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Divine Liturgy Schedule

December 23, 2018



Saturday, December 22

6:00PM

Sunday, December 23

10:30AM

Monday, December 24

8:00PM

Tuesday, December 25

**10:30AM

Wednesday, December 26

9:00AM

Thursday, December 27

11:00AM

Saturday, December 29

6:00PM

Sunday, December 30

10:30AM

†Slota & Skordinski Families- Lisa Placek

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS-OF THE ANCESTORS

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS-CHRISTMAS EVE

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners

Myrovania- Anointing of Holy Oil

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD-CHRISTMAS

†Peter & Anna Wrobel- M/M Mark Jennings

Myrovania- Anointing of Holy Oil

SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS

†Dorothy A. Kopiak-Marlina Middleton

Myrovania- Anointing of Holy Oil

STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

†Peter Kutsup- sister, Anna Kutsup

SATURDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

†David Trimell- wife, Irene Quirion

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS-DAVID, JOSEPH & JAMES

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Nursing Homes:** Doris Conrad **Assisted Living:** Mary Manson, Anna Hopiak, Mary Hoolick **At Home:** Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer Request:** Mike Sawczuk; Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko: Fr. Deacon Michael Waak,

Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo.

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS-OF THE ANCESTORS

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TROPAR: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory be to You!

TROPAR: Great are the achievements of faith! In the fountain of flames, the three holy youths rejoiced as by the water of rest, and the prophet Daniel was revealed shepherding lions like sheep. Through their intercession, O Christ God, save our souls.

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

KONDAK: Armed by the Being that defies description, you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth. In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God: "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid," for You can do whatever You will.

PROKEIMON: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. **verse:** For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

A reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews 11:9-10;17-23;32-40:

Brethren, by faith Abraham sojourned in the Promised Land as in a foreign country, dwelt in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose designer and maker is God. By faith, Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac; he who received the promises was ready to sacrifice his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your descendants be called." He reasoned that God was able to rise from the dead, and so he received Isaac back as a symbol. By faith Isaac invoked for Jacob and Esau blessings that were still to be. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshipped God, leaning on the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, near the end of his life, spoke of the Exodus of the Israelites, and gave instructions about his burial. By faith, Moses' parents hid him for three months after his birth, thereby disregarding the king's edict, because they saw that he was a beautiful child. What more shall I recount? I have no time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered

kingdoms, did what was just, obtained promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; though weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, and tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about on deserts and on mountains; they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of the faith; they did not obtain what had been promised. God made a better plan, a plan, which included us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia(3) O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the work You did in their days. Alleluia(3) You saved us from our oppressors and put to shame those who hate us. Alleluia(3)



A Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew(1:1-25):

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren; And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Tamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram; And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon; And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Urias; And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa; And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias; And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias; And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias; And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon: And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel; And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor; And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud; And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob; And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen

generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name Jesus.



COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

FROM THE GREAT COMPLINE: Rozhdestvo Tvoye, Kriste Bozhe nash, vozsiya mirovee svit razuma, vnembo zvizdam sluzhashchiyee, zvizdoyu uchakhusya, Tebee klanyateesya Solnstsu pravdee, ee Tebe viditee vysotee ostoka, Hospodi, slava tebee!

TROPARION OF THE NATIVITY: Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shed the light of knowledge upon the world. Through it, those who had been star-worshippers learned through a star to worship You, O sun of Justice, and to recognize in You the One who rises and who comes from on high. O Lord, Glory to You!

CHURCH NEWS *Christ is Born!- Glorify Him!*
Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!



FATHER WALTER WISHES EVERYONE A HEALTHY, BLESSED & POWERFUL CHRISTMAS!



THE RACE IS ON: The Three Wise Men and Joshua the Camel have begun their trek across the desert to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. **Who will get there first?** Will it be Melchoire, Gasper, Balthazar or Joshua the Camel? **Joshua is winning by a camel nose.** We hope for their arrival on the Feast of Theophany – Sunday, January 6. **Watch the church yard for the progress.**

PARISH COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 at 6:30PM.** Everyone is welcome!

PYROHY SALE: We will be making pyrohy on **Saturday, January 19th at 8:30am.** **The cost of potato pyrohy will now be \$7.00 per dozen.** You can place your order by calling Geri Adamchak at 570-824-3880. (We will make approximately 100 dozen.) Please come out and help.

