

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Oct. 27, 2024**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Anna Kozak

r/by daughter Mariya Derevenska

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

**Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Michael Peles r/by Carol, Steven, Scott, Natalie, Brian, Briana

**Wednesday, October 30, 2024**

7:30 AM - Lit. + Helen Cherris

r/by Richard &amp; Gail Zaremba

**Thursday, October 31, 2024**

7:30 AM - Lit. Vira and Stephan

r/by Igor and Yuliya Leshko

**Friday, November 1, 2024**

8:45 AM - Lit. + Joseph &amp; Ethel Melnykevich - Legate

**Saturday, November 2, 2024**8:00 AM - Lit. + Vasyl, Hanna, Andriy, Stefania, Ivan, Maria, Vasylo, Hanusia, Sophia, Ivan, Kateryna, Emil  
r/by Maria Dzeva

5:00 PM - Lit. Health for Eleanor Kataryniak

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, November 3, 2024***Epistle - Eph 2:14-22; Gospel - Lk 8:41-56*

9:00 AM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko

**Panahyda for Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky**

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

**Membership at Assumption Parish**

If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family. If you would like to become a registered member, please speak to Fr. Ivan or contact parish office 732-826-0767.

Please Stay for coffee hour that will be downstairs in the Church following Sunday 9:00 am Liturgy. Do you have a birthday or anniversary this/next week? Please let the priest know, so we can recognize you at the coffee hour.

**St. Ann Society Fall Dinner-Dance****Date:** Saturday, November 2, 2024 at ACS Auditorium**Time:** Doors open at 6:00 pm, Buffet dinner at 7:00 pm**Buffet dinner:** catered by The Barge Restaurant**DJ:** Bojo**Tickets:** available from members of St. Ann Society, during coffee hour, and at the rectory.**\$75 adults, children 12 and under \$25****ACS Fall Clothes Drive**

Our parish school is accepting donations of gently used clothes until October 31, 2024. You may drop off your donations at the school, 380 Meredith St., Perth Amboy, NJ before and after school hours, Monday to Friday or our parish basement. As well as clothing, you may donate shoes, handbags, fabrics, bedding and curtains. Fall Cleaning? Donate to benefit the school!

**Mark your calendar for the Christmas Bazaar**

Assumption Catholic School will hold its Annual Christmas Bazaar & Gift Auction on Sunday December 8, 2024, 11 AM to 5 PM. Enjoy homemade, traditional Ukrainian & Spanish foods, Desserts & Treats. Gift Auction featuring Fabulous Prizes, 50/50, Games, many Vendors & Crafters. Free Admission!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Bohdan Mykhailyshyn and Tetiana Tsilinska on their wedding day. May God grant them many and blessed years! Mnohaya Lita!

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Our parishioner, Dr. Kathryn M Eckert, completed a fellowship in Breast Oncology Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. She is practicing as a surgeon at RWJ Barnabas Health in Livingston NJ.

**Thank You** - for Volodymyr Derevenskiy for purchasing and installing railings at sisters convent, that will help all more safely use the outside steps.

**TODAY: Gospel Reflection**

Jesus took pity on the man who was overtaken by a legion of evil spirits. The destructive force of these demons is evident for all who can see as they flee and destroy a herd of swine. After Jesus freed the demoniac the whole city came out to meet him. No one had demonstrated such power and authority against the forces of Satan as Jesus did. They feared Jesus as a result and begged him to leave them. Why would they not want Jesus to stay? Perhaps the price for such liberation from the power of evil and sin was more than they wanted to pay. The Lord Jesus is ready and willing to free us from anything that binds us and that keeps us from the love of God. Are you willing to part with anything that might keep you from his love and saving grace?

**REMINDER:** Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 3, 2024. Turn clocks backward 1 hour Saturday evening

**80th Anniversary of the Death of Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky**

Pope Francis endorsed a decree that deems the Ukrainian Archbishop—who sheltered more than one hundred Jews during World War II—as ‘Venerable’.

Metropolitan Sheptytsky died November 1, at age 80, after serving the Church for a total of 56 years. His body lies in a crypt in the basement of St. George Cathedral in Lviv.

**Thank you** - to everyone from Assumption Parish who joined Archbishop Borys Gudziak on October 20 for the Reporting and Benefit Event at the Ukrainian American Cultural Center of New Jersey! It was an inspiring day, where we came together to learn about the vital projects and initiatives of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and to reflect on our own shared history in New Jersey.

**Know Your Church**

- **Question:** November is called the month of All Souls. Can you tell us more about this feast and the remembrances of this month?

The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

This November feast vividly reminds us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.

**PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION**

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. Amen.