

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**3rd Sunday of the Great Fast,****Veneration of the Cross March 23, 2025**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph Baginsky r/by John & Colette
11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Annunciation of the Theotokos**Tuesday, March 25, 2025**

9:00 AM - Lit. + For God's Blessings on our Parishioners
6:30 PM - Lit + Zofia Rajsz r/by Family

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

Thursday, March 27, 2025

8:45 AM - Lit. + Ramon Elijo Pautiel
r/by ACS: Mrs. Derevenska, Mrs. Florez,
Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. Shumny

Friday, March 28, 2025

6:30 PM - Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 29, 2025

9:00 AM - Lit. Divine Liturgy for all deceased parishioners -
Lenten Commemoration and Panahyda
5:00 PM - Lit. + Joseph Kopi - Legate

4th Sunday of the Great Fast, March 30, 2025

Epistle - Heb 6:13-20; Gospel - Mk 9:17-31

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
11:30 AM - Lit. + Steve and Mary Galetta
r/by Joan & Bob

Welcome - *To all who are tired and need rest; To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are friendless and need friendship; To all who are discouraged and need hope; To all who are homeless and need sheltering love; To all who sin and need a Savior; And to whomsoever will, The Parish of Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church opens Wide its doors, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

Parish catechesis for March:

- March 22 - FAMILY DAY for parents and children 8-18 years old (2nd-12th grades), 6:15 pm
- March 23 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 am after coffee
- March 26 - women (Ukrainian), Wednesday, after the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm

Sacraments of Initiation.

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to: NATALIE GANUSICH, daughter of Yevhenii Ganusich and Olha Serdiuk, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Today, Sunday, March 23, 2025 ---- 12 PM - 2 PM.
See all that our school in Perth Amboy, NJ has to offer your family! PreK3 - Grade 8! Meet faculty, tour classrooms, and learn about the school's comprehensive programs!

Teachers Needed.

Assumption Catholic School is looking for middle school teachers. We prefer teachers already state certified yet are willing to work with teachers seeking alternate route certification. A four year degree in related content is mandatory. Please email resumes to Mrs. Shumny, school principal at lshumny@assumptioncatholicsschool.net, call 732 826 8721.

2025 Assumption Catholic School:PK-8 Summer Camp

June 16th to July 18th 8:30 am to 2:55pm

\$190 per week paid at the beginning of each week (or \$50 a day)

- Week 1: June 16 - 20th = \$190
- Week 2: June 23rd - June 27th = \$190
- Week 3: June 30 -July 1st - July 2nd (3 days) - Vacation Bible School \$0 (no academics, 3 days will be faith based lessons)
- Week 4: July 7 - July 11th = \$190
- Week 5: July 14th - July 18th = \$190

Sign up ASAP! Call 732-826-8721 with any questions – we are filling up fast! Application forms are located in the church vestibule. Fill the out and return it to Fr. Ivan or the parish office.

TODAY: 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast

On the Third Sunday of Great and Holy Lent, the Church commemorates the Precious and Life-Giving Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The service include a special veneration of the Cross, which prepares the faithful for the commemoration of the Crucifixion during Holy Week. As the Holy Cross is called the Tree of Life, it is placed in the middle of the Fast, as the ancient tree of life was placed in the middle of the garden of Eden. By this, our Holy Fathers wished to remind us of Adam's gluttony as well as the fact that through this Tree has condemnation been abolished. Therefore, if we bind ourselves to the Holy Cross, we shall never encounter death but shall inherit life eternal.

GREAT FAST (LENT): We abstain from meat on Fridays and, if possible, Wednesdays of Lent as well. We should plan to devote more time to prayer, reading of the Bible, good works and Holy Confession. When we truly fast, we should refrain from gossip, cursing, criticism, arguments, wrong-doing, evil deeds, TV programs, excessive use of the internet, mobile-phones, i-pods, etc.

Prayers for the sick or other intentions:

If you have a special intention for the sick, birthdays, deceased, need to request a Liturgy or other service to be offered for someone please see Fr. Ivan or call the parish office 732-826-0767.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE****Save the Date.**

March 30 - at 1:00 pm Pysanka Workshop for adult (\$45) for children (\$35)

April 4-5- 6 - Lenten Mission guided by Rev. Ihor Kolisnyk will be an opportunity to deepen our faith and heal our soul through the Sacrament of Confession.

April 9 - The Way of the Cross with the Fratelli Quartet from Rome. This Stations of the Cross in Ukrainian will be a profoundly prayerful experience, filled with spiritual reflection, repentance, and contemplation on Christ's suffering. The visiting priest will be available to hear confession in English and Ukrainian during the service.

April 10 - Lenten Retreat for the three Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will take place in our parish.

April 20 - Sr. Svitanku and Sr. Trijtsi are leaving for Ukraine to renew their Religious Visas. Also, while in Ukraine, with other Sisters of the order, our Sisters will have a ceremony of final vows, a significant event where both of them publicly profess their lifelong commitment to a religious order of Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará.

May 4 - Sviachene Easter Dinner. As in the past, only one liturgy will be held that Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

May 20 - Women's Evening of Prayer (10th Anniversary)

May 18 - Solemn Holy Communion and First Penance.

May 25 - Celebration of the Solemn Final Vows of Sr. Trijtsi and Sr. Svitanku

Why is Lent 40 days?

Next to the number seven, the number 40 occurs most frequently in the Bible. It represents a period of testing or judgment. Lent's duration of 40 days reflects other times of trial, testing and hardship found in the Scriptures:

- The story of Noah tells of rain falling on the earth for 40 days and 40 nights.
- Both Moses and Elijah fasted for 40 days before beginning their missions.
- The Hebrews wandered for 40 years in the desert after leaving Egypt.
- It took the spies 40 days to search out the Promised Land and bring back fruit.
- Goliath taunted the Israelite army in the morning and evening for 40 days.
- Jonah warned the Ninevites they had 40 days until God would overthrow the city.
- Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days before beginning his ministry.