

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**2nd Sunday of the Great Fast, February 25, 2024**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko r/by Louise Fowler

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (English)

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

8:45 AM + Petro Stachiw - Legate

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

Friday, March 1, 2024

6:30 PM - Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 2, 2024

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy for all deceased parishioners

Lenten Commemoration and Panahyda.

4:15 PM - Recitation of the Rosary

5:00 PM - Lit. + Glenys Romanko r/by Children

3rd Sunday of the Great Fast, Veneration of the Cross**March 3, 2024***Epistle - Heb 4:14-5:6; Gospel - Mk 8:34-9:1*

9:00 AM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko r/by Marina Shapovalenko

11:30 AM - Lit. + Larry Ginda r/by Kathy

Gift Auction - Next Sunday!

St. Ann Society will hold their annual 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 or tea, and one sheet of tickets for the level I prizes are included in the cost of admission which is \$20. Doors will open at 11:30 AM, and drawings will begin at 2 PM. See any member to get your tickets in advance!

Religious Education provided by our Sisters for the Parish Youth and Women in FEBRUARY

- Tuesday, Feb 27, women (English), 6:30 pm

Prayer for Ukraine

On February 24, we commemorate the second tragic anniversary of the full-scale Russian war against Ukraine. We all know victims: those slaughtered, maimed, rendered homeless. The Russian inferno, ignited by the illegal annexation of Crimea that began on February 20, 2014, has now been scorching our brothers and sisters for ten years. The invaders have killed hundreds of thousands and at least 12 million have become international refugees or internally displaced persons. The aggressors have perpetrated at least one trillion dollars' worth of infrastructure damage and destruction. The criminal bombing of civilian infrastructure continues daily. In solidarity with numerous innocent victims and in deep pain, we cry to the Lord in the words of the psalmist: "They are evil; watch them, God!" (Ps 56:8).

Donations for Aid to Ukraine

\$2,500 - Jasinski Family (Medical Career Institute)
Funds for drones

Lenten Mission-Confession

This year's Lenten Parish Mission will take place on Friday, March 8 to Sunday, March 10, 2024. The mission will be conducted by Rev. Michailo Demyd, a priest of the Archdiocese of Lviv, Ukraine who is originally from Belgium. There will be a spiritual talk at each service scheduled during the Lenten mission and time for the Sacrament of Repentance. Please make every effort during the Lenten Mission to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter Sunday.

Next Sunday Bishop Visit

On Sunday, March 3rd at 9:00 am. Liturgy we will be blessed to have Most Reverend Bishop Venedykt (Aleksiychuk) of Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Chicago for a special visit with us. All our parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend the Divine Liturgy.

TODAY: Second Sunday of the Lent

... He said to the paralyzed man "I command you: Stand up! Pick up your mat and go home."

The man stood and picked up his mat and went outside in the sight of everyone. They were awestruck: all gave praise to God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

QUESTIONS to ponder on today's Gospel:

- In what ways have I put my faith and trust in Jesus?
- What are the times in my life when I can remember repenting, confessing my sins and knowing that my burdens were lifted?
- How can I increase my desire to follow in the path of Jesus?

Orchid Flower Donations

The lovely orchid flowers on the side altars were recently donated by:

- Iryna Kuzyshyn for God's blessing on her family.

Flowers on the side altars of Assumption Church can fittingly mark the anniversary of a birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage or death, or may be used as an expression of joy of thanksgiving at any time. Throughout the year, please buy orchids, bring them to our church as a donation and place them before the side altar. Your donation will be listed in the church bulletin.

Fees and charges.

This year, the city of Perth Amboy, NJ informed us that starting January 2024, our parish school will be charged \$4,500 per year for the collection of the waste (regular garbage) and recycling.

School Spiritual Day

Last week, ACS Teachers spent time in prayer and reflection at the convent for their Spirituality Day. Our Sister Veronica, Sister Trijtsi and Sister Sr. Svitanku prepared a program on the importance of Catholic Education and the impact we have on our community. They prepared a beautiful prayer service and gave us a time of quiet reflection in their chapel. We ended with a pretty competitive jeopardy game and some time to have coffee and talk. We are blessed to have such love in our school. We thank our Sisters who really put time and dedication into not only student's religious formation but our teachers too!

Questions About Our Faith. Did You Know ???

- *Father, isn't the Eucharistic celebration in our parish called Mass? I have often heard you call it Divine Liturgy. Which is correct?*

The word Mass is used by the Latin (Roman) Catholics as the name for their Eucharistic celebration. It is derived from the Latin phrase used at the end of that service, *Ite, missa, est*, which literally mean, "Go, it is the dismissal." The phrase has in its intention that the participants of that Eucharistic celebration go forth into the world as the Body of Christ and continue the mission of the Saviour. Most Eastern Christian Churches, including our own Ukrainian Catholic Church, call the Eucharistic celebration the Divine Liturgy. This English phrase is derived from the Greek or Slavonic phrase, *Sluzhba Bozha*, which means "The work/service of God." It is our service/worship of God and His good work among us. The correct term to use for the Eucharist celebration is The Divine Liturgy. Let's use the proper name for the worship of God.

A Big Thank You

We extend a great big thank you to the many people of Assumption Parish who volunteered their time for our parish and the school:

- John and Colette Baginsky for putting together and printing new Stations of the Cross Books for the young people at Assumption School.
- Myron Rajsz for getting and delivering two office tables for our school.