

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**35th Sunday After Pentecost, January 19, 2025**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Orysia Terentia Landry
r/by brother, Andriy Kachala

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

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

7:30 AM - Lit. + John Kopi - Legate

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

7:30 AM - Lit. + Anna and Steve Mysak
r/by daughter, Susan

Thursday, January 23, 2025

7:30 AM - Lit. + Pavlo, Olga, Varvara, Vasyl, Ivan,
Stefania, Igora

Friday, January 24, 2025

8:45 AM - Lit. God's blessings and speedy recovery for
Martin Pickering

Saturday, January 25, 2025

8:00 AM - Lit. + Nadiya r/by husband, Bohdan

5:00 PM - Lit. + Wilson r/by Miller

36th Sunday After Pentecost, January 26, 2025

Epistle - 2 Cor 6:16-7:1; Gospel - Mt 15:21-28

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + John and Ann Redus - Legate

Blessings of Homes 2025

It is a Church custom to bless homes with holy water at this time of year. Fr. Ivan would like to come to your home after Theophany to bless your home and pray for the health of the family. Please call or text him to set up an appointment 202-368-2408.

Fr. Ivan will bless homes only until February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This feast concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

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

Sunday March 2, 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

- Note: Donations of new, unused items or gift cards would benefit St. Ann Society. Thank you for your support!

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.

Parish catechesis for January:

- 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

ASUMPTION SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 26th, 2025, 11 AM - 3 PM.

See all that Assumption Catholic School has to offer your family! PreK3 - Grade 8! Meet faculty, tour classrooms, and learn about the school's comprehensive programs!

Today's Gospel Reflection

"Receive your sight. Your faith has healed you"

This beautiful story of the healing of this blind man, sets for us a model of how we must come to Jesus in prayer. When you begin your prayer, come to our Lord as a spiritually poor and needy beggar. In this state of humility, just as it happened in this Gospel story, you can be certain that *"Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."*

His Beatitude Sviatoslav to visit our Archeparchy.

Here, I would like to highlight two important liturgical services to which all parishioners are invited:

- **February 16th at 11:00 AM** - His Beatitude Sviatoslav will celebrate the Pontifical Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. I kindly ask you to encourage your parishioners to attend, arriving for 10:30. If possible, please cancel the (second) Sunday Liturgy at Philadelphia, our parishes, and invite your faithful to join this solemn celebration at the cathedral. After the Liturgy, His Beatitude will give his blessing to the faithful, followed by communal refreshments in the cathedral hall and a catechetical program for children, youth, and adults.
- **February 16th at 4:00 PM** - Archbishop Nelson Pérez, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk, and the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of the U.S. will lead a prayer service for Hope & Resilience, Peace & Justice in Ukraine at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Philadelphia. This service will commemorate the solemn third anniversary of the full-scale invasion.

Parish Vertep

Last Sunday's Christmas Carols Concert "Rozkolyada" at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia was nothing short of a miracle. From the heartfelt melodies of parish groups and choirs to the captivating performance of a traditional Christmas nativity scene (Vertep) by our sisters and a parish youth group, every moment radiated the true spirit of Christmas. The warm of the cathedral parish, a variety of Ukrainian Christmas carols and the fellowship were a beautiful reflection of the joy and hope of this season.

- *The Vertep of Parish Youth and Sisters Servants of the Lord the Virgin of Matará, would like to express thanks to our parishioners who received carolers at their homes this year and helped to raise \$9,700 for Ukraine's defenders.*

Thanks.

What a wonderful way to end the year. Recently, the two parish organizations of Assumption church, the Holy Name Society (HNS) and St. Ann's Society held their Christmas parties at local restaurants. The fellowship and sharing of a meal made for a festive and fun time! May God bless all ladies and men abundantly for their loving service to our church.

Presentation of the Lord.

The feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as "The Encounter." The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter. "In obedience to the Old Law, the Lord Jesus, the first-born, was presented in the Temple by his Blessed Mother and his foster father. This is another 'epiphany' celebration insofar as the Christ Child is revealed as the Messiah through the words of Simeon and the testimony of Anna the prophetess. Christ is the light of the nations, hence the blessing of candles on this day. LITURGY & BLESSING OF CANDLES - Sunday, February 2nd.