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Divine Liturgy Schedule

December 25, 2022, A. D.

Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Slavyte Yeho!

Christ is Born! Glory Him!



Saturday, December 24

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY – CHRISTMAS EVE (Myrovania)
Great Compline (Liturgy) Velyke Povercheriye & Blessing of
Loaves with Litiya

8:00 PM

God's Blessings and Good Health for All Parishioners

Sunday, December 25

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD & SAVIOR (Myrovania)

10:30 AM

USophie Staronka- Parish

Monday, December 26

SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS (Myrovania)

10:30 AM

God's Blessings on America-Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

Tuesday, December 27

FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN (Myrovania)

8:30 AM

Gabriel Micca-Return to the Sacraments- Rebecca Micca

Saturday, December 31

NEW YEARS EVE

6:00 PM

UDeceased Members of the Kovalchik Family-
Leonard & Louise Golemb

Sunday, January 1

NEW YEARS DAY

10:30 AM

UThomas & Catherine Bukoski- Thomas Bukoski



SS. PETER & PAUL CHURCH (20 Nottingham Street, Plymouth)

Saturday Liturgy 4:00 PM

Sunday Liturgy 8:30 AM

December 25 Christmas Day 8:30 AM

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD- CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2022



ANTIPHON 1:

I will confess You, Lord, with all my heart, I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.

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

In the council of the just and the congregation, great are the works of the Lord, conforming to His will in every way.

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

His work is filled with praise and majesty, and His righteousness endures forever.

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Glory... Now... Only Begotten Son...

ANTIPHON 3:

The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet."

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, made the light of knowledge dawn on the world: through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Dawn from on the high. Glory to You, O Lord.

The Lord will send you a scepter of power out of Sion, reign in the midst of your enemies.

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Yours is the dominion on the day you are given power in the splendor of your holy ones.

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ENTRANCE YMN: From the womb before the daystar, I begot you. the Lord has sworn an oath and will not go back on His word: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

TROPAR: Your Nativity, O Christ our God, made the light of knowledge dawn on the world: through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Dawn from on the high. Glory to You, O Lord.

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

KONDAK: The Virgin today gives birth to Him who is above all being; the earth offers the cave to Him whom no one can approach; Angel with shepherds give Him glory, while Magi make their way with a star, for to us is born a little Child – the pre-eternal God.

INSTEAD OF HOLY GOD:

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia! (3)
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. You have put on Christ! Alleluia! All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

PROKIMEN: Let all the earth worship You and sing to You; let it sing to Your Name, O Most High. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise. Let all the earth worship You and sing to You; let it sing to Your Name, O Most High.

A Reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 4:4-7:

Brethren, but when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might be received as adopted sons of God. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “*Abba, Father.*” So, you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3) The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hands. Alleluia (3) Day announces its message unto day and night proclaims its knowledge unto night. Alleluia (3)

A Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (2:1-12):



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this, he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

INSTEAD OF IT IS TRULY RIGHT: O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger.

Irmos: A strange and glorious mystery do I behold: the cave is heaven; the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim; the manger, a dwelling place in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain. Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

COMMUNION HYMN: The Lord has sent deliverance to His people. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Instead of “We have seen the true light...” we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Instead of “May our mouths...” and “Blessed be the Name...” we sing:

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CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTMAS BLESSING: May you have a Merry Christmas & Be Blessed with Many Happy Years, Peace, Health & Salvation! In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Father Walter

FESTIVAL OF UKRAINIAN CAROLS: Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchial Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia will hold Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols on Sunday, January 8th, 2023.

CHURCH ENVELOPES & CALENDARS: The church calendars are available in the church basement. The church envelope supplier is experiencing a delay in printing the envelopes- extra envelopes are available in the back of the church-please remember to put your name on the envelope. (The envelopes were ordered in the summer, but the printer currently has broken equipment.)



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners Assisted Living: Mary Hoolick. At Home: Geraldine Adamchak; Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Josephine Latoszewski **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer**

Request: Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Pavlyk Motychka (baby in Ukraine with SMA); Rita Kurtz, Joyce Kishbaugh, Ken Weber; Marie Slota; Ted Weron, Fr. Gregory Maslak, Mary Youells, Angel Ocasio, Elizabeth Biasci; Bishop John Bura Emeritus

PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE: The Wyoming Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human, 31 Hanover Street, WB are always in need of wipes or disposable diapers in sizes 1-4. If you would like to donate to this cause, please drop them off in the church basement and Diane Petry has offered to deliver them to the center. **A Thank You to the VERY GENEROUS PARISHIONERS for their donations. A thank you from the Wyoming Chapter has been expressed.**

2023 CANDLES: The new 2023 Candle List will be in the back of the Church-please look for it Christmas Weekend.



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Litya is part of the Great Vespers and it occurs at the end of the Vespers Service on major Holy Days. At the Litya, there are loaves of bread, a vessel of oil, a vessel of wine and wheat which are blessed. These will be the sustance for the people for the all night vigil. Traditionally, on Christmas Eve in the “village” the local church acted as both the monastary and Parish for that community. Vespers (and Litya) 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.

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Psalm 122- NIV- A Song of Ascents

I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.” Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. That is where the tribes go up— the tribes of the LORD— to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel. There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels.” For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, “Peace be within you.” For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.



DECEMBER CANDLES

The Altar Candles are given by Tom and MaryAnn Potsko

In loving memory of Henry, Helen & Joseph Heylek.

The **Eternal Light** is given by Pasicznyk Family

In loving memory of All the deceased members of the Pasicznyk Family.

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

The **Candle Before Christ** is given by MaryAnn Jarolen

For the Deceased Members of the Hvozda and Frankowski Families.

The **Candle Before the icon table of the Theotokos** is given by the Yanoshak Family in loving memory of Ryan Yanoshak.

The **Candle before John the Baptist** is given by Lisa Placek for deceased member of the Slota, Skordy & Skordinski Families.



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