

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****27<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, November 24, 2024**

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:30 AM - Lit. + Rose & Joseph Bigos r/by Ron & Irene

**Monday, November 25, 2024**

7:30 AM - Lit. Oleksandra-Lesia  
r/by Ihor & Nadia Kalinchuk

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024**

7:30 AM - Lit. Sp. Int. Health and God's Blessings  
For Sr. Immaculine Gudz r/by Elizabeth Wutkowski

**Saturday, November 30, 2024**

5:00 PM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, December 1, 2024**

Epistle - Col 1:12-18; Gospel - Lk 18:18-27

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:30 AM - Lit. + Mary Otowski r/by Joan & Bob

**Parish catechesis for November at the Convent:**

- Nov. 23 - teenagers (13-18 years old), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Nov. 24 - youth, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee

**Feed the Hungry in Our Community.**

In an effort to help our community in these trying times, the Church, Bingo and our parish School are holding a special collection of nonperishable goods for the needy people in Perth Amboy, NJ. Please, during the entire month of NOVEMBER, leave your donation in the Church foyer or downstairs.

**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!

**Visit with Saint Nicholas Party**

Parish Children 12 and under are invited to the annual St. Nicholas Party to be held in the church hall on Sunday, December 15, 2024. A sign-up sheet can be found in the church vestibule. Please sign up by December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**CATCH UP** - There are only 6 more weeks left in 2024 and if you have missed any Sunday offering throughout the year, now is the time to up-date your envelopes. Remember only donations received by Dec. 31st will be credited toward your 2024 income tax deduction.

**Forgive us Lord: Call to Confession for Christmas.**

Beloved in Christ, as part of our preparation for Christmas, this year we will have a visiting priest -monk Fr. Raphael Strontsitsky, a spiritual director at St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Seminary, New York at our parish on the weekend of December 7-8, 2024.

**Fr. Raphael will Preach and Hear Confessions**

- Saturday, December 7, at 4:00 pm - before 5:00 pm Liturgy (Eng.)
- Sunday, December 8, at 8:00 am - before 9:00 am Liturgy (Ukr.)
- Sunday, December 8, at 11:00 am - before 11:30 am Liturgy (Eng.)

Take advantage of the opportunity to enter into Christmas in a state of grace, ready to begin again in fulfilling the mission the Lord has for your life.

**NEW CHURCH ENVELOPES** will be available for pick-up on December 7-8. If you do not have envelopes and would like to become a parishioner, please call the parish office or speak to Fr. Ivan and box of envelopes to support the church will be issued to you.

**Happy Thanksgiving to you all!**

*My Dear Parishioners,*

As we gather around the table this Thanksgiving, let us show our true gratitude for our many blessings, including our family, friends, neighbors, and our Parish Faith family. Please include in your prayers those who are without and alone this Thanksgiving. May they find a warm meal or a helping hand.

I hope you all will have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day and weekend, and give worthy thanks to God for all His gifts to you and our nation. In light of that, I thought I might share the following prayer with you.

*"Lord of all the blessings you have bestowed, source of all life, giver of all grace: We thank you for the gift of life: for the breath that keeps us alive, the food of this earth that sustains life, for the love of family and friends without which there would be no life".*

Fr. Ivan - Pastor

**Marking 1,000 Days of the War in Ukraine.**

Last Tuesday, we marked 1,000 days since Russia launched a full-scale war against Ukraine. This horrific war has brought destruction to many cities, towns, and villages. Thousands of civilians have died in daily bombardments, and thousands of soldiers have sacrificed their lives bravely defending Ukraine, the homeland of our ancestors and some of us who were born there. Despite the difficult situation, our Ukrainian people have shown tremendous resilience and have been able to fend off the enemy thanks to assistance from USA and other allied countries. We continue to pray, that that God will have the final word on this immense tragedy.

**Question About Our Faith.**

- *Why Fast Before Nativity? The Lenten fast seems more obvious but the Nativity fast?*

We fast before the Great Feast of the Nativity in order to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Our Lord's birth. As in the case of Great Lent, the Nativity Fast is one of preparation, during which we focus on the coming of the Savior by fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. By fasting, we "shift our focus" from ourselves to others, spending less time worrying about what to eat, when to eat, how much to eat, and so on in order to use our time in increased prayer and caring for the poor. We learn through fasting that we can gain control over things which we sometimes allow to control us—and for many people, food is a controlling factor. [We live in the only society in which an entire TV network is devoted to food!].

While fasting from food, however, we are also challenged to fast from sin, from gossip, from jealousy, from anger, and from those other things which, while well within our control, we all too often allow to control us.

**Sacraments of Initiation.**

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to MARK FYK, son of Yurii and Oksana Fyk, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

**UNWLA BRANCH #135 INVITES YOU  
To PETRYKIVKA ORNAMENTS WORKSHOP**

on DECEMBER 1, 2024, 2:00 PM at our downstairs church hall. Hand-painting petrykivka technique of Christmas ornaments. Delicious snacks.

EARLY BIRD BY NOV. 25 - \$35, AT DOOR - \$45

FOR TICKETS USE: PAYPAL OR VENMO TO BOOK: 135VIDDILCYA@GMAIL.COM

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