CHRISTMAS SALE: A very special thanks to all who helped with sale. The many donations, the set up and clean up, the cooks, the cashiers, the customers---all played a big part in the sale. Thank you very much. Also, we collected for the needy: 2 blankets, 7 winter coats, 5 winter hats, 11 winter scarfs, 3 pairs of gloves. **Thank you very much.**

MYASOPUSNA 2019: The date for Myasopusna is **February 24, 2019.** We will be making pyrohy for this event on February 16th at 8:30am. Please come out and help.

SVIACHENNE: The 2019 Sviachenne will be on **May 5, 2019.** Please save the date.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? What is a Litiya? - (Lity, litia) A word implying a fervent, prolonged prayer. It is a service of blessing of the breads joined to the Vespers on the eve of major feasts. Five breads, oil and wine are blessed. In the prayer of blessing we ask our Lord that as He blessed the five loaves and fed the five thousand, to bless the loaves, wheat, wine and oil, and to multiply them in all the world; and to sanctify all the faithful who partake of them. The bread is cut and distributed to the faithful at the end of the service. Litiya is part of the Great Vespers and it occurs at the end of the Vespers Service on major Holy Days. At the Litiya, there are loaves of bread, a vessel of oil, a vessel of wine and wheat which are blessed. These will be the sustenance for the people for the all night vigil. Traditionally, on Christmas Eve in the “village” the local church acted as both the monastery and Parish for that community. Vespers (and Litiya) was incorporated into the traditional all night Christmas Eve Vigil Service that was observed in the community church. Since the monks and the Parish were together in the church community, the people attended that part of the service that they were able due to family and work commitments. At Transfiguration of Our Lord Church, this service is only celebrated on Christmas Eve.



LITURGY INTENTIONS: If you are offering a Divine Liturgy for a specific day for your beloved or other intentions for 2019, please make sure you turn it into the rectory in order to make sure that you get the exact time that you would like.

CANDLE INTENTIONS: The schedule for candles intentions are posted in the back of the church. Suggested Donations are Eternal Light (\$25), Altar Candles (\$40), Saint Nicholas Candle (\$10) & Proscomedial Table (\$20). Please check the back bulletin board for the posting. Additionally, we have candles before the icons and Tetrapod for \$20 a month. New Lists for 2019 will be coming out soon.

BLESSING OF HOMES: If anyone wishes to have Father Walter bless their home, please use the envelope in your collection box or leave a note in the collection basket. Also please let Father know if a visit during daytime hours is possible. No donation is required—even though the envelope says requested amount.

CHURCH CALENDARS: Church Calendars are available in the basement. Church envelopes are currently processing and will be made available the minute they arrive.

Psalm 119(49-64)

Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Bible. To make sure that it is included in it's entirety- we will break it down into several parts. It is being broken down by letter of the Hebrew Alphabet.



Zayin

Remember your word to your servant,
for you have given me hope.

My comfort in my suffering is this:

Your promise preserves my life.

The arrogant mock me unmercifully,
but I do not turn from your law.

I remember, LORD, your ancient laws,
and I find comfort in them.

Indignation grips me because of the wicked,
who have forsaken your law.

Your decrees are the theme of my song wherever I lodge.

In the night, LORD, I remember your name,
that I may keep your law.

This has been my practice: I obey your precepts.

Heth

You are my portion, LORD;

I have promised to obey your words.

I have sought your face with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.

I have considered my ways
and have turned my steps to your statutes.

I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.

Though the wicked bind me with ropes,
I will not forget your law.

At midnight I rise to give you thanks for your righteous laws.

I am a friend to all who fear you,
to all who follow your precepts.

The earth is filled with your love, LORD;
teach me your decrees. (To be Continued...)



DECEMBER CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by the Ellen Kobela in loving memory of her father, Wasil Kobela.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & Mary Ann Potsko in loving memory of Henry, Helen & Joseph Heylek.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Gerri Adamchak in loving memory of her father, Nicholas Salonski.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel and Robert Jennings.

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month of December

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski in loving memory of Mary & Joseph Englot.

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by Mary Ann Jarolen in for the deceased members Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

The **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by the Slota Family in loving memory of Peter & Pauline Slota.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given by the Slota Family in loving memory of Peter & Pauline Slota.