

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday of the Forefathers, December 15, 20249:00 AM - Lit. + John Andrewshetsko, brothers & sisters
r/by Bobbie and Family

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

Tuesday, December 17, 20247:30 AM - Lit. Health of Lukian, Chrystia, Roman, Iryna,
Rostyk, Nastia, Maria, Bohdan**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**7:30 AM - Lit. + Deceased Sisters Servants of the Lord
and the Virgin of Matara**Thursday, December 19, 2024**

7:30 AM - Lit. Deceased members of Galagoza family

Friday, December 20, 20248:45 AM - Lit. + Health of Tetiana, Ihor, Taras, Ruslany,
Dr. Andrew M Blakely and others**Saturday, December 21, 2024**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Leonida r/by daughter Alla Korostil

5:00 PM - Lit. + Carolyn Terefenko

Sunday Before Christmas, December 22, 2024

Epistle - Heb 11:9-10 & 17-23 & 32-40; Gospel - Mt 1:1-25

9:00 AM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko

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

Bread Sale

St Ann Society will sponsor a CHRISTMAS BREAD Sale! Please sign up on the order sheet in the vestibule or call the rectory at 732-826-0767. Pickup between 5 pm and 8 pm on Thursday 12/19, and Saturday 12/21 after the 5 pm Liturgy. Large loaf \$12, Small braided loaf \$5. Pre-orders only, last day to order is Sunday Dec 15th. Any questions please email Colette at Ketrn@comcast.net.

NEW CHURCH ENVELOPES are available for pick-up today. If you do not have envelopes and would like to become a registered parishioner, please call the parish office or speak to Fr. Ivan and a box of envelopes to support the church will be issued to you. Check your name and address for accuracy. Any changes should be noted to the secretary at the rectory.

Please understand that if you did not use your 2024 envelopes before the 2025 order was placed, none were issued for 2025. New envelopes are ordered in August.

By using your envelopes, you indicate your attendance at Liturgy. What you put inside the envelope is between you and God.

Donation to Church

\$500.00 - Mary Malarkey-Dzioba

\$300.00 - Women of UNWLA - 135

Thank you to Flynn & Son Funeral Homes for sponsoring liturgical wall calendars for 2025. Pick up a copy today.

Parish catechesis for December:

December 17 - women (English), Tuesday, 6:30 pm

December 21 - teenagers (13-18 years old), Saturday,
6:30-8:30 pmDecember 22 - youth, over 18 years old, Sunday at
11:15 a.m. after coffee**School Christmas Concert!****Thursday, December 19, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

All parishioners are welcome to celebrate the season and listen to the sounds of Christmas as students from all classes and special choral groups perform and sing for you at the Assumption school auditorium promptly at 7:00 p.m. This gift from our student community to you is conducted by our music teacher Miss Anna Lawrence and promises to get you into the season. All parishioners are invited.

Prospora Bread.

In our Church on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 22, we will bless prospora (bread), which we can share at Christmas Eve dinner. Someone from each family can take one prospora bread home. Bread is a symbol of the incarnate God, our Creator and Savior, who took upon himself the human body to be present among us. Thanks to Mrs. Colette Baginsky and her helpers for making the bread. Your donation for the prospora bread will go to St. Ann Society.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE **Tuesday, Christmas Eve, December 24**

4:00 PM - Children's Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

10:00 PM - Great Compline (Eng/Ukr.)

11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Wednesday, Christmas Day, December 25

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)

11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)

Aid to Ukraine.

It has been over 3 years of full-scale war in Ukraine. The war is far from being over and I ask everyone to pray for Ukraine every day - ask God to help Ukraine overcome this tragedy.

I would also like to thank all of you for the support and monetary donations over past three years.

Through the extraordinary generosity of many of you with no ties to Ukraine - and the superhuman efforts of our parishioners who were born in Ukraine, we have provided a lot of aid to Ukrainian people affected by war.

In these past three months of year 2024, the following donations were made to equip our heroes:

- \$5,000 - The Healing of Wounds of the War in Ukraine Fund, Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- \$4,500 - Eastern Rite Mission Fund, organized by St. John The Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church in Newark, NJ
- \$1,000 - Bishop Hryhoriy Komar
- \$1,000 - Fr. Mykola Dutka
- \$1,000 - Fr. Taras Kotsyuba
- \$1,000 - Andriy Zyvachivskyi
- \$500 - Matthew Kenenitz
- \$500 - Yurii Stronianskyi
- \$400 - Iryna Kuzyshyn

Christmas Bazaar.

The Bazaar held on Sunday, Dec 8, was yet another successful fundraiser for future school and program updates. The bazaar featured an abundance of unique gifts, vendor boutiques, homemade treats, beautiful decorations, gift auctions and a meeting place for many alumni. ACS students and staff are thankful to all who supported the annual event. Special thanks to the Family and School Association (FSA) for their hard work all year preparing for this even! See you all next year!

The Ukrainian Vertep - Nativity Performance

Our parish sisters, the parish youth and choir "Boyan" are organizing a VERTEP (nativity play).

The Nativity Play will be presented to the entire parish on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th following 9:00 am Liturgy**, but apart from performing in the church, the VERTEP can also come to your home.

You are welcome to invite the VERTEP to your home for the joyful proclamation of the coming of Christ.

Invite VERTEP to your home.

Dear parishioners! This year, our parish is organizing a nativity play with the participation of the sisters, the youth group and the choir. Vertep in your home is the joyful news of the coming of Christ and the singing of ancient carols that will leave an echo in the hearts of your children and family! Let's keep our traditions alive!

The funds donated for the caroling will be used for the needs of the Ukrainian Armed Forces! Let everyone contribute to the victory.

Dates of Vertep's Visit:

- December 29, Sunday, 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- January 4, Saturday, 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- January 5, Sunday, 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- January 6, Monday, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- January 11, Saturday, 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- January 12, Sunday, 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sign up in the form at the entrance to the church or by phone: 908 956 2434 sister Veronika.