

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FEAST OF THE MATERNITY OF THE HOLY ANNA



Icon of Saint Anna and the Mother of God

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Maternity of the Holy Anna 29th Sunday after Pentecost

SAT DEC 7: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Paraskevia Tutka by John Tutka

SUN DEC 8: 11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Maternity of the Holy Anna 29th Sunday after Pentecost
Blessings for His People

MON DEC 9: Patapius Venerable READ Mark 8 :11-21

TUES DEC 10: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Anna Dacyk by Tatiana Kraasee

WED DEC 11: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Ukrainian Solders by Richard M. Popeck

THURS DEC 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe READ Luke 1:39-56

FRI DEC 13: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Maria Dmytruk The Myronyuk Family

SAT DEC 14: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Tatiana Butovich by Tatiana Kraasee

SUN DEC 15: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Forefathers Blessings for his people

Collection Basket



11/30 & 12/1 \$4642

Thank you to last week's counters

Dave Pedley & Linda Gerrity

Next Week's Counters are:

Mike Trusz & Olenka Chandoha-Knott

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY!

DECEMBER 7-13

BIRTHDAYS

Ron Moschorak, Sr. - Dec. 11

Ann Marie Evans - Dec. 13

Frank Sherpinkas - Dec. 13

ANNIVERSARY

Matthew & Kirsten Orzolek - Dec. 12

**REMINDER: WAYS TO HELP OUR PARISH, OUR AREA, AND UKRAINE NEXT
WEEK**

1. Adult Cold Medicine, Children's Melatonin and Vitamins for Ukraine
2. **LAST WEEKEND** New unwrapped toy for Toys for Toys for Scranton children
3. Canned and boxed foods for St. Francis of Assisi soup kitchen
4. New/gently used Children's books from birth through young adult for EOTC

Great ways to contribute during the holiday season, thank you for your continued support for our parish and helping us spread the joy of Christ and almsgiving this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. **CHANGE IN DIVINE LITURGY THIS SUNDAY**

Divine Liturgy will be 11:00 a.m. December 8, 2024 due to the St. Nicholas CCD Performance. Please mark your calendars.

1. **COLD MEDICINE AND VITAMIN DRIVE FOR UKRAINE**

St. Vladimir's will be collecting Adult Cold Medicine for Soldiers as well as Childrens Melatonin and Vitamins for Children in Ukraine. These items are very much needed for the winter months. You can drop off these items in the back of the Church. Thank you to everyone for your support.

2. **LAST WEEKEND FOR TOYS FOR TOTS AT ST. VLADIMIR'S**

Our parish has been approved as an official Toys for Tots drop off site! This is our last weekend that we will be accepting donations. The toy drive will run until December 12, 2024. For any additional information please contact Maria Ruane 570-877-5899

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3. EOTC CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

Our neighbours at the EOTC are holding their annual Christmas book drive through Christmas. They are in need of new/gently used children's books from birth through young adult. Please make donation in vestibule of the church, we will be collecting books until December 19, 2024.

6. ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SOUP KITCHEN COLLECTION

We are collecting non-perishable items for St. Francis of Assisi soup kitchen in Scranton. They are in big need of canned vegetables of all kinds and pasta, mainly rotini, penne, and rigatoni. This will run until December 19, 2024. Please place all donations in the church vestibule. Thank you!!

7. THANK YOU!!!

This past Tuesday we dropped off our first collection to EOTC and St. Francis both organizations were so very appreciative of all of the love and support from our parish. Unfortunately, we have heard from all organizations we are fundraising for that this has been a year with very high need. We cannot thank our parishioners enough for all your generosity.

