

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday of the Forefathers, December 14, 2025
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
Tuesday, December 16, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit. Health and protection of soldier Mykola
Wednesday, December 17, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit. Health of Ksenia, Myroslava, Sania
Thursday, December 18, 2025
7:30 AM - Lit. + Deceased family members of Mariya Salamakha
Friday, December 19, 2025
8:45 AM - Lit. + Ivan & Anna Dzera
Saturday, December 20, 2025
8:00 AM - Lit. Special intention
5:00 PM - Lit. + Wilfredo Valentin
r/by Jan & Phyllis Kwiecinski
Sunday Before Christmas, December 21, 2025
Epistle - Heb 11:9-10,17-23 & 32-40; Gospel - Mk 1:1-25
9:00 AM - Lit. + Anna Mysak r/by Daughter, Susan
11:30 AM - Lit. For God’s Blessings on Our Parishioners

NEW CHURCH ENVELOPES 2026

Envelopes are available for pick-up today in the church hall. Please check your name and address for accuracy. Any changes should be reported to the secretary at the rectory. Please understand that if you did not use your 2025 envelopes, new ones for this year were not issued.
By using your envelopes, you are considered a practicing parishioner. What you place inside the envelope is between you and God.

Thank you to Flynn & Son Funeral Homes for sponsoring liturgical wall calendars for 2026. Pick up a copy today.

Donation Aid to Ukraine.
\$500.00 - Taras Horbatiuk

CHRISTMAS BREAD SALE!
Please sign up on the order sheet in the vestibule or call the rectory at 732-826-0767. Pickup between 5 pm and 8 pm Saturday 12/20 after 5 pm Liturgy and Sunday 12/21 after 11:30 until 1 pm.
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.

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.

Peace Light of Bethlehem
Taken from the eternal flame in the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the Peace Light was brought to our church by **Andy Wowk** and has been placed at the side altar. You are invited to take the Light home using a candle lantern, so that you may safely bring this symbol of peace and hope into your homes.

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS
On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451. The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ, as they sought to guard the Apostolic Faith from confusion that would violate the Scriptures and void the mechanism of our salvation. The false teaching arose that Christ’s human nature dissolved itself in His divine nature: like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned the heresies of both Eutyches and Nestorius (depicted in the icon as being tried by the seated Fathers) and proclaimed that Christ is one person and that he has two natures, the divine and the human, as previous Councils maintained. The Fathers declared that the divine and human natures are united in Jesus Christ in a manner beyond human comprehension but that this union must be “without change, without confusion, without mixture and without separation” for salvation to ‘work,’ according to the Gospel.

SCHOOL NEWS: Christmas Bazaar 2025
Thank you to everyone who worked, volunteered, donated, cooked, baked, wrapped, set up, cleaned up—and to everyone who attended our Christmas Bazaar! It truly takes an entire community, and YOU made it unforgettable. Because of your generosity and hard work, all proceeds will go directly toward keeping our tuition affordable and maintaining and improving our building for our students. We are so grateful for the love and support you show ACS year after year.
Thank you for being part of our amazing community!
How much did we profit? Drum roll please..... about \$40,000

Thank you.
This week our parish received an acknowledgment for the financial assistance in the amount of 2,000 US dollars provided for the needs of the servicemembers of the 15th Separate Artillery Reconnaissance Brigade “Black Forest.” Thank you for your continued support of Ukraine during this time of war.

Prosphora Bread
Next Saturday and Sunday following liturgies, we will bless prosphora—the bread that each family may take home and share at their Christmas Eve dinner. This sacred bread is a symbol of the incarnate God, our Creator and Savior, who took upon Himself our human nature to dwell among us. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Colette Baginsky and her helpers for preparing the prosphora. Donations received for the bread will support the St. Ann Society.

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