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Divine Liturgy Schedule

January 28, 2024, A. D.

Khrystos Razhdayetsia! Christ is Born!
Slavyte Yeho! Glorify Him!

Saturday, January 27

6:00 PM

Sunday, January 28

10:30 AM

Monday, January 29

10:00 AM

Tuesday, January 30

10:30 AM

Wednesday, January 31

10:00 AM

Thursday, February 1

10:00 AM

Friday, February 2

10:30 AM

Saturday, February 3

8:00 AM

6:00 PM

Sunday, February 4

10:30 AM

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

†John Kaminsky- Denise Kaminsky & Children

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†Mike Sawczuk- Mark & Arlene Jennings

†Bernard Sulzen & Family-Maria Becker

Three Holy Hierarchs(w/ Myrovania)

Reparations for the Sin of Abortion – Diane, Rita & Janice

God's Blessings on Maria Becker- Becker Family

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON & ANNA

†Arlene Czarnecki-Bob & Johanna Longenberger
(w/ Myrovania)

1st All SOULS SATURDAY

God's Blessings on Maria Duncan & grandson, Ethan Patrick
-Helen Lipowski

SOROKOUSTY SERVICE

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

God's Blessings on Leona Kobela & Family- Lisa Placek

SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

†Andrew Kobela- Melanie Kobela

SUNDAY OF PRODIGAL SON

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TROPAR: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all the powers of heaven cried out: "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

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

KONDAK: Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father, wasting the wealth You gave me on vices. Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal: Loving Father, I have sinned before You. Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.

PROKEIMENON: The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation. The Lord has indeed chastised me, but He has not delivered me to death. The Lord is my strength and my song of praise, and He has become my salvation.

A reading of the First Letter the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians 6:12-20:

Brethren, "I have the right to do anything," you say-but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"- but I will not be mastered by anything. You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the LORD, and the LORD for the body. By his power God raised the LORD from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But whoever is united with the LORD is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). The Lord will hear you in the day of tribulation; the name of the God of Jacob will shield you. Alleluia (3). Lord, grant victory to the king and hear us in the day that we shall call upon You. Alleluia (3).



A reading from the Holy Gospel of St. Luke 15:11-32:

The Lord told this parable: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his means between them. And not many days later, the younger son gathered up all his wealth and took his journey into a far country; and there he squandered his fortune in loose living. And after he had spent all, there came a grievous famine over that country, and he began himself to suffer want. And he went and joined one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his farm to feed swine. And he longed to fill himself with the pods that the swine were eating but no one offered to give them to him: But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many hired men in my father’s house have bread in abundance while I am perishing here with hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.”’ And he arose and went to his father. But while he was yet a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion and ran and fell upon his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to the servants, “Fetch quickly the best robe and put it on him and give him a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet; and bring out the fattened calf and kill it and let us eat and make merry; because this my son was dead and has come to life again; he was lost, and if found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And calling one of the servants he inquired what this meant. And he said to him ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has got him back safe.’ But he was angered and would not go in. His father, therefore, came out and began to entreat him. But he answered and said to his father, ‘Behold, these many years I have been serving you, and have never transgressed one of your commands; and yet you have never given me a kid goat that I might make merry with my friends. But when this your son comes, who has devoured his means with harlots, you have killed for him the fattened calf.’ But he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me and all that is mine is yours; but we were bound to make merry and rejoice, for this your brother was dead, and has come to life, he was lost, and is Found.”

COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the highest.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! A Happy Birthday to Geraldine Adamchak, who celebrates her birthday on January 30th! Mnohaya Lita! May God grant her many happy years, peace, Health and Salvation. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen!



UKRAINIAN RAFFLE BASKETS: We are asking for bottles of wine or liquor that perhaps you can donate OR gift cards you are not using OR psanky eggs that you could donate. We can make baskets from these items. We are looking for extra Raffle Baskets for the Myasopusna. Our raffle is one of the highlights of our events. 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. IF YOU HAVE ANY BASKETS, WE CAN USE THEM FOR THE RAFFLE.

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

FIRST SATURDAY LITURGY & SOROKOUSTY: The first Saturday Liturgy and Sorokousty Service will be **Saturday, February 3 at 8:00AM for Liturgy with Sorokousty afterwards (about 9:00).** Keep in mind that confessions will be from 7:30 AM to 8:00 AM, prior to Liturgy.

UKRAINIAN PYSANKY: CLASSES at St. Cyril's Church in Olyphant ARE FULL.

**Offering
Envelopes**



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

MYASOPUSNA FOOD MAKING: We will be making pyrohy for Myasopusna on **Thursday, February 1st at 8:30AM.** Please come out and help. We are making extra for Lenten Orders. Holupki (Stuffed Cabbage) will be made either- January 30, Tuesday or January 31, Wednesday.

MYASOPUSNA DESSERT: We are asking for dessert items for our dinner. If anyone is able to make a dessert, it would be greatly appreciated. Please make sure your desserts are individually wrapped for service.

MYASOPUSNA SERVICE HELP: Please come out and help. **TICKET SALES HAVE BEEN STEADY AND WE ARE GOING TO NEED SERVING HELP FROM NOON TO TWO.** We need servers and help- many hands make light work. If you have any grandchildren or teenagers that can help serve on February 4 it would be appreciated. **We need SERVERS.**

REFLECTIONS FROM ST. THEOPHAN THE RECLUSE.....

