

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

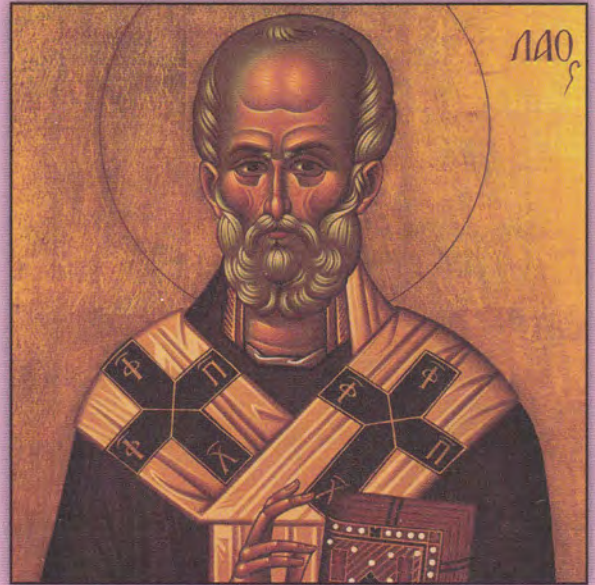


Icon of the Sunday of the Forefathers

CHRISTMAS AND THEOPHANY THE INCARNATION AND MANIFESTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker
December 6th

We have gathered to celebrate and to praise with song the model of bishops and a glory to the fathers, a fountain of miracles and a great helper of believers. Let us sing to the saintly Nicholas: Rejoice, O Protector of Myra who was revered as its leader and strongest pillar. Rejoice, O Radiant Star whose light of miracles shines throughout the world. Rejoice, O Divine Joy to those in sorrow. Rejoice, O Defender of those who are oppressed; for even now, all-holy Nicholas, you still pray to God for us who celebrate your feast with faith and who honor you with zeal and joy.



Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs



Today we commemorate the ancestors of Christ. Sing with fervor a hymn of praise to Christ the Savior who exalted them among all nations. He is the Lord who does wondrous deeds because He is powerful and mighty. From them He brought forth a royal scepter, the immaculate maiden of God and virgin Mary. From her, Christ our God came forth to give life and eternal salvation for all. O believers, let us give praise today to all the Fathers who lived before the Law: Abraham who was beloved by God, Isaac who was born according to the promise, Jacob and the twelve Patriarchs, the very meek David and the favored prophet Daniel. Let us also glorify with them the three youths who changed the fiery furnace into a place of refreshing dew. Let us beg forgiveness of our sins from Christ our God who is glorified in his saints.

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

He who is carried by the Cherubim has taken human nature in the abode of the immaculate womb. He has come to earth to be born of the tribe of Judah. The holy cave has been adorned like a splendid palace for the King of all; the manger, like a ruby throne. The Virgin will place the Child into it for the renewal of his boundless creation.

Having conceived in a manner beyond understanding, the Virgin places You into the manger of the dumb animals, O eternal Word of God, because You come to pardon the ignorance that I acquired through the envy of the serpent. You come to be wrapped in swaddling clothes in order to break the chains and fetters of my sins. O only-blessed One and Lover of Mankind, I most joyfully glorify, extol, and adore You and your coming in the flesh; for through You I have been freed.



Nativity of Our Lord December 25th

Because the Lord Jesus was born of the holy Virgin, all creation is enlightened. Behold! The shepherds keep watch and the Magi are adoring; the angels are singing hymns of praise and Herod is trembling; for the Savior of our souls has revealed himself in the flesh.

O Christ, what shall we offer You for your coming on earth in our humanity for our sake? Every creature that has its being from You gives thanks to You: the angels offer hymns of praise, the heavens give a star; the Magi present their gifts and the shepherds, their wonder; the earth provides a cave and the desert, a manger. As for us, we offer a Virgin Mother. O God who are from all eternity, have mercy on us.



*Synaxis of the Holy Mother of God
December 26th*

O Christ our God, your kingdom is eternal, and your reign is from generation to generation. You became incarnate of the Holy Spirit and became man from the ever-virgin Mary. Your coming, O Christ, has shed a great light upon us. You are the Light of Light and the radiance of the Father. You have illumined the whole creation. Therefore, everything that breathes sings a hymn of praise to You. You are the image of the Father's glory. You are the eternal God, existing before all ages, who shone forth from the Virgin. O Lord our God, have mercy on us.

Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth. Today Bethlehem receives the One who at all times sits with the Father. Today the angels sing the praises of the newborn infant. Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and good will to all.



*Saint Basil the Great
January 1st*

O venerable Father, you became a lover of wisdom, preferring life with God to all possessions of the world. Your contemplation of death made you forsake the wealth of the earth, and by your perseverance in fastings, you overcame the sting of passions. By study of the divine law you preserved the freedom within your soul.

By your generous practice of virtue you subjected the passions of the flesh to the spirit. You renounced the flesh, the world, and the princes of the earth; now you stand in the presence of Christ. Intercede with Him for great mercy upon our souls.



