

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

26th Sunday After Pentecost, December 7, 2025
9:00 AM - Lit. + Maria and Stefan
r/by Bobbie Karanevskii and Family
11:30 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners
Tuesday, December 9, 2025
Feast - The Conception of Saint Anna
6:00 PM - Lit. + Deceased Sisters Servants of the Lord
and the Virgin of Matara
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit. + Olga, Zenoviy, Maria, Andriy, Anastasia,
Roman, Anastasia, Joseph, Yaroslav, soldier Roman,
Olga, Oksana r/by Maria Chronopyska (Samborska)
Thursday, December 11, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit. Health and Blessings of Cheloc family
Friday, December 12, 2025
8:45 AM - Lit. + Anna Kozak r/by daughter Maria
Derevenska and family
Saturday, December 13, 2025
8:00 AM - Lit. Special Intention
5:00 PM - Lit. + Michael Romanko
r/by Children and Grandchildren
Sunday of the Forefathers, December 14, 2025
Epistle - Col 3:4-11; Gospel - Lk 14:16-24
9:00 AM - Lit. + John Andrewshetsko, brothers and
sisters - r/by Bobbie Karanevskii and Family
11:30 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners

TODAY: Gospel Reflection

- Luke 17: 12-19 “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”

Jesus healed ten lepers, yet only one—a foreigner—returned to give thanks. Though all were cured physically, only the grateful one received deeper healing and heard Jesus say, “Your faith has saved you.” Gratitude is more than good manners; it opens our hearts to God’s blessings and shows true faith.

What gifts in your life have you taken for granted? Even hardships can become grace when we bring them back to God with a thankful heart, just as the leper’s suffering became an occasion for salvation.

St. Ann Society

Congratulations and God’s blessings to all St. Ann Society members on their feast day, December 9, the Immaculate Conception of the Theotokos – the feast on which we celebrate St. Anne’s conception of Mary. This is a day of thanksgiving and praise to God for the many dedicated and talented women of this organization who give so much of themselves for the good of our parish. Today, as we install the new officers, we appeal to St. Ann for her protection and guidance.

CHRISTMAS BREAD SALE!

Please sign up on the order sheet in the vestibule or call the rectory at 732-826-0767.
Pickup between 5pm and 8 pm Saturday 12/20 after 5 pm Liturgy and Sunday 12/21 after 11:30 until 1pm.
Large Braided loaf \$12, Small braided loaf \$5. Pre-orders only, last day to order is Sunday Dec 14th. Any questions please email Colette at Ketrn@comcast.net or call the rectory 732 826 0767.

Visit with Saint Nicholas

Children ages 12 and under are invited to our annual St. Nicholas Party on Sunday, December 14, 2025. This is the last week to sign up—please register in the church vestibule. We already have 120 children registered! After the 9:00 a.m. and the 11:30 a.m. liturgies, celebration in the school hall.
(Ladies of 135 Branch of Souzianky will be selling coffee and refreshments).
The Sisters with children will present a short play, and St. Nicholas will bring his blessing and treats for the children.



2026 Christmas Schedule.

Wednesday, Christmas Eve, December 24
4:00 PM - Children’s Divine Liturgy (Eng.)
10:00 PM - Great Compline (Eng/Ukr.)
11:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)
Thursday, Christmas Day, December 25
9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.)
Friday, Synaxis of the Mother of God, December 26
9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng.)
Saturday, St. Stephen Protomartyr, December 27
9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.)
5:00 PM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)
Sunday after Christmas, December 28
9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)
11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy (Eng.)
The Nativity Play (VERTEP) will be presented following 9:00 am Liturgy

TODAY - Christmas Bazaar

Assumption Catholic School is holding its Annual Christmas Bazaar & Gift Auction today, 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 vendors, over 150 prizes, and don’t miss your chance to win big in our 50/50 Raffle, which is already over \$2,000. **Mega Prizes:** 75” Samsung TV, Nintendo Switch2, Ipad & airpod combo and Liquor basket with big gift card to restaurant.

The Ukrainian Vertep - Nativity Performance

Our Sisters and parish youth are preparing a new production of the VERTEP (Nativity Play). The Nativity Play will be presented to the entire parish on Sunday, December 28, following the 9:00 AM Liturgy. In addition to the church performance, the VERTEP can also come to your home.
The Vertep has already been invited by three parishes in our NJ Deanery and to the Festival of Christmas Carols (January 11) at the Ukrainian Cathedral in Philadelphia. You are welcome to invite the VERTEP to your home for the joyful proclamation of the coming of Christ. The sign-up form will be available soon in the church vestibule.

School News.

- **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer:** The Musical will be performed on the stage of Assumption School on Tuesday, December 16, 2025. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Tickets: Adults \$5.
- **School Christmas Concert!** Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM. Free admission.

All parishioners and members of parish organizations are welcome to attend these two wonderful events and celebrate the talents of our students. Enjoy the sounds of the Christmas season as students from all classes and special choral groups perform and sing for you in the Assumption School auditorium.

Parish Donation Envelopes

We are expecting the arrival of the 2025 parish donation envelopes about a week before Christmas. The envelopes, along with the church calendars, will be available for pickup during that week.