8. ST. NICHOLAS CCD PERFORMANCE

St. Nicholas will be visiting St Vladimir's church Sunday, December 8 after the 11 o'clock liturgy. Our children from our Religious Education class will be performing. Please come and support our children who worked very hard for this special event. Food and drink will be provided. We will sing Christmas carols and wait for St. Nicholas to come and greet us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. CHRISMTMAS MUSIC REVIEW

There will be a review for Christmas for all of those interested in singing the Divine Liturgy. YOU DO NOT NEED to be a "choir member" to come and learn. Just come and see what you can learn. Each of the three Saturdays before Christmas: December 7,14,21 - immediately following Saturday Divine Liturgy (approximately 5pm) so that Father Myron can be there to practice with us. If time permits, we will review some new parts in the book for liturgy. Everyone is welcome, no one too old or too young.....

10. TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARDS

Gift cards will be available for pickup after Liturgy on Saturday, Dec. 14th and Sunday, Dec. 15th. Please see Daria, Maria, Mark or Leslie. Thanks to all who participated and made this our best sale ever! We sold a total of \$4,315 in cards, which had us receiving 12% of all sales, giving the church \$517.80!

11. HOLY DAY THIS SUNDAY

The Conception by St. Anna of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day is this Sunday, December 8th. A special Divine Liturgy will take place at 11:00am. Please come to church on this Holy Day.

12. CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

A reminder that we are now accepting donations for Christmas Flowers. Please use the specially marked envelope in your collection packet. Your Donations will help us Beautify our Church for the most joyous Christmas season.

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13. THE CONCEPTION BY ST. ANNA OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

St. Joachim, having been publicly reproached in the temple, retired to the desert, and fasting forty days, he implored God for the blessing of a child. At the same time his wife, St. Anne, did the same at her home, saying: "O God of our Fathers, hear my prayer and bless me as You blessed the womb of Sarah, giving her a son, Isaac." On the fortieth day, as Anne was praying in the garden, an Angel of the Lord appeared to her and said: "The Lord has heard your prayer and you shall conceive and bring forth a child, and your seed will be spoken of in all the world!" Anne replied: "As the Lord my God lives, if I beget a child, I will offer it as a gift to the Lord my God and it shall minister to Him in the holy place all the days of its life." Just about the same time the Angel also appeared to Joachim in the desert and said: "Joachim, the Lord God has heard your prayer. Go home, therefore, for your wife Anne shall conceive." As Joachim with his flock was returning home, Anne exclaimed: "Now I know that the Lord God has blessed us exceedingly!" On the following day they brought an offering of thanksgiving to God at the temple, saying: "Now we know that the Lord our God has been gracious unto us and has remitted all our sins."

14. WORKERS NEEDED FOR POTATO PEELING ON WEDNESDAY

The peeling of Potatoes for the making of Pyrohy will take place this Wednesday, December 11th, beginning at 9:30am. Workers are needed to help with this important task. Thank you to those who are able to come and help.

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15. CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Christmas Decorating will take place THURSDAY, December 19th at 10 am. Please come and help us make our church beautiful for Christmas.

16. CHRISTMAS PYROHY SALE NEXT WEEKEND

St Vladimir's Christmas Pyrohy Sale will be next Saturday, December 14th. Only \$10 per dozen. No limit on how many you can order. To order, call Leslie Izak at 570-342-3749, leave message on voicemail. Pick up Saturday, Dec. 14th from 2:30pm-3:45pm or after 4:00pm Divine Liturgy. Pick up Sunday, Dec. 15th after 9:00am Divine Liturgy.

17. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND FOOD FEST NEXT SATURDAY IN JENKINTOWN

Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, 700 N. Cedar Road, Jenkintown, Christmas Bazaar and Food Fest next Saturday, December 14th, 9:00am - 4:00pm. Ukrainian Food and Baked Goods, Vendors and Crafts. Eat-in or Take-out. Bring in a new toy for our drive to bring joy to Ukrainian refugee children this holiday season.

18. CHRISTMAS NUT ROLL SALE NEXT WEEKEND IN FRACKVILLE

St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Church, Oak & 2nd St, Frackville will be hosting a Christmas Nut Roll Sale next weekend, Dec. 14th & 15th. English Walnut, Poppy Seed, Apricot, Prune, seedless Red Raspberry, & Pumpkin Cheese. \$17 per roll. To place order, call Ann (570) 590-6852.



