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## Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 14, 2024, A. D.

**Khrystos Razhdayesia! Christ is Born!  
Slavyte Yeho! Glorify Him!**



Saturday, January 13

6:00 PM

Sunday, January 14

10:30 AM

**SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS**

† Ted Weron- George Family`

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† Josephine Latoszewski- daughters Janice, Diane & Rita

Wednesday, January 17

10:00 AM

Thursday, January 18

10:00 AM

Friday, January 19

10:00 AM

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

† Olympia Pasicznyk- Ed & Mary Schwartz

† Anna Kutsup- MaryAnn Medlin

Saturday, January 20

6:00 PM

Sunday, January 21

10:30 AM

**SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS**

† John Lipowski- Virginia Palermo

**SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS**

† Ted Weron- Donna Wurcester



**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Geraldine Adamchak; Shirley Kozar, Dolores Miller, Rita Kurtz, Diane Petry, Mary Louise Bailey. **Away:** Leona Kobela. **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Fr. Peter Waslo; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Fr. Gregory Maslak, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci, Dolores Jennings, Barnett Kurtz, Mike Oresick., Debbie Schwartz.

## SUNDAY OF ZACCHEUS

January 14, 2024

### ANTIPHON 1:

When Israel came forth from Egypt, the house of Jacob from an alien people.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.**

Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.**

The sea beheld this and fled, the Jordan turned back on its course.

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.**

Why was it, O sea, that you fled, that you, O Jordan, turned back on your course? **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.**

**Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...**

### ANTIPHON 3:

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

**Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

**Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

**Son of God, baptized by John in the Jordan, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

**TROPAR:** You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

**TROPAR:** When You, O Lord, were baptized in the Jordan, worship of the Trinity was revealed; the voice of the Father bore witness to You, naming You the beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the word's certainty. Glory to You, O Christ God, who appeared and enlightened the world.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** Today, You have appeared to the world and Your light, O Lord, has been signed on us, who with knowledge sing Your praises. You have come, You have appeared, O unapproachable Light.

**PROKEIMEN:** Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel. Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord; God the Lord has appeared to us.

**A Reading of the First Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Timothy 4:9-15:**



Timothy my son, you can depend on training in godliness as worthy of complete acceptance. That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you. Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon. Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may He works in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom we give glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**ALLELUIA:** (3). Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior. Alleluia (3). Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms. Alleluia (3). Bring to the Lord, you sons of God; bring to the Lord young rams. Alleluia (3).

## **Gospel of Luke 19:1-10**



At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through the city. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the LORD, "Look, LORD! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

**HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD:** O my soul, magnify Christ the King, baptized in the Jordan. Every tongue is at a loss to praise you as is your due, O Mother of God. Even a spirit from above is filled with dizziness when seeking to sing your praises. But since you are good accept our faith, for you know well our love inspired by God. For it is you who protect all Christians; therefore, we magnify you.

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **JANUARY CANDLES**

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family  
in loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the Yanoshak & Kulmatiski Families.  
The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Lisa Placek in memory of the Deceased Members of  
the Skordinski & Slota Families.

**CHURCH NEWS .... Every day is a Holy Day of Opportunity. Pray Always.- Father Daniel Gurovich**

**MYOSOPUSNA 2024:** As always Myasopusna requires everyone to pull together to make our event successful. Your assistance is priceless and appreciated. Please try to keep the week before the event open and help out where you can, tell your neighbors, try to sell a few tickets, and when you see flyers in the back grab one and put it up at your college, library, or supermarket, etc. - THANK YOU every little bit helps! **Your church needs YOU and don't forget to pray- we can't do this alone! You don't have to be a parishioner or Ukrainian to help! For tickets contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.**



**UKRAINIAN RAFFLE BASKETS:** We are looking for Raffle Baskets for the Myasopusna. Our raffle is one of the highlights of our events and we are hoping people will be once again be generous in their donations. Please, always include your name and the contents of the basket on it. If you have any questions, give Johanna a call 570-256-7883.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** Thank you to everyone who helped!