Sunday of the Prodigal Son 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 & Luke 15: 11-32.

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son says so much to us! It speaks about our peace and abundance in the house of the Heavenly Father, about our mad departure from the Father's guardianship to unbridled freedom, about the richness of the heritage given us despite our disobedience, about its reckless waste on all sorts of indecencies, and about our utter impoverishment as a result. But then it talks also about how one recovers his senses and, coming to himself, decides to return to his greatly merciful Father. It talks about how he returns, how he is received lovingly and is restored to his first state. Who will not find this lesson profitable? If you abide in your Father's house, do not strive for freedom. You see how a similar experience ended! If you have run away and are squandering all, stop this quickly. If you have already squandered everything and are living in poverty, resolve quickly to return – and then, return. There every lenience and the former love and prosperity await you. This last step is the most necessary one. But there is no point in enlarging upon this. All has been said concisely and clearly. Come to your senses, resolve to return, arise and hasten to the Father. His embrace is open and ready to receive you.



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.
The Icon Table of the Transfiguration of Our Lord is given by M/M Brian Kawczenski for the Health & Blessings of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parishioners.

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The **Eternal Light** is given by the Yanoshak Family in Loving memory of Ryan Yanoshak.

The **Altar Candles** are given by the MaryAnn Jarolen in loving memory of her father, Michael Hvozda.

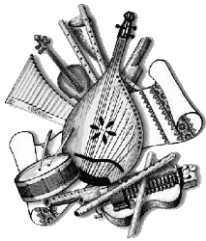
The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski In loving memory of Rev. Dr. Nick Kostiuik.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by the Lee Family In loving memory of Helen & Red Lee.

The **Candle Before the Icon of Jesus Christ** is given by Donna Lee-Hischak For God's Blessings & Good Health for Irene Beckwith.

The **Candle Before the Theotokos** is given by Pasicznyk Family in loving memory of Anhel Pasicznyk.

IT'S NEXT WEEKEND!!!!



MYASOPUSNA 2024: Transfiguration of Our Lord Church is pleased to announce that dinner tickets are now available for our Annual Myasopusna Festival, held at the church's banquet hall at 240 Center Street, Nanticoke, on Sunday, February 4, from noon to 4 pm. The Myasopusna (Meatfare) Festival is the parish's pre-lenten celebration, preceding the Great Fast. Dinner (a platter of holuptsi, kobasi, pyrohy, black bread and butter, and a homemade dessert) will be served from 12:30 to 2:00 pm, followed by live Ukrainian dance performances by Saint Mary's Ukrainian Dancers. A variety of Ukrainian crafts will be on display and for sale. Dinner tickets are \$20 if purchased by January 30 (\$22 at the door). Children under 12 are half price. Tickets can be purchased by calling **Helen (735-4654) -leave a message** OR from the rectory OR from Lisa 570-574-1016. Invite your friends and neighbors!



ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, why should I go to the Forgiveness Vespers? After all, I did go to the Divine Liturgy this morning, why do I have to go again today? Everything a person does has a beginning, a middle and an end. Liturgically (liturgy meaning a public work of the people) speaking the beginning of the day is at sundown. Every holy day, and every Sunday, which is a little Pascha, begins when the sun sets Saturday evening and Sunday begins at the singing of "O Joyful Light." Every Catholic, if possible, should attend the three main liturgical services of every holy day and Sunday which are Vespers (Evening Prayer), Matins (Morning Prayer) and the Liturgy. Vespers begins the day, Matins is at the middle and public works finishes with the Liturgy and the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Communion. So, just as you should attend every Great Vespers each Sunday morning (in secular time, Saturday evening) so too should attend the Forgiveness Vespers which begins The Great Fast. Also, when you attend all three of the services of a Holy Day, all the unique prayers for that day will tell what is happening. The Great Fast is focused on preparing us for the Holiest of Holy Days, Pascha, and Forgiveness Vespers begins that story and prayer ordering us toward the center of our salvation, we should do our best to make an honest effort toward spiritual healing of our entire body and the entire body of Christ, His Church. The focus of Forgiveness Vespers is us looking at ourselves honestly and trying to grow in love for one another. This is because we are all

created in the image and likeness of God and we will succeed together and need one another to conquer sin. So Forgiveness Vespers is a very important and critical first step in beginning The Great Fast. These services could also be considered to be working in us for healing (beginning), working (middle) and succeeding (end) when we receive the Risen Christ in Holy Communion we are in Heaven on Earth, and the first step on this path is The Forgiveness Vespers. The call to love one another as God loves us often first entails forgiving one another for wrongs we have done to others, or forgiveness we have not granted to those who ask us. If we cannot forgive or accept forgiveness, we cannot be like God, for as St. John tells us, "God is love" (agape, 1 John 4:8). If we begin with forgiving others and accepting their offers of apology for hurting us, our offerings of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will be more authentic and meaningful. One last comment that is always true, every Holy Day and every service is an opportunity to be with God. Take advantage of this opportunity to turn to God and be with God.