

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Sunday Before Christmas, December 22, 2024**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko

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

**Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2024****Vigil of Christmas**

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

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

11:00 PM - For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners (Eng.)

**Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2024****Birth of Our Lord**

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy for all parishioners (Ukr.)

11:30 AM - Health and blessings for Cheloc family

**Thursday, December 26, 2024****Synaxis of the Theotokos**

9:00 AM - Lit. Health of Myron Komartnytskiy r/by family

**Friday, December 27, 2024****St. Stephen, Protomartyr**

9:00 AM - Lit. Health and God's blessings for Andriy and

Mykola r/by Oksana Tabaka

**Saturday, December 28, 2024**

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention

5:00 PM - Lit. + Vera and Marie Glowa

**Sunday After Christmas, December 29, 2024***Epistle - Gal 1:11-19; Gospel - Mt 2:13-23*

9:00 AM - Lit. God's blessing and health for Iryna, Tanya,

Luba, Tania, Halyna, Tanya, Valia, Nadia, Volodymyr

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

**Prospora Bread.**

In our Church, 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.

**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.

**Wall Calendars**

Pick up your free church wall calendar, sponsored by Flynn & Son Funeral Home. This calendar highlights Holy Days, gives the pertinent daily readings (Epistle and Gospel), and much information regarding the Saints, especially those honored by the Byzantine Catholic Church.

**Memorial Donation**

\$500.00 - Rozalia Czaban, in memory of  
CZABAN & ANDRUSEZKO FAMILY

**Sacraments of Initiation.**

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to LEO SHON, son of Nazariy and Yuliya Shon, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

**Christmas Flowers.**

Our tradition here at Assumption is to decorate the church with beautiful Poinsettia Flowers as we celebrate the Birth of Our Lord. We thank Kuchie's Alpine Florist for donating flowers to our church.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.**

Once again, as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, Christmas Greetings are sent to you, together with sincere gratitude for your loyal and generous cooperation throughout the year. May the true joy of a holy Christmas fill your hearts and the hearts of your loved ones during the coming year of 2025. It is hoped all our parishioners and friends will receive Holy Communion on Christmas and thus offer their hearts filled with love to our Infant Savior.

*Rev. Ivan Turyk - Pastor*

**Children's Divine Liturgy - Christmas Eve**

On Saturday evening, children who wish to participate in the procession for the 4:00 pm Liturgy are asked to gather in the church hall fifteen minutes before Liturgy. All children are encouraged to participate in the procession.

**St. Nicholas Visit.**

Last Sunday, over 100 children from our parish enjoyed a special visit from St. Nicholas, the fourth century Bishop of Myra who was known for his kindness and efforts to help the poor. The parishioners witnessed a play called "The last chance for Pavlyk", that was presented by the parish youth under direction of our parish Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará. Pavlyk was told by the angel to start being a good boy or he's going to stay on the naughty list and he won't get presents from St. Nicholas. The children also recited poems and sang songs, and eventually were all worthily rewarded with gifts. Thanks to the parish Holy Name Society for sponsoring the event. Thank you to Anna Boyko who worked hard in helping St. Nicholas in getting gifts and wrapping all the gifts, and thank you to everyone who participated and got the gifts. The Ukrainian National Women's League of America (UNWLA) branch 135 also prepared a delicious light luncheon that helped to raise funds for Ukraine and was enjoyed by all.

**Thanks to:**

- Our wonderful church ladies Iryna, Tanya, Luba, Tania, Halyna, Tanya, Valia, Nadia and Volodymyr for cleaning the church for the Christmas season! Your help throughout this year has been much appreciated.
- Thanks to the Holy Name Society for spending over two thousand dollars to purchase a new outside Nativity set that is placed in front of the rectory.
- The school Christmas Bazaar required hours of planning, work, and a lot of fun - and it was a HUGE success. It raised over thirty two thousand dollars for our school programs. Thanks to our parish organizations for their contributions toward Bazaar and to everyone involved in preparation of this important fundraising project. God has been so good to us at ACS and we no doubt have the BEST family of brethren any church and school could ask for!

**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 29<sup>th</sup> following 9:00 am Liturgy**, but apart from performing in the church, the VERTEP can also come to your home.

Please pick up the date and time for the Vertep Visit by registering on the form at the church vestibule.

**Christmas Ornaments for Children!**

There will be Christmas ornaments for the children of our parish in a basket near the manger. Children may take one per child on Christmas Eve.

**Mirovanije** – In celebration of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, there will be anointing with blessed oil (mirovanije) following all Liturgies.