Theophany of Our Lord in the Jordan
January 6th

O our Savior, the armies of angels trembled when they saw You baptized by your servant, and the Holy Spirit bearing witness and descending, and when they heard the voice of the Father speaking from heaven: This One upon whom the Forerunner lays his hands is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. O Christ our God, glory to You! O God and Lord, when you resolved to save those who had strayed from You, You condescended to take the form of a servant, for it was fitting that You assumed our human nature for us. And when You were baptized in the flesh, O our Redeemer, it made us worthy of your forgiveness. Therefore, we cry out to You: O Christ our God, our Benefactor, glory to You!



Synaxis of John the Baptist
January 7th

When the Jordan River received You, O Fountainhead, the Comforter descended in the form of a dove. Now behold the marvel: the One who bowed the heavens bows his head to the Forerunner, and the one made of clay cries out to his Maker: Why do You command me to perform what is beyond my power? It is I who need to be baptized by You. O Christ our God, O Sinless One, glory to You!

I manifest myself as completely human. I who am rich have willingly become poor, so that I may enrich with incorruption and deliverance all the poor. Come! Baptize the One who is not subject to corruption and who frees the world from decay.



*All text from Vesper Stichera, The Festal Menaion,
Sisters of Saint Basil, Uniontown, PA*

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Sunday of Forefathers

SAT. DECEMBER 16: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy Harry & Anna Kowalchick
by Dorothy Kowalchick & Family

SUN DECEMBER 17: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of Forefathers
Gods blessings to all Parishioners

MON. DECEMBER 18: Sebastian & Others READ Mark 9:42-10:1

TUE. DECEMBER 19: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for Marie Derkasch

WED. DECEMBER 20: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Anna Dacyk by Zenobia Topasz

THU. DECEMBER 21: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy Gods healing for Victor Fleck

FRI. DECEMBER 22: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +John Shea by Sophie Soniak

SAT. DECEMBER 23: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Nicholas Biloskirka by Boris Biloskirka

SUN DECEMBER 24: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of Ancestors Sunday Before Christmas
9:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy Christmas Eve

Collection Basket



December 9 & 10 \$ 2653

We thank last week counters:

Helen Pietryka & Dorothy Kowalchick

Next in Line

Dave Pedley & Mike Stec

DECEMBER 16-21

Happy Birthday!

Debbie Dommes - Dec. 19

Maria Black - Dec. 21

Sasha Kazysta - Dec. 21

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER ILLNESS

O Lord, You feel the pain of the world.
Look down upon all the sick and suffering.
Enfold them in Your love that in the midst of pain they might find Your presence.
To doctors and nurses, grant tender hearts and healing hands
and give health again in body and soul
to those that are ill for the sake of Your tender mercy.
Amen

Announcements

1. TENTATIVE CHURCH SCHEDULE 2017

- DECEMBER 18 – DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

2. CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

- SUNDAY DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
 - 10:30 AM FOR SUNDAY
 - 9:30 PM FOR CHRISTMAS EVE
- MONDAY DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS -10:00 AM
- TUESDAY DECEMBER 26 SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS – 10:00 AM
- WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27 STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR – 10:00 AM
- MONDAY JANUARY 1 NEW YEARS DAY – 10:00 AM

3. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2018

- JANUARY 13 – PYROHY
- JANUARY 28 – PRE-LENTEN DINNER
- FEBRUARY 6 – TEXAS ROADHOUSE DINNER (MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW)
- FEBRUARY 10 – PYROHY
- FEBRUARY 12 –FIRST DAY OF LENT
- MARCH 10 – PYROHY
- APRIL 1 - EASTER
- APRIL 15 – EASTER DINNER
- MAY 13 – FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION
- MAY 19 – BUS TRIP TO NYC

Announcements

4. CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for Christmas Tuesday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. Any parishioner wishing to attend is welcome. We will be reviewing Christmas carols and Christmas liturgy.

5. Christmas Decorating

REMINDER - Decorating will begin at 3:00pm Monday, December 18. If there are sufficient volunteers, we could finish the entire project that evening. Tuesday, December 19th at 10:00 a.m. if we need to continue. Please consider giving an hour or two of your valuable time to help dress our church with the beautiful indoor and outdoor Nativity scenes, trees, lights, poinsettias, etc. Do not assume that everyone needs to report at 3:00pm - come anytime you can. Please share this message with others in your family with the hope that the work will not fall upon a very few people.

Thank you for your usual helpfulness. Many hands make light work, please if you can attend let Dave Pedley know.

6. FUND RAISER FOR UKRAINIAN ORPHANS

St. Vladimir's will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" Car Magnets this season in order to raise money for Orphans in Ukraine. These beautiful car magnets sell for \$5 each and are available in the Church Hall. Proceeds will go directly to Ukrainian Orphans. Special thanks to Dr. Olenka Chandoha-Knott for spearheading this worthwhile project. Make your Donation today and receive a Car Magnet!

7. CHRISTMAS PYROHY SALE RAISES OVER \$3,100!

This month's Christmas Pyrohy Project was a Huge success for St. Vladimir's Church. Thanks to the hard work of Parish Volunteers, 525 dozen were made and sold. Total income was \$3,679, expenses were \$493, for a Profit of \$3,186. Thank You to everyone who made and bought our delicious Pyrohy. The next Pyrohy Sale is scheduled for January 13th.

