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Divine Liturgy Schedule

December 22, 2019

Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!

Saturday, December 21

6:00PM

Sunday, December 22

10:30AM

Tuesday, December 24

8:00 PM-*STRICT FAST*

Wednesday, December 25

10:30 AM

Thursday, December 26

9:00AM

Friday, December 27

7:00 AM

Saturday, December 28

6:00PM

Sunday, December 29

10:30AM

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS- OF THE ANCESTORS

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS- OF THE ANCESTORS

†Peter & Ann Wrobel –Jennings Family

CHRISTMAS EVE-VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS-MYROVANIA

Great Compline & Divine Liturgy

CHRISTMAS- BIRTH OF OUR LORD-MYROVANIA

†O'Bremski & Belesta Families-Denise Kaminsky

SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD-MYROVANIA

God's Blessings & Good Health for the Kelley Family

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR-MYROVANIA

†Slota & Skordinski Families-Lisa Placek

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS-DAVID, JOSEPH & JAMES

God's Blessings & Good Health for Kevin Kerr

-MaryMae Alberola

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS-DAVID, JOSEPH & JAMES

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted**

Living: Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopiak, Mary Hoolick **At Home:** Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela; MaryAnn Kelly **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer Request:** Mike Sawczuk; Michelle

Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TROPAR: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

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.

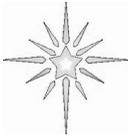
PROKEIMON: Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever. verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.



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

Brethren, by faith Abraham abode in the land, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the co-heirs of the same promise. For he looked for a city that has foundations; whose builder and maker is God. And what shall I yet say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets: Who by faith conquered kingdoms, wrought justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, recovered strength from weakness, became valiant in battle, put to flight the armies of foreigners: Women received their dead raised to life again. But others were racked, not accepting deliverance, that they might find a better resurrection. And others had trial of mockeries and stripes, moreover also of bands and prisons. They were stoned, they were cut asunder, they were tempted, they were put to death by the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being in want, distressed, afflicted: Of whom the world was not worthy; wandering in deserts, in mountains, and in dens, and in caves of the earth. And all these being approved by the

testimony of faith, received not the promise; God providing some better thing for us, that they should not be perfected without us.



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.



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father I have a question about Baptism, we were told that in an extreme emergency any Catholic can baptize an infant and all we need is water and to say the words “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.” Is this true? That statement is true.

Any Catholic can baptize an infant of Catholic parents and the words above are all that need to be prayed and the infant is initiated into the Church. Let me tell you the account of a mother in Cairo which happened in the early 1970's. Her parish was across the Nile from where she lived and each Sunday she would get in a little boat and row across the river to go to the Divine Liturgy. Now when her child was born and on the Sunday the Baptism was scheduled, as she rowed across the Nile a storm and strong winds suddenly stirred up the waters. The boat was being tossed so violently that she thought she and her infant would surely drown. So she reached down into the water and taking some on her hand sprinkled her son on his forehead with the words “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.” As quick as the storm came, it departed. She safely finished crossing the river and brought her son to the church for the baptism. When it came time for his immersion into the water in the baptismal font, the priest turned around to take the infant from his mother and turning back to the font saw that it was dry, i.e. empty. In shock the priest asked the deacon, “What happened to the water?” The deacon had no answer. They refilled the baptismal font and blessed the water in it, again. Turning to take the infant from the mother the priest turns back to the font for the triple immersion into the water only to find the font empty, again! So the priest says to the mother, “Please tell me again what you did.” The woman explains how she baptized her son during the short storm. The priest then says, “Ok. He is baptized. He can only be baptized once. God is keeping me from sinning by trying to baptize him again.” So what do you think, does it sound to you like God accepts such a baptism in a dire situation?

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.

Matthew 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

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

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

****VERY IMPORTANT**** Father Walter has a new cell phone number #570-406-5882.**

CHRISTMAS EVE FAST: Please remember that Tuesday, Christmas Eve is a fast day of abstinence from dairy and meat.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSION: Father Walter will have confession before **EACH** Liturgy and on **Monday, December 23 from 6:00PM-7:00PM.** Confessions can also be heard by appointment.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE: This past Saturday was our last Christmas Flea Market. The profit from the Flea Market as well as the Raffle Winners will be in next week's bulletin. Everyone did a FABULOUS job! Thank you to everyone who helped, cooked and donated to our Flea Market. Special thanks to Bob & Johanna Longenberger for organizing our Boutique.

CHURCH CALENDARS: Church Calendars are available in the basement.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: If you are offering a Divine Liturgy for a specific day for your beloved or other intentions for 2020, please make sure you turn it into the rectory in order to make sure that you get the exact time that you would like.



VISITING THE SICK: Do you know a homebound Parishioner who can't make it to church and would like a visit? Please contact Father Walter at the rectory at 570-735-2262.

PRAYERS: Please remember in your prayers all who are in need of God's help. Remember those in the nursing facilities, hospital and at home, all the sick and the suffering.

PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON: Almighty and eternal God, you are the everlasting health of those who believe in you. Hear us for your sick servant (name) for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, that being restored to bodily health, he may give thanks to you in your church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

'Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to heaven.'

- St. John Climacus

NOTABLE DATES: Myasopusna (February 16); Lent Begins (February 24); Sviachenne (April 26); Foodfest: September 2020.



FOOD COLLECTION: Transfiguration Of Our Lord Parish is collecting non-perishable food products to donate to the St. Faustina Food Kitchen. There is a collection box in the church entryway. Please try to donate something for people who are less fortunate.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Thursday, January 16 at 6:30PM.



Liturgy Schedules

Ss. Peter and Paul (Plymouth)

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
4:00 PM *Great Compline and Divine Liturgy with Myrovania*

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas
8:30AM *Liturgy with Myrovania*

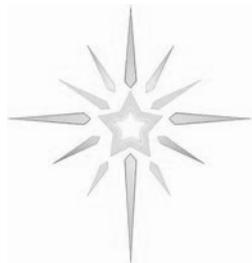
Wednesday, December 26 Synaxis of the Holy Mother of God
11:00AM *Liturgy with Myrovania*

Friday, December 27 Feast of St. Stephen, Protomartyr
7:00 AM *At Transfiguration of Our Lord, Nanticoke*



FESTIVAL OF THE CAROLS: Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols to be held at the Cathedral on January 12, 2020, at 3:00pm.

PRAYER BEFORE LITURGY: We bow before Your most pure image. O kind Lord, and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God. Of Your own will You consented to ascend the cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy. In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: By coming to save the world, our Savior, You filled all things with joy. *Before the Liturgy, the priest prays the prayers before the Liturgy begins, this is one prayer said by the priest before of the Icon of Christ.*



DECEMBER CANDLES

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

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko In loving memory of Helen, Henry & Joseph Heylek.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by Joan Cominsky in loving memory of her parents, John & Marion Petrochko.

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

Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of December

The **Candles on the Tetrapod** are given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in loving memory of Peter & Anna Wrobel.

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

The **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by Olga Yurkowski in loving memory of her husband, Michael Yurkowskii.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given For God's Blessings & Good Health for Anna Kutsup.

