

# **St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church**

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*Rev. Vasyi Vladyka*

**Sunday, December 20th, 2015 • Sunday of the Ancestors • Tone 5**

**Apostle: Hebrews 11 Verses 9-10 & 32-40 • Gospel: Matthew 1 Verses 1-25**

## ***Mass Schedule***

Saturday	12/19	5:00 PM	For All Our Parishioners	
Sunday	12/20	9:00 AM	For All Our Parishioners	
Monday	12/21	9:00 AM		
Tuesday	12/22	9:00 AM		
Wednesday	12/23	9:00 AM		
Thursday	12/24	9:00 PM	Great Compline/Divine Liturgy	
Friday	12/25	10:30 AM	Christmas Divine Liturgy	
Saturday	12/26	5:00 PM	Synaxis of the Theotokos	
Sunday	12/27	9:00 AM	St. Stephen Protomartyr	

***Please remember in your prayers all those who are homebound, in care facilities or impeded by illness. May our Lord restore them to complete health.***



**May the love and peace of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you and your family this Christmas and throughout the New Year.**

**Christ Is Born! Glorify Him! • Христос Раждається! Славте Його!**

**Merry Christmas To All Our Parishioners And Friends.**



**New Year's Eve Zabava** at the Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, December 31, 2015 at 8:00PM. Music by "Anna Maria", includes large buffet style dinner served all evening and champagne toast at midnight. Tickets are \$80.00 per person if purchased prior to Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>. After Dec 25<sup>th</sup> tickets are \$90.00 per person. For tickets please call (732) 826-0767 or (202) 368-2408.

**Christmas Concert by "Vatra"** will be held at the Assumption School Auditorium in Perth Amboy on Saturday, January 2nd, 2016 at 6:00PM. Admission is \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children between the ages of 6-12. Tickets may be purchased at the door. For Information please call (732) 826-0767.

**2016 Parish Collection Envelopes** and 2016 Calendars are available for pick-up in the church hall. Please check that you are picking up the correct name. If you are new to the parish and would like envelopes, please see Father Vasyi or call

the rectory on (732) 366-2156. ***Please be sure to check off or clearly write in amount of your donation on the envelope, so that we can maintain accurate records of your donations. Also, please check that you have placed money inside the envelope as we receive a few empty envelopes every week.***

**From November 14th through Christmas Eve**, in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord, our church begins the spiritual journey of the pre-Christmas Fast known as Philip's Fast or *Philipilka*. Please prepare to worthily celebrate the Birth of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a voluntary fast period. Please observe it as you are able to best prepare yourself for Christmas- Good Deeds, Volunteering, Confession, Fasting.

### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 24 9:00PM: CHRISTMAS EVE – GREAT COMPLINE WITH DIVINE LITURGY**

**DECEMBER 25 10:30AM: CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**

**DECEMBER 26 5:00PM: SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS**

**DECEMBER 27 9:00AM: FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN**

**The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ** this year will be celebrated within a Holy Year announced by Pope Francis. This extraordinary jubilee is dedicated to Divine Mercy. It began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) and will conclude on November 20, 2016. Our Holy Father expressed the hope that the whole church will find “the joy needed to rediscover and make fruitful the Mercy of God, with which all of us are called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time”. Pope Francis calls us to enter a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. He calls all of us to live this year in the light of the Lord's words: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (Luke 6:36)



***With the events taking place in Ukraine, we offer the following petitions in today's mass to our brothers and sisters:***

O good and loving Master, look down with compassion, heal, comfort and protect Your servants who are wounded and suffering in Ukraine, and receive the souls of all those who have lost their lives from the violence, let us pray to the Lord. We also pray that the Holy Spirit may open the hearts and minds of all in Ukraine to wisdom, grace and prayer so that sincere dialogue may lead to peace and reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy (3 times)

## A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us

*“Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God.”*

At this hour, we fervently pray that

Your Holy Spirit may inspire men and women in Ukraine to become Peacemakers.

May they seek reconciliation and dialogue and end the violent confrontation and killing.

May they restore tranquility to their nation and restore human rights, democratic principles and religious liberty to their troubled land.

God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom.

And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine.

And may each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your Peace.

Amen.