**BLESSING OF HOMES:** If you would like your home blessed, please call the rectory at 570-735-2262 or put you name and phone number in the collection basket.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES, CALENDARS & 2024 CANDLES:** The church envelopes and calendars are on the table in the back of the church. 2024 Candles are ready!

**VISITING THE SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Father Walter tries to visit the homebound the first Friday of every month. If you know someone who would like to be visited and receive Holy Communion and they were not, please contact Father Walter at the rectory at 570-735-2262.

**LENT:** Remember, the first day of Lent is a fast from Meat and Dairy Products. **Lent begins with Forgiveness Vespers, Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. The first full day of Lent will begin on Monday, February 12.**

**HOLUBTSI DINNER:** Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Dinners may be picked up between 12:00 (noon) and 4:00 pm in our school hall, on the corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Dinner includes Piggies (meat & rice stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread and butter and dessert. Dinners will be \$15.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children (12 and under). Walk-in customers will be welcomed, but reservations are Strongly Encouraged, (570) 829-3051.”



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION?** Father, I have a question, I was reading an article on The Nativity and the perspective of the Theotokos at the Birth of her Son? Is it true, did Mary really know that the Son she was about to give birth to, was to be the Light of the World and also suffer a horrific death as a “Man?” In short, yes. Remember that just because you don’t find something in the Bible does not mean it didn’t happen. Remember the Holy Scriptures, the Bible, out of the Catholic Tradition which is oral- there is so much more that is known than has been written. The Church Tradition about Gabriel announcing to Mary is that Gabriel revealed to Mary, who was approximately 14 years old, everything at the Annunciation about Jesus & His life on earth and what He would go through as a Man & God. Mary knew that He was the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. When Mary asked Jesus to do something at the wedding of Cana, she knew that she was asking Christ to start His walk to the Cross. All of this is found in the prayers of the vespers for the Feast day of Annunciation of Theotokos:

**“Gabriel stood in your presence, O holy Virgin, and revealed the eternal plan to you. He greeted you and announced: Rejoice, O earth that has not been sown! Rejoice, O burning bush that was not consumed! Rejoice, O unsearchable depth! Rejoice, O bridge which leads to heaven; O high ladder which Jacob saw! Rejoice, O vessel of divine manna! Rejoice, O invocation of Adam! The Lord is with you.”**

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**Woe** to those who are rich, who are full, who laugh, and who are praised. But good shall come to those who endure every wrongful accusation, beating, robbery, or compulsory difficulty. This is completely opposite to what people usually think and feel! The thoughts of God are as far from human thoughts as heaven is from the earth. How else could it be? We are in exile; and it is not remarkable for those in exile to be offended and insulted. We are under a penance; the penance consists of deprivations and labors. We are sick; and most useful for the sick are bitter medicines. The Savior Himself all of His life did not have a place to lay His head, and He finished his life on the cross — why should his followers have a better lot? The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of preparedness to suffer and bear good-naturedly all that is sorrowful. Comfort, arrogance, splendor, and ease are all foreign to its searching and tastes. Its path lies in the fruitless, dreary desert. The model is the forty-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert. Who follows this path? Everyone who sees Canaan beyond the desert, boiling over with milk and honey. During his wandering he too receives manna, however not from the earth, but from heaven; not bodily, but spiritually. All the glory is within.-**St. Theophan the Recluse**

#### **PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH**

O Glorious St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, and the head of the Holy Family. You have been chosen by Christ's Vicar as the heavenly Patron and Protector of the Church founded by Christ. Protect the Sovereign Pontiff and all bishops and priests united with him. Be the protector of all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life; and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ and the Church He founded. Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector, and guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me purity of heart and a love for the spiritual life. After your example, let all my actions be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and your own paternal heart. Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.