

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**28th Sunday After Pentecost, December 1, 2024**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Mary Otlowski r/by Joan & Bob

Thursday, December 5, 2024

7:30 AM - Lit. + William, Philip, Rose, Catherine, Anna, Sophie, Anastasia, Blois/Lasiw Family - Legate

Friday, December 6, 2024**Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra**

8:45 AM - Lit. + Mary Ann Makar

r/by ACS Faculty & Staff

Saturday, December 7, 2024

8:00 AM - Lit. + Mahdalyna Khomenko r/by Son

5:00 PM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

29th Sunday After Pentecost, Maternity of Holy Anna**December 8, 2024**

Epistle - Col 3:12-16; Gospel - Lk 17:12-19

9:00 AM - Lit. + Maria and Stefan r/by Bobbie & Family

11:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention St. Ann Society

Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to Fr. Volodymyr Baran who is substituting today, Sunday, for Fr. Ivan.

NEXT SUNDAY - 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

The Eastern Churches have a special love and devotion to Saint Nicholas. This love has been enhanced by the liturgical cult that has grown around the virtuous life of Nicholas, who was to be Bishop of Myra in Lycia.

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 8th.

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.

Sacraments of Initiation.

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to ELIANA IRENE RECCHIA, daughter of Marco and Natalia Recchia, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

Aid to Ukraine Donation

\$1,000 - Anonymous

RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Every time you receive the Divine Eucharist you are making a statement. By receiving the Eucharist you declare not only that you have committed yourself to Christ our King and God, but that you commit yourself to advancing His Kingdom in this world.

You might think, "Wait a minute! I love receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, but how can this require me to share His message with others? Isn't that the priest's job? Shouldn't Reverend Deacon be doing that?" Absolutely-- but so should you. You are publicly agreeing that you will proclaim the Gospel when you come forward to receive Jesus in the Holy Mystery of the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic life is one that is willing to be broken and offered to God the Father. During the Anaphora, the priest repeats the words of Jesus saying, "Take, eat, this is My Body, which is broken for you." Jesus' Body was broken voluntarily for us in sacrifice and the benefits of that sacrifice are shared with us. The Eucharistic bread participates in that once and for all sacrifice. In doing so, the bread of the precious Body is also broken into pieces making it possible to be shared with the many. We too must allow our own selfish will to be broken and give ourselves completely to God to be broken and shared with others in His Name. In the next lesson on evangelization, we will review what it means to be a servant.

November 2024 Parish Liturgies Attendance Statistics

- The Saturday 5:00 pm Liturgy for the four weeks was attended by 114 people
- The Sunday 9:00 a, Liturgy was attended by 1,214
- The Sunday 11:30 am Liturgy was attended by 193 people
- The total attendance from all Liturgies for the month of November was 1,521 people

Church Decoration for Christmas.

The first sign of the Christmas holiday season appeared on the block of Assumption Parish and School in Perth Amboy, NJ! Armed with strings of lights, large wreaths, boughs of greenery and plenty of extension cords, the gentlemen of the parish Holy Name Society adorned the outside of the church, the Blessed Mother mosaic icon, convent and the rectory. Hot coffee and dozens of doughnuts kept the men going strong during the joyful task.

Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will be held outside our parish on Saturday, December 7 following 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy. Our Parish Sisters will sing entire Liturgy with our congregation and a cantor. The Christmas caroling will be held outside on the parish steps prior to flipping the switch to turn on the Christmas Tree lights.

Parish catechesis for December:

- December 6 - children 8-10 years old (grades 2, 3, 4), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- December 10 - women (Ukrainian), Tuesday, 6:30 pm
- December 13 - children 3-7 years old (up to and including 1st grade), Friday, 6:30-8:00 pm
- December 17 - women (English), Tuesday, 6:30 pm
- December 21 - teenagers (13-18 years old), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- December 22 - youth, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee
- December 29 - Christmas Vertep following 9:00 am Liturgy

Relics of St. Nicholas

All are invited to view major relics of St. Nicholas, Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Andrew, Saint Barbara, Saint Lucy and the Three Wise Men at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 30 East 25th St., Bayonne, NJ 07002. Veneration of the Relics will take place on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024 from 5:00-6:30 PM, followed by Divine Liturgy and blessing and sacramental anointing with holy oil.