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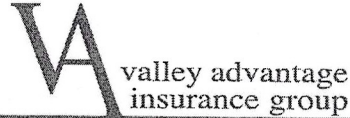
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Please include in your prayers those members of our parish who are in hospitals, care homes, rehabilitation facilities & those who are not able to join us actively in our church community.

Mountain View

Irene Slagan

Clarks Summit Senior

Living

Sophia Soniak

Home

Anastasia Korman

Andrea Geraghty

Shirley Nidoh

Helen Ewasko

Stella Patrick

Stanley Krupinski

Home

Katrina Izak Wilson

Jean Chomko

Julie Yevich

Charles Drumsta

Regina Kozel

Andrea Wells

Home

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Mary Tucker

Michael Seechock

Steve Patrick

Bohdonna Sherpinkas

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning December 7, 2024

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| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Greg and Matthew Romancho
For: I.M.O. + Wasyl, + Catherine, + William, + Harry, + Doris Romancho |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Lilik Family
For: Deliverance of Ukraine & Protection of her Defenders |
| 3 | Proskomedia Candles
\$10 | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
For: I.M.O. + Soldiers, + Civilians, + Refugees of Ukraine |
| 4 | 2 Tetrapod Candles
\$10 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Vocations to the Holy Priesthood & Religious Life |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health & God's Blessings - Joseph Laskowski, Jr. |
| 6 | Mary Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Biloskirka Family
For: I.M.O. + Nicholas and + Nadia Biloskirka |
| 7 | St. Nicholas
\$5 | By: Servants of God
For: Religious Education students - God's blessings! |
| 8 | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: I.M.O. + Joseph & + Marlene Laskowski, our parents |
| 9 | Jesus Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Stella Patrick
For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health & God's Blessings - Jeffrey Lyden & family |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue
\$10 | By: Servants of God
For: Safety of persecuted Christians |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health & God's Blessings - John Lyden & family |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Commemoration - Immaculate Conception DEC 8 |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Daughter Helen
For: I.M.O. + Helen Marie Pagnotti - birthday remembrance DEC 9 |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: I.M.O. + Ihor Shablovsky |

CONFESSION

For anyone that would like to receive the holy sacrament of confession you can let Father Myron know and set up a time either before or after Liturgy from Tuesday through Saturday.

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viky!

Divine Liturgies: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.,

Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin

OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

What St. Anna Teaches Us about Faith

Think about the purity, holiness, and magnificence of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was the only human being ever to be sinless and constantly in a state of grace. Because Mary was such a beautiful symbol of grace, her mother, St. Anna, must have also been a devout woman of God.

Anna and her husband Joachim were an extremely pious couple, but they were unable to conceive a child. This burden weighed heavily on Joachim's shoulders, so he spent much time fasting and in devout prayer pleading for God to bless him and Anna with a child.

According to tradition, Anna also became distraught. She went into her garden and prayed for God to bless her with a child, promising that the child would be dedicated to the service of the Lord. As Anna wept in prayer, an angel appeared and said to her, "The Lord has looked upon thy tears; thou shalt conceive and give birth and the fruit of thy womb shall be blessed by all

the world." Then the angel appeared to Joachim as well, and the couple rejoiced as they conceived a child, whom they named Mary.

St. Anna understood that all children are a blessing from God and that God alone has the power to decide when the life of a person will begin and end. When God blesses us, it can be easy to merely accept the gift and move forward with our daily lives. But St. Anna did more than receive the gift of a child. She went a step further and trusted in the plan of God by promising her child to God's service.

As we work to build a culture of life, we can easily become discouraged. But like St. Anna, we must put our faith and trust in God and His ultimate plan for our happiness. We can turn to God and pray for children, pray for an end to abortion, and pray for the gift of adoption. With God's help, nothing is impossible.