

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee, Jan. 21, 2024**9:00 AM - Lit. + John Andrewshetsko, brothers & sisters
r/by Bobbie and Family

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

Tuesday, January 23, 20247:30 AM Lit. for the Superior of Sisters Servants of
the Lord and Virgin of Matara**Wednesday, January 24, 2024**7:30 AM - Lit. for all Living Sisters Servants of
the Lord and Virgin of Matara**Thursday, January 25, 2024**

7:30 AM - Lit. Lit + Adam Lupicki r/by Colette Baginsky

Friday, January 26, 2024

8:45 AM - Lit. + Ann Redus - Legate

Saturday, January 27, 2024

8:00 AM - Lit + Nadia Chorniy

10:00 AM - + Natalie Basniak funeral

5:00 PM - Lit. + Wilson r/by Miller

Sunday of the Prodigal Son, Jan. 28, 2024*Epistle - 1 Cor 6:12-20; Gospel - Lk 15:11-32*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Anastasia Bamburak r/by Louise Fowler

Religious Education for the Parish Youth and Women in JANUARY.*Sunday, January 21, young adults (18 and over) meeting
at the convent following 11:30 am Liturgy

*Tuesday, January 23, women (English), 6:30-8:30 pm

*Saturday, January 27, teenagers (13-18), 6:30-8:30 pm

Gift Auction

St. Ann Society is happy to announce the upcoming TRICKY TRAY / GIFT AUCTION on Sunday, March 3, 2024. This year's theme is "Around the World" and will feature 100's of beautiful prizes and specialty baskets. There will be a 50-50, "It's Your Lucky Day" Raffle, super stage prizes, gift card raffle, and many other opportunities to win. Free cake, coffee, and tea are included in the cost of admission which is \$20. Doors will open at 11:30 AM, and drawings will begin at 2 PM

Sorokousty Memorial Services

In just a few short weeks, the holy season of the Great Fast (Lent) will once again be upon us. 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. This is the service where Fr. Ivan reads aloud in church the names of the deceased. If you would like your deceased family members commemorated during these services, please submit your envelope with the names clearly listed. Envelopes are included in your box of donation envelopes. Please clearly PRINT the first names of the deceased on the front. If there is no change from last year, please check "same as last year" on the envelope.

Memorial Donations**In Memory of JOHN REDUS:**

\$250.00 - William & Denise Patskanick

\$75.00 - Richard & M. Vanita Hacku

\$50.00 - John & Amy Castoro

New Parishioners

We extend a warm welcome to the following who have recently registered as members of our parish family:

MILAN & STELLA KUDROCH
ANDREI, TETIANA, ALINA, MARIIA VYKSYUK

Note: New parishioners, please check in the church hall to see if you received donation envelopes for 2024. Any recently registered parishioners who do not have a box set of envelopes should use the temporary envelopes found in the church vestibule, or any blank envelopes for donations. Please write your name and the amount of your donation on the envelope. Thank you.

TODAY: Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee.

This is the first Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. It marks the beginning of a time of preparation for the spiritual journey of Lent, a time for us Christians to draw closer to God through worship, prayer, fasting, and acts of charity. The theme of this Sunday's parable is repentance. Repentance is the door through which we enter Lent, the starting-point of the journey to Pascha. To repent signifies far more than self-pity or futile regret over things done in the past. The Greek term metanoia means "change of mind." To repent is to be renewed, to be transformed in our inward viewpoint, to attain a fresh way of looking at our relationship with God and with others.

Question to Ponder: "Do we Truly live the phrase from the Lord's Prayer: "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us"? "Each Evening as we go to sleep, have we forgiven those who have wronged us during the day? "Are we more like the Pharisee and proud of our piety, or more like the Publican and Constantly ask God for forgiveness of our sins?"

Parish organization events.

St. Ann's Society. The wonderful Christmas party was held on Sunday for all members of St. Ann's Society of the Assumption Catholic Church. It was all smiles and laughter as many of our parish ladies were treated to a delicious meal at the Armory Restaurant. The afternoon of fellowship and sharing a meal made for a festive and fun time! May God bless all women abundantly for their loving service to our church. The organization supports our parish both financially and through many volunteer activities.

Holy Name Society. Last Saturday, the Holy Name Society (HNS) had its Christmas party at the Barge Restaurant. The Holy Name Society is a spiritual organization for the men of our parish that does many good works for Assumption parish, while enriching the spiritual side of its members. Working together, members encourage practices of generosity, hospitality, peace, and stewardship for our parish and its ministries.

If you would like to join the Holy Name Society, speak to the President Mr. Joseph Britton and if you would like to be a member of St. Ann Society speak to the President Mrs. Melanie Fedynshyn.

Assumption School Open House

The largest elementary Ukrainian Catholic School in America, will host an Open House on Sunday January 28th from 12 noon to 3 p.m. as part of its Catholic Schools Week celebrations. Cognia accredited, the school provides a Christ-centered, Catholic environment to a diverse population of pre-kindergarten (age 4) through 8th-grade students. COME and ENROLL NOW. To receive more information about the school, call 732-826-8721 or visit www.assumptioncatholicsschool.net

Something To Ponder.

- All classes of people were aboard the Titanic - wealthy people, famous people, highly educated people, illiterate people, and poor folks down in the steerage. But a few hours later when they posted the list in the Cunard office in New York, there were only two categories: LOST and SAVED. That is how God sees humanity.
- One man asked a priest: "If God is everywhere, what do I go to Church for?" To which the priest replied: "The whole atmosphere is filled with water, but when you want to drink you have to go to a fountain or a well."