

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 24, 2025**  
9:00 AM - Lit. For health of Matviy r/by Galagoza family  
11:00 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**  
8:00 AM - Lit. + Leona Fiero r/by Joan Galetta  
**Thursday, August 28, 2025**  
8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention health of Martin Bermann r/by Baginsky Family  
**Friday, August 29, 2025**  
8:00 AM - Lit. + Dee and Clancy Flynn r/by Maria and Jerry Flynn  
**Saturday, August 30, 2025**  
8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention  
5:00 PM - Lit. + Steve & Mary Melnykevich r/by Family  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, August 31, 2025**  
*Epistle - 1 Cor 15:1-11; Gospel - Mt 19:16-26*  
9:00 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:00 AM - Lit. + Joan Bigos r/by Ron & Irene

**34th Anniversary of Ukraine’s Independence**

This Sunday, August 24, 2025  
(Immediately following the 9:00 AM Liturgy in our school auditorium) Join us for a flag-raising ceremony in front of the school, followed by a celebration featuring delicious traditional Ukrainian dishes, including:  
Borscht • Shashlik • Baked Goods • Beverages served in the kitchen.  
Enjoy a lively performance by the Ukrainian vocal band “Kruta Vezha”.  
All proceeds will support humanitarian aid for Ukrainians affected by the war.  
Come and celebrate with us!

**SingCon 2025 - Perth Amboy, NJ**  
**October 23-26, 2025**

We’re thrilled to host SingCon 2025 right here in Perth Amboy! This 4-day conference brings together over 100 participants to explore the rich tradition of Ukrainian Byzantine chant—from the Cherubic Hymn to the Trisagion and beyond.  
If you’re interested in learning liturgical singing to enrich our parish’s worship, please speak with Fr. Ivan. The parish will sponsor up to 4 participants.  
Cost: \$175 (includes meals & materials)  
More info: [ugccmusic.com/singcon2025](http://ugccmusic.com/singcon2025)  
Don’t miss the highlight:  
Sunday Liturgy - October 26 at 9:00 AM, celebrated by Metropolitan Borys Gudziak, Bishop Bohdan Danylo, and Bishop Paul Chomnycky.

**Designer Bag Bingo**

Sponsored by the parish Holy Name Society  
Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 2pm-5pm.  
The afternoon includes 10 rounds of bingo with amazing designer purses as the prize for each round. In addition, there will be an abundance of fabulous raffle prizes, a TRICKY TRAY and 50-50 RAFFLE.  
Doors Open: 12:00 pm. Games Start at 2:00 pm  
Entry Fee: \$30 and and extra sheets packs will be \$20.  
Kitchen will be open for purchases.

**Beach Blanket Bingo was a BLAST!**

Every year we do this and it just keeps getting better and better....we got so many nice comments on the decorations and to answer a question that many of you asked... we do this because we appreciate you, our customers. We know you can go else where to play bingo but you choose to come to our bingo. So this is our way of saying thank you!  
A huge thank you to everyone involved, Jessica and Keith and all the folks in the kitchen as well to “The Cotton Candy Crew” and our regular cast of characters, the bingo workers. ( by *bingochairperson Colette K Baginsky*).

**Together, We Stand with Ukraine**

At Assumption Church, we believe in the power of community and the difference we can make when we unite for a common cause. In these challenging times, our parish has taken proactive steps to extend essential support to Ukraine, embracing our mission to help those in desperate need.  
Over the past three months, the following aid was provided through the Aid Fund—collected since the start of the war in Ukraine—and from the donation basket at the back of the church:

- Bishop Bohdan Manyshyn, Head of Military Chaplaincy for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, requested assistance in purchasing a buggy vehicle to be used on the front lines for evacuating the wounded, delivering ammunition, and supporting other combat missions. The total cost of the vehicle was \$17,500. With the generous donation of \$9,500 from St. Joseph the Betrothed Ukrainian Catholic Church in Chicago, and our own parish contribution of \$8,000, we were able to fulfill the Bishop’s request.
- \$1,500 was given to volunteer Andriy Zhyvachivskyi for the purchase of a car.
- \$1,000 was given to our Sisters to buy medical supplies for the 95th Polissia Brigade.

Thank you, dear parishioners, for being a beacon of hope—bringing solace and strength to those suffering far from home. Together, we are making a real and tangible difference.

**Feast of the Beheading of John the Baptist. ( August 29)**

Besides Jesus and Mary, only one other person has a birthday and death-date marked by the Church: John the Baptist. The feast of his birth falls on June 24, but this week we celebrate the feast of his death. The Gospel today recounts how king Herod had John imprisoned because John told Herod he should not have married his brother’s wife. This enraged the king’s wife, and she wanted John killed, but Herod kept him in prison because he liked to hear John speak, even though he found what John said “perplexing.” On his birthday, a dancer entertained Herod and the court. She danced so beautifully that Herod granted her one wish. His wife influenced her to ask for John’s head. Herod was distressed, but granted the wish and John the Baptist was killed. John gave his life to the truth, so it is not surprising that he was killed for speaking it. His mission was to conform his life to truth so that when Christ came along, he might recognize and clearly proclaim him. May God give us courage to give our lives to truth as well.

**Lighting of Candles.**

It is a pious Christian tradition to light candles for personal petitions and intercessions when entering the church. Most parishes have designated candle stands or holders for these candles. It is not proper to light candles at certain times during the service —generally the same times when you should not enter the church, such as during the Little and Great Entrances, when the priest is censing the icons and congregation or giving the homily, or during the reading of the Epistle or Gospel. The burning candle symbolizes our prayers rising to heaven and the light of Christ in our midst. Please do not allow young children to light candles alone, for safety reasons. Donations for each candle are appreciated.

**Tickle Your Funny Bone.**

Sunday morning, Tommy tells his mom, "I don't want to go to Sunday school anymore. I want to go to the real service with you and Daddy." To his surprise, he gets his way. He sits in the main sanctuary for the first time, and he notices a display he hadn't seen before. There's an American flag and a few photographs of men and women in uniform. After the sermon, he asks his mom what it is. She says, "That's a memorial for some members of our church who died in the service." Really quietly, Tommy says, "I think I'll go to Sunday school next week."