged to participate in the procession!