

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Sunday before Christmas

Sunday of the Ancestors

SAT DEC 17: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Betty & Joseph Smulek Sr. by Drumsta Family

SUN DEC 18: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday before Christmas Sunday of the Ancestors

MON DEC 19: Voniface Martyr READ Mark8:11-21

TUES DEC 20: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Nicholas Biloskirka by Biloskirka Family

WED DEC 21: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Kathleen Izak by Jean & David Pedley

THURS DEC 22: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessings for Toni & Dennis Lilik by Myronyuk Family

FRI DEC 23: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessings for Olya & Serhiy Vyshyvatsky by Family

SAT DEC 24: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy & Z Namy Boh

SUN DEC 25: 11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Christmas Sunday

Collection Basket

12/3 & 12/4 \$1169

12/10 & 12/11 \$1411

Thank you to last week's counters

Dorothy Kowalchick & Debbie Dommes

Next Week's Counters are:

Dave Pedley and Linda Gerrity

Happy Birthday!

Birthdays December 17 - 23

Debbie Dommes - Dec. 19

Maria Black – Dec. 21

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning December 17, 2022

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| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Michael Trusz
For: + Olga Trusz - 2nd anniversary of blessed repose DEC 18 |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Linda Gerrity
For: Our Lady's protection of Ukraine |
| 3 | Proskomedia Candles
\$10 | By: Mark and Leslie Izak
For: God's Blessings for Paul and Helen Ewasko |
| 4 | 2 Tetrapod Candles
\$10 | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
For: I.M.O. + Soldiers, + Civilians, + Refugees of Ukraine |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: Blessings at Christmas for Dr. Ken & Karen Lilik |
| 6 | Mary Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Biloskirka Children
For: I.M.O. +Nicholas and +Nadia Biloskirka |
| 7 | St. Nicholas
\$5 | By: Fetch Family
For: I.M.O. + Steve Yarem |
| 8 | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: I.M.O. + Mr. & + Mrs. Joseph Laskowski, our parents |
| 9 | Jesus Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Stella Patrick
For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health and God's Blessings upon Andrea Wells |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue
\$10 | By: Lilik Family
For: Deliverance of Ukraine and Protection of her Defenders |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Servant of God
For: Special Intention |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: I.M.O. + Ihor Shablovsky |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Carol Tutka
For: + Ann Rose Tutka - anniversary of blessed repose DEC 24 |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Linda Pirritano
For: I.M.O. + Joseph and + Esther Linko |

CONFESSION

For anyone that would like to receive the holy sacrament of confession you can let Father Myron know and set up a time either before or after Liturgy from Tuesday through Saturday.

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viky!

Divine Liturgies: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.,

Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin

OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

635 North River St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18705

Sick calls / Communion calls / Home visits/ Emergencies: call parish office.

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY – SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS
(Sung to the melody of “O Little Town of Bethlehem”)

O come, you lovers of the feasts! With gladness let us raise,
For Patriarchs and Prophets blest a hymn of thankful praise!
For Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and his seed
Whose covenant with God endured, we give you praise indeed!

Believers, let us praise this day the fathers on faith's trek;
For Adam, Enoch, Noah and the great Melchizedek!
For prophets like Isaiah, for Daniel and the youths,
Who in the face of evil, still proclaimed Your holy truths.

For Miriam, Sarah, Rachel fair, for Hannah and for Eve,
For all the mothers, who conceived and bore those to believe
That God would keep his promise, we give you thanks this day;
So give us grace, in all our deeds, to serve you, as did they!

O Bethlehem, prepare yourself, O Ephrathah, rejoice!
The gate of Eden's open wide! Cry out with joy filled voice;
Our Christ makes haste to come now and brings us back to grace.
Prepare your hearts, your homes, you lives! Give Christ the finest place!

1. PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 – Christmas Eve 4 PM (excerpts from the Great Compline Service-God is with us) and Divine Liturgy**
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 – 11:30 AM Divine Liturgy**
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 – Divine Liturgy 4 PM (regular time)**
- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 – Divine Liturgy 9 AM (please note NEW TIME FOR SUNDAY LITURGY)**
- **SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 – Ukraine Benefit Dinner (takeout)**
- **SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 – Pyrohly**
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 – Pork Dinner**
- **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – Pyrohly**
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 25 – Pyrohly**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. CHANGE FOR SUNDAY LITUGY TIME FOR 2023

From January 1, 2023,our Divine Liturgy will start at 9 AM

3. 2023 CHURCH ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS

2023 CHURCH ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS are available in the back of the church. Please notify Father Myron of any discrepancies.

