

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, November 16, 2025**  
9:00 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:30 AM - Lit. + Joseph Setnyk - Legate  
**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**  
7:30 AM - Lit. health and blessings for Iryna  
**Wednesday, November 19, 2025**  
7:30 AM - Lit. + Helen & George Melnykevich  
r/by Family  
**Thursday, November 20, 2025**  
7:30 AM - Lit. health and blessings for Volodymyr  
**Friday, November 21, 2025**  
**Entrance of the Theotokos**  
8:45 AM - Lit. Special Intention Bishop Joseph Checchio  
r/by Assumption Catholic School  
**Saturday, November 22, 2025**  
8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention  
5:00 PM - Lit. Good Health & God’s Blessings for  
Fr. Roman Dubitsky on his birthday  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, November 23, 2025**  
*Epistle - Eph 2:4-10; Gospel - Lk 12:16-21*  
9:00 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners  
11:30 AM - Lit. + Joseph & Rose Bigos r/by Ron & Irene

**Assumption School Christmas Bazaar**  
Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Join us for a festive day filled with holiday cheer, great food, and amazing prizes!  
Enjoy delicious homemade Ukrainian and Spanish foods, along with desserts and sweet treats. Take part in our Gift Auction featuring fabulous prizes, and don’t miss your chance to win big in our 50/50 Raffle.  
We are kindly asking for new items for our raffle or gift cards of any amount. Your contributions help make our bazaar a fun and successful event for the entire community. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

**Parish Religious Education - November Schedule**

- Teenagers (ages 13-18)  
Saturday, November 15 - 6:30-8:30 pm
- Young Adults (over 18 years old)  
Sunday, November 16 - 11:15 am-12:30 pm  
Sunday, November 23 - 11:15 am-12:30 pm
- Children’s Catechesis  
Ages 10-12 (Grades 5-7): Friday, November 21-6:30-8:30 pm  
Ages 8-13: Saturday, November 22 - 6:30-8:30 pm. English Group.

**Feed the Hungry in Our Community.**  
In an effort to help our community in these trying times, the Church, Bingo and our parish School is holding a special collection of nonperishable goods for the needy people in Perth Amboy, NJ. Please, during the entire month of NOVEMBER, leave your donation in the Church foyer or downstairs on the bench next to the bulletin board.

**Visit with Saint Nicholas**  
Parish children 12 years old and under are invited to the annual St. Nicholas Party to be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025.  
A sign-up sheet is available in the church vestibule. Please sign up by Sunday, December 7th, writing your first and last name in English.  
This event is sponsored by our parish Holy Name Society.

- After the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy, the celebration will take place in the school hall.
- After the 11:30 a.m. Liturgy, it will be held in the downstairs parish hall.

All parish children are invited to attend and welcome St. Nicholas, who will bring gifts for them. 🎁

**Sacraments of Initiation.**  
Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to OLEKSANDRA HUBCHAK a daughter of Andriy Hubchak and Yuliia Gebesh upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist this Saturday.

**TODAY: The Parable of the Good Samaritan.**  
Who is your neighbor? Who in your life may be lying “in the ditch”? Is there someone in need of compassion, presence, or help—across the street or across a line you’ve been hesitant to cross? Jesus’ command at the end of the parable is clear and personal. This week, look for one opportunity to “go and do likewise”—to offer help, encouragement, or grace to someone in need.

**PASTOR’S CORNER: Parade of Nations.**  
This Friday, at the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, it almost felt as though the Olympics had begun early! Thirty-one flags—representing the nations of the students who study at Assumption School—entered the church proudly, each one displaying the unique beauty of its culture.  
As I looked at all the different flags and the traditional clothing the students wore, I was reminded that each flag represents not only a place on a map, but also a people, a history, a language, a way of life, and a beauty uniquely crafted by God.  
The entire week at Assumption School began with morning prayer, centering students’ hearts on faith, unity, and gratitude. Throughout the week, students created posters about their countries, eagerly sharing facts about their heritage while learning about the cultures of their classmates.  
The church service concluded with all 31 nations of Assumption Catholic School joining in one voice to sing God Bless America, celebrating their diversity while honoring their shared identity as Americans.

**Celebrating the Council of Nicaea.**  
The first Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, which this year celebrates its 1700th anniversary, was a defining moment in the life of the Church Universal. Convened in 325 A.D. as the first gathering of Christians from both the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the Council of Nicaea set out to gather church leaders from across the known world. Out of this historic meeting came one of the most important and fundamental statements of faith.  
The Nicæan Creed is recited every week by millions and millions of people who believe Jesus Christ is fully God, “not made, being of one substance with the Father.”

The Council was convened in response to what is called the Arian controversy, which denied the full divinity of Christ. In opposition to that heresy, the global Church boldly declared with one voice that the Son is “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God”.  
Last Thursday, we had the joyful opportunity to participate in the commemoration of the CREED. The event, hosted by the Archeparchy of Philadelphia under the leadership of Archbishop Borys Gudziak, brought together clergy, religious, and faithful for an evening of prayer, reflection, and ecumenical dialogue.  
The solemn liturgical singing before Vespers, offered by the Sisters Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matará, created a reverent and prayerful atmosphere for the celebration.

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop Emeritus of Galveston-Houston, delivered a thoughtful and engaging presentation titled “*The Pastoral Side of the Nicæan Council.*” In his reflections, Cardinal DiNardo highlighted the enduring significance of the Council’s teachings and its foundational role in shaping and strengthening Christian unity across the centuries.

**Church Christmas Decoration**  
The parish Holy Name Society is organizing an outdoor Christmas decoration event on Saturday, November 29 at 10:00 a.m. and inviting all men from the church to participate.  
We’ll be hanging lights, placing wreaths, setting up the manger, and adding other festive displays to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is a wonderful opportunity for **brotherhood, fellowship, and service** as we prepare our church for the joyous Christmas season.

- ☕ Coffee will be provided. ALL MEN ARE INVITED. Come lend a hand and share in the spirit of Christmas