

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday After Theophany, January 12, 2025**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Stepan, Andriy, Sofia, Maria, Paraskevia

Monday, January 13, 20257:30 AM - Lit. + Oleg, soldier, 1st Anniv. by sister, Zoriana**Tuesday, January 14, 2025**

7:30 AM - Lit. Health and Blessings for Tetyana, Ihor, Taras Inna-Maria, Stepan, Ruslan, Olga, Myhailo, Dr. Andrew Brakely, Fr. Ivan, Fr. Artem, Fr. Euhén, Vitaliy, Andriy, orphans and defenders of Ukraine

Thursday, January 16, 2025

7:30 AM - Lit. Health and protection of a soldier, Mychailo

Friday, January 17, 2025

7:30 AM - Lit. + Anna, Walter Sefcheck - Legate

Saturday, January 18, 2025

8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention

5:00 PM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko

35th Sunday After Pentecost, January 19, 2025*Epistle* - 1 Tim 1:15-17; *Gospel* - Lk 18:35-43

9:00 AM - Lit. + Orysia Terentia Landry

r/by brother, Andriy Kachala

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

MEMBERSHIP ASSUMPTION PARISH

Membership in our parish is recognized by participating in the Sunday Divine Liturgy and by fulfilling your baptismal responsibility in contributing to our Church Community activities by using your time, talents and treasures. Regular financial donations by use of Sunday envelopes is necessary for our parish to grow and prosper.

Pray for Our Parishioners.

Please Pray for health of ... *Ann Stek, Eleanor Kataryniak, Elizabeth Baidy, Joann Kara* and all the sick brothers and sisters in our families and our parish community. Please let Fr. Ivan know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

- Please contact Fr. Ivan if you wish to register or if you know of any parishioner who is sick and wants to be visited.

Sacraments of Initiation.

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to:

DAVID ADAM KRISLOVSKIY, son of Taras and Olena upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

Special Request

Do you have Christmas gifts that don't fit your style, that you already have, or that you don't need? St. Ann Society is currently planning their annual gift auction and can put to use any new, unused items. Please consider donating to the gift auction! See something on a great sale, the gift auction can use it! St. Ann auction committee will gratefully accept donations of items or gift cards. Drop off at the rectory, at Bingo, or leave in the church hall labeled for St. Ann Society. Thank you!

Parish catechesis for January:

- January 14 - women (Ukrainian), Tuesday, 6:30 pm
- January 17 - children 8-10 years old (grades 2, 3, 4), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- January 18 - teenagers (13-18 years old), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- January 19 - youth, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee
- January 24 - children 10-12 years old (grades 5, 6, 7), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- January 25 - teenagers (13-18 years old), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- January 26 - youth, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee
- January 28 - women (English), Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Blessings of Homes 2025

It is time to sign up for house blessings. If you would like to have your house blessed, please use the signup sheet in the church vestibule to indicate the date and the time for your home blessing or text Fr. Ivan directly (202 368 2408).

Stewards of Commitment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shows us the way to salvation and like John the Baptizer, he calls to us "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand." It may sound like doomsday prophets, but it's not. "Repent" simply means "turning back to God." As we sing "we who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ" may we choose for ourselves the Way, the Truth, and the Life that Jesus offers us as the Son of God.

Keep Greeting One Another.

A reminder to all: just as we prepared for Christmas with a 40- day preparation and fasting period, so now we celebrate the bright days of Christmas, New Year's, and Theophany for 40 days. Please continue to sing our beautiful Christmas carols, and to greet one another with our traditional "*Christos Razhdayetsia! Slavite Yeho! Christ is Born! Glorify Him!*" During the darkness of the Winter months, do all you can to keep the bright light of Christ burning brightly! Let Christ shine through you! Note: according to tradition, we continue to sing Christmas carols up until the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on February 2nd.

Fr. Ivan will also bless homes only until February 2nd.

Mark Your Calendar:**St. Ann Society Candyland Gift Auction.**

Sunday March 2nd, 2025.

Doors open at 11:00 am, drawings begin at 1:30 pm.

Admission ticket \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Admission includes one sheet of tickets for Level 1.

Free cake and coffee. Delicious food will be available for sale. For tickets call the rectory or buy them after the church service. Please come out and support us.... Any questions please ask or email Colette, ketrn@comcast.net

ASK FATHER.

- *What is the symbolism of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that magi brought to Jesus?"*

Gold is a precious metal and as such was a very valuable commodity. Its value could very well have financed Joseph and Mary's trip to Egypt. Gold is a symbol of divinity and is mentioned throughout the Bible. The gift of gold to the Christ child was symbolic of His divinity – God in the flesh. Frankincense is a white resin or gum. It is obtained from a tree by making incisions in the bark and allowing the gum to flow out. It is highly fragrant when burned and was therefore used in worship, where it was burned as a pleasant offering to God (Exodus 30:34).

Frankincense is a symbol of holiness and righteousness. The gift of frankincense to the Christchild was symbolic of His willingness to become a sacrifice, wholly giving Himself up, analogous to a burnt offering.

Myrrh was also a product of Arabia, and was obtained from a tree in the same manner as frankincense. It was a spice and was used in embalming. It was also sometimes mingled with wine to form an article of drink. Such a drink was given to our Savior when He was about to be crucified, as a stupefying potion (Mark 15:23). Matthew 27:34 refers to it as "gall." Myrrh symbolizes bitterness, suffering, and affliction. The baby Jesus would grow to suffer greatly as a man and would pay the ultimate price when He gave His life on the cross for all who would believe in Him

Divine Liturgy Attendance on Snowy Days

It is very rare that the Divine Liturgy is canceled, especially on a Sunday. I want to encourage those of you who must walk further or more importantly, who drive to church, to PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE, when making a determination about attending the Divine Liturgy on the snowy, icy, inclement weekend or even more so on the weekday. If attendance means putting yourself and others at risk, I am sure the Lord understands if you should decide to pray at home.

Cemetery Clean Up.

Please be aware, that the cleaning of the cemetery of all flowers, wreaths and other Christmas decorations will be done the week of JANUARY 27TH, 2025.