### **DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**

25th Sunday After Pentecost, November 30, 2025

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

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

7:30 AM - Lit. Blessings and Thanksgiving for Galagoza family

# Wednesday, December 3, 2025

7:30 AM - Lit. + William, Philip, Rose, Catherine, Anna, Sophie, Anastasia Blois and Lasiw Family - Legate

## Thursday, December 4, 2025

7:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention of Ruslana Fuh

# Friday, December 5, 2025

8:45 AM - Lit. Health of soldier Roman, Maria, Roman, Pavlo, Olga, Oleg, Viktoria, Yulia, Sofia, Oksana, Andriy r/by Maria Chrornopylska

# Saturday, December 6, 2025

8:00 AM - Lit. all Deceased family members r/by family of Ivan and Natalia Sytar 5:00 PM - Lit. Special Intention St. Ann Society Installation of Officers

### 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, December 7, 2025

Epistle -Eph 5:9-19; Gospel - Lk 17:12-19

9:00 AM - Lit. + Maria and Stefan

r/by Bobbie Karanevskii and Family

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

#### **NEXT SUNDAY - Christmas Bazaar**

Assumption Catholic School will hold its Annual Christmas Bazaar & Gift Auction on Sunday, December 7, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Free Admission. 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, which is already nearing \$2,000. Here's a quick preview of our four Mega Prizes: 75" Samsung TV, Nintendo Switch2, Ipad & airpod combo and Liquor basket with big gift card to restaurant.

# **Church Decorations for Christmas**

Our Assumption Church is ready to celebrate Christmas in style. A shout-out of thanks to our Holy Name Society for once again showing how beautiful and loved our church is with their gift of decorations. The church truly screams "Welcome!"

On Saturday morning, armed with strings of lights, large wreaths, boughs of greenery, and plenty of extension cords, the gentlemen of the parish Holy Name Society adorned the outside of the church, the Blessed Mother mosaic icon, the convent, and the rectory. Hot coffee and dozens of doughnuts kept the men going strong during this joyful task.

# Friday Marked the Return of our ACS Bowling League! We have bowlers from 2nd grade through 8th grade—and everyone had an excellent time! We were blessed to have our parishioner Mr. Baginsky as our bowling coach, offering tips and guidance to our young bowlers. Sports teams help students build confidence, teamwork,

# Ring Day Class of 2026

resilience, and lifelong friendships.

Last Friday, we celebrated a beautiful Ring Day with our incredible Class of 2026! During our ceremony, we reminded students that their rings are more than a piece of jewelry — they are a symbol of their hard work, their growth, their friendships, and the bright future ahead of them. We encouraged them to wear their rings with pride, knowing they have earned every bit of this moment.

Our 8th graders were all smiles, and it was wonderful to share the morning with the parents and guardians who joined us. Everyone enjoyed a lovely breakfast generously sponsored by our FSA, and we are truly grateful for their support.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

## Today's Feast Day - Holy Apostle St. Andrew.

Saint Andrew, a native of Bethsaida in Galilee, was the son of Jonas, the brother of Saint Peter, and originally a disciple of Saint John the Baptist. Hearing John proclaim Jesus as "the Lamb of God," Andrew immediately followed Christ and became His first-called disciple.

After the Ascension, he preached the Gospel in Scythia and, according to ancient tradition recorded in the *Primary Chronicle*, the Apostle Andrew traveled along the Dnipro River and blessed the hills of present-day Kyiv, prophesying that a great Christian city would arise there—foretelling the future spiritual center of Kyivan Rus' and Ukraine. He was martyred by crucifixion in Patras, Achaia. His head was brought to Rome in 1462 and placed near the tomb of Saint Peter, and in 1964 Pope Paul VI returned this relic to Patras, honoring the Apostle where he first bore witness to Christ.

# **Visit with Saint Nicholas**

Children ages 12 and under are invited to our annual St. Nicholas Party on Sunday, December 14, 2025. Please sign up in the church vestibule by December 7.

After the 9:00 a.m. Liturgy, the celebration will be in the school hall; after the 11:30 a.m. Liturgy, it will be in the downstairs parish hall. The Sisters are preparing a short play, and St. Nicholas will bring his blessing and treats for the children. Encourage your children and grandchildren to join us for church and fellowship!

#### **Donation to Church**

\$1,000.00 - Iryna Rashkevych

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\$320.00 - Luba, from the sale of Ukrainian embroidered goods.

# **Thanksgiving Play**

The ACS Junior Drama Club made up of enthusiastic 3rdand 4th-grade students—brought history to life this week with their heartwarming performance of The First Thanksgiving. Presented just before the school's annual Thanksgiving Feast, the play gave families, teachers, and students a joyful glimpse into one of America's earliest stories of community and gratitude.

A big thank-you to Mrs. Bielak and Mrs. Derevenska for guiding these fantastic young actors! Assumption School was also delighted to welcome members of St. Ann Society and the Holy Name Society joining us for our Thanksgiving dinner.

# Food Drive

The Class of 2026 ran a wonderful food drive, helping Baskets for Neighbors create 48 baskets for families in need. We're so proud of our students and grateful to alumni Anali and Amarilis for leading this incredible nonprofit. We are also thankful to the parish and our bingo community for their generous food contributions that made this drive possible.

# Regarding Holy Communion

Only those faithful who are Catholics and have properly prepared themselves by fasting, prayer, recent confession, and who were at least present for the reading of the Epistle and Gospel should approach to receive the Holy Eucharist. We should all be at peace with everyone too.

<u>WE CARE</u>: We know that life is sometimes difficult. We are committed to the spiritual and moral care of the entire congregation. We help those who are confined at home or in the hospital, the bereaved and the lonely. To speak to or make an appointment with Father Ivan please call on his cellphone 202 368 2408.