

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast****Veneration of the Cross - March 3, 2024**

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

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

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

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

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

8:45 AM - Lit. + John Redus r/by Diane Pascanik Gordon

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

**Friday, March 8, 2024**

6:30 PM - Presanctified Liturgy

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy for all deceased parishioners  
Lenten Commemoration and Panahyda.

11:00 AM - Lit. + Orest (5 yrs.) r/by mother, Lubomira

5:00 PM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko r/by Louise Fowler

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast, March 10, 2024***Epistle - Heb 6:13-20; Gospel - Mk 9:17-31*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Hutnick, Kataryniak Families - Legate

**Gift Auction - Today!**

St. Ann Society are holding their annual TRICKY TRAY/GIFT AUCTION today, 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.

**Donation to Church**

\$100.00 - In Memory of + CAROLYN TEREFENKO

**Orchid Flower Donations**

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.

**PYSANKA Master-Class, March 10, 2024**

UNWLA, Branch 135, is sponsoring a Pysanka class on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 12:30 PM to be held at the Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy, NJ. Pysanka Master: Valentyna Oplakanecz. Cost: \$45 for Adult and \$20 for Child (must be supervised by an adult) and includes all pysanka writing instruments and egg. For registration you can call 732-877-9814, sign up on the sheet in the church basement or scan QR code on poster to register. Explore your heritage - Preserve our traditions!

**Pre-Cana Conference**

Pre-Cana is a series of classes for all couples planning to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in our parish. Each couple must attend the Pre-Cana Conference that will occur on Saturday, April 20th and Sunday, April 21st, at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, 719 Sanford Avenue, Newark, NJ 07106. For the registration inf, please contact Fr. Ivan at 732 826 0767. This year, two couples from our parish will be attending the conference.

**Church Discipline for Fridays of Lent**

All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from eating meat for all Catholics ages 14 and older. Meat includes all beast and fowl flesh (beef, pork, chicken, duck, etc...), but not fish or seafood. These are days of solidarity for us as Catholics as we follow Christ together this Lent. And so, as a worldwide Catholic family, we have common Lenten practices of fasting by which we lift our hearts up to God in prayer.

**Cataract Press** is visiting our parish on Sunday, March 17 with a large selection of Ukrainian Merchandise, including Easter items, books both in Ukrainian and English, jewelry imported from Ukraine, embroidery and clothing. These items will be displayed in the church hall and available for the sale.

**Prayer with His Beatitude Sviatoslav.**

This week, we invite all to participate at the Prayer for Ukraine Service with Patriarch Sviatoslav and other bishops - members of the Permanent Synod of our Church on Thursday, March 7, at 6:30 pm at the Ukrainian Cathedral in Philadelphia. Your presence and support are invaluable, so please make plans to attend this prayer for Ukraine.

**Lenten Mission and Confession** - Begins this Weekend.

This year, the bi-lingual Lenten Mission will be conducted by Rev. Mikhaïlo Dymyd, 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

**Schedule of the Mission:**

- March 8 (Friday) - 6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified gifts. Confession at 5:00 pm and a sermon in English.
- March 9 (Saturday) - 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Sorokousty. 8:00 AM - Confessions and a sermon in Ukrainian.
- 5:00 PM - Divine Liturgy; 4:00 PM - Confession and a sermon in English.
- March 10 (Sunday) - 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy; 8:00 AM - Confession and a sermon in Ukrainian.
- 11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy. 11:00 AM Confession and a sermon in English.

All are welcome! A parish mission helps to foster spiritual renewal and growth for the members of our parish (non-parishioners are very welcome!).

**Donation of Flowers**

The beautiful flowers on the side altar were donated by Marina Shapovalenko in memory of + OLGA YURECHKO.

**Religious Education for the Youth and Women in March**

- Wednesday, March 6 following Stations of the Cross - women (Ukrainian)
- Saturday, March 9, teenagers (13-18). We'll start with 5:00 pm Confession, Divine Liturgy followed by the meeting at the convent.
- Sunday, March 10, young adults (18 and over) meeting at the convent at 11:15 am. Saturday, March 16, teenagers (8-13), 6:30-8:30 pm.
- Saturday, March 23, children up to 7 years old, 6:30-8:30 pm.
- Sunday, March 18, young adults (18 and over) meeting at the convent at 11:15 am.
- Tuesday, March 26, following Stations of the Cross - women (English)

**DID YOU KNOW? Questions about Our Faith.**

- *Under Pope Pius IX, Peter's Pence collection was started. How did the Vatican get its earthly treasures? The Vatican could resolve the hungry and poor issue with these treasures they have stored. How much are they giving to these people? Jesus told us to take care of these people.*

These are some good questions. But in order to answer them I have to address the claim that the Vatican could resolve the hunger and poverty issues with their "treasures." I have found that there are many common misunderstandings about the Catholic Church especially regarding money. One misunderstanding that I often encounter is the perception that the Catholic Church is a monolithic corporation, like Google or Ashley Furniture. Financially speaking, the Catholic Church is a bunch (hundreds of thousands?) of non-profit organizations with various degrees of affiliation to one another. For example, there is some financial connection between our parish and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, but there is not really any financial connection between our parish and a Catholic parish in Cameroon, a country in Central Africa or the Archdiocese of Lviv, Ukraine. Catholic parishes throughout the world have a loose and indirect financial connection to the Pope, the Vatican, or the Holy See. Remember, there are various types of assets, such as cash, property, and investments. Our parish, for example, has all three. The purpose of these assets is to further the mission of the Church. Whether it is our parish or the Vatican, all of these assets ultimately originated from free will donations.