4. THANK YOU

Thank you to Edward Chomko Funeral Home and Cremation Services for once again sponsoring the cost of the church calendars!!!!

5. CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER-GIFT A GIFT TO HONOR UKRAINE TO YOUR LOVED ONES! PERFECT STOCKING STUFFER!

Ukrainian "Vinok" Christmas ornaments on sale now. They are on display in the vestibule of the church where you will find order forms. Cost is \$7 each. The Vinok is a type of wreath that is worn by girls in traditional Ukrainian culture. Available in the vestibule of the church after each Divine Liturgy.

Make checks payable to: "St. Vladimir's Church" Please do not mail your orders or put them into the collection basket. Thank you for your support.

6. DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE

We are now collecting over the counter flu, cough and cold medications to ship to Ukraine for the winter season.

7. WORKERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH DECORATING ON WEDNESDAY

The Decorating of the Church for the Christmas season will take place this Wednesday, December 21st, beginning at 11:00am. Workers will be needed to set up the Manger, set up Christmas trees, hang Wreaths, arrange Flowers, string Lights, change Candles, and more. Come and join us.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. DECEMBER PYROHY SALE RAISES OVER \$2,500!

This month's Christmas Pyrohy Project was a Huge success for St. Vladimir's Church. Thanks to the hard work of Parish Volunteers, 370 dozen were made and sold. Income was \$2,965, expenses were \$448.71, for a Profit of \$2,516.29. Thank You to everyone who made and bought our delicious Pyrohy.

9. THE UKRAINIAN NUTCRACKER THIS FRIDAY IN JENKINTOWN

The Voloshky School of Ukrainian Dance presents "The Ukrainian Nutcracker"

this Friday, December 23rd, 3:00pm & 7:00pm, at Abington Friends School, 575 Washington Lane in Jenkintown. Featuring Oksana Maslova, principal dancer, Philadelphia Ballet. Purchase tickets at Voloshkyschool.ticketleap.com. A portion of ticket sales will be used to help children affected by the war in Ukraine.

10. CHRISTMAS EVE IS A DAY OF FASTING

A reminder that next Saturday, December 24th, the Vigil of the Nativity, No Meat may be Eaten. This is a Day of Fasting for Ukrainian Catholics. Please Honor this Regulation of the Church.



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Please include in your prayers those members of our parish who are in hospitals, care homes, rehabilitation facilities & those who are not able to join us actively in our church community.

Mountain View

Irene Slagan

Allied Rehab

Anastasia Korman

Home

Andrea Geraghty

Stella Patrick

Stanley Krupinski

Helen Ewasko

Home

Dr. Walter Dobushak

Sophia Soniak

Jean Chomko

John Monsul

Julie Yevich

Charles Drumsta

Regina Kozel

Andrea Wells

Home

Doris Romancho

Mary Warholak

Dorothy Kowalchick

Michael McConnell

Vera Krewsun

Mary Tucker

Ronald Kozak

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Tropar—Tone 3

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.

Festal Tropar—Tone 2

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.

Festal Kondak—Tone 6

Armed by the Being that defies description, You defied the manmade 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.

Prokimen of the Ancestors—Tone 4

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 for us.

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

EPISTLE — Hebrews 11:9-10; 17-23; 32-40

"A READING FROM THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE EPISTLE TO THE
HEBREWS"

Brothers and Sisters, by faith Abraham stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead--and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, "bowing in worship over the top of his staff." By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial. By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets--who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawed in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented--of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

ALLELUIA

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the work
You did in their days.

You saved us from our oppressors, and put to shame those who hate us.

GOSPEL — Matthew 1:1-25

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son
of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the
father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by
Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and
Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and
Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and
Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the
father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of
Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of
Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat,
and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and
Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the
father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the
father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of
Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel,
and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud,
and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the
father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of
Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and

Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Communion Verses

Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the highest!
Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.
Alleluia! (3x)