8. REMINDER FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST

Saint Vladimir's still has many of our prayer books for sale they are \$4 a book and \$6 if you would like to have them mailed to a loved one. What a beautiful gift to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus. Please see Father Myron for purchase.

Announcements

9. UPDATE ON OUR PARISH CHRISTMASTIME BUS TRIP

Thank you to the 54 individuals who reserved seats for the very enjoyable December 9th trek to New York City. The sights, the spectacular Christmas decorations, the shopping and the food were a delight and made for some rather nice memories. The event raised \$806.00 of which \$300.00 will be donated to the orphans of the children's institution our parish has "adopted" in Ukraine and the remaining \$506.00 towards the hall air-conditioning project. Our next bus trip will be on Saturday, May 19, 2018 to visit the 911 Memorial Museum at Ground Zero and the 45th annual St. George Ukrainian Street Festival on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Dave Pietryka and Paul Ewasko will coordinate. Details will be announced in mid January.

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY-SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS (Sung to the melody of "Hark! The herald angels sing")

Let us now praise famous men, tell their stories once again.

Ruling kingdoms in their might, known for valor in men's sight.

**Those with counsel true and wise, those who saw with prophet's eyes-
Those who wrote the psalms we sing; those who taught the sage and king.**

For their gifts and witness Lord, we sing praise with one accord.

Those were honored in their age – priest and monarch, prophet sage-

And have left behind a name, which their children e'er can claim.

Others, though, have run this race, vanished, leaving not a trace,

As if they had never been, they and children after them.

For their gifts and witness Lord, we sing praise with one accord.

**These, the godly ones, we praise, who endured the darkest days,
Covenanted, Lord, with You, and Whose grace has seen them through.**

All our hymns of praise we bring for their steadfastness, O King!

From their seed, upon this earth, You have taken humble birth.

For their gifts and witness Lord, we sing praise with one accord.



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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.

Mid-Valley Nursing Home

Mary Wasylyniak

Linwood Nursing Home

Dolores Zapotochny

Mountain View

Sylvester Cybroski

Lackawanna Health Care Center

Antonietta Kohut

Allied

Victor Fleck

Home

Walter Dobushak

Kay Futrigo

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Ann Tutka

John Monsul

Home

Stella Patrick

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Doris Romancho

Mary Warholak

Dorothy Kowalchick

Irene Slagan

Michael McConnell

Olga Trusz

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning December 16, 2017

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| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Marlene Laskowski
For : I.M.O. +George Marinchak, Jr. (brother) –Birthday remembrance |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Health and God's Blessings for Adam Ruane |
| 3 | Proskomedia Candles
\$10 | By: Fr. Myron and the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
For : Priestly ordination anniversary blessings -- Bishop Andriy Rabiyy |
| 4 | 2 Tetrapod Candles
\$10 | By: Linda Gerrity
For: I.M.O. +Stefan Sydor |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Maria Black
For: Birthday Blessings for Laurel Black |
| 6 | Mary Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Nadia Biloskirka
For: I.M.O. +Nicholas Biloskirka |
| 7 | St. Nicholas
\$5 | By: Marlene Laskowski
For: I.M.O. +Joseph E. Laskowski, Sr. |
| 8 | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Sharmayne Tucker
For: Health & God's Blessings for Walter Tucker, Jr. |
| 9 | Jesus Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Stella Patrick
For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Walter Skula
For: I.M.O. +Dorothy Skula |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue
\$10 | By: Servants of God
For: +souls in purgatory |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Parish Family of St Vladimir's Church
For: Health and God's Blessings for orphans in Ukraine |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Fr. Myron and the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
For: God's Blessings for the Sick and Disabled |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Olenka and John Knott
For: Health of David Pedley |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: Health of Ihor Shablovsky |

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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Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin

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Pennsylvania

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

Come and Do Not Delay

Let no one delay in coming to the supper. Let us put aside all idle wicked excuses, and come to supper in which our souls are fed. Let no swelling of pride keep us back, or lift us above ourselves; and neither let unlawful superstition frighten us, or turn us away from God. Let not the delights of the senses keep us from the delights of the soul. Let us come, and let us be feasted. And who have come but the poor and the feeble and the lame and the blind? But the rich have not come there, nor the healthy, who as it were could walk well and see clearly, sure of themselves, and the more arrogant were they, the more endangered.

Let the poor come, for He who invites us, though rich, became poor for our sakes, that by His poverty we might be made rich.

Let the feeble come, for they who are in

health do not need the physician, but they that are ill. Let the lame come. Let the blind come.

Compel them to come in. I have prepared a great supper, a great house: I shall allow no place there to remain empty.

The Gentiles came from the streets and the lanes. Let the heretics come from the hedges; here they will find peace. For they who make hedges are seeking to bring about divisions. Let them be drawn from the hedges; let them be plucked free of the thorns. They refuse to be compelled, and they cling to their hedges. Let us, they say, come in of our will. But this is not what the Lord commanded. Compel them, He says, to come in.

St. Augustine of Hippo

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