

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS



Icon of the Nativity of Our Lord

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Sunday Before Christmas

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

MON. DECEMBER 25: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Christmas - Birth of Our Lord

TUE. DECEMBER 26: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Synaxis of the Theotokos
Gods blessing for David & Jean Pedley by Walter Skula

WED. DECEMBER 27: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Stephen Protomartyr
Gods healing for Steven Patrick by Friends

THU. DECEMBER 28: 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia READ Mark 11:27-33

FRI. DECEMBER 29: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Anna Dacyk by Tatiana Kraasee

SAT. DECEMBER 30: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy Gods blessing for Mark & Leslie Izak
by Walter Skula

SUN DECEMBER 31: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday After Christmas
New Year's Eve

Collection Basket

December 16 & 17 \$ 4933

We thank last week counters:

Dave Pedley & Mike Stec

Next in Line

Mike Trusz & Olenka Chandoha-Knott

DECEMBER 22-29

Happy Birthday!

Helen Ewasko - Dec. 25

Dolores Zapotochny - Dec. 28

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. 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

2. 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

3. A GIFT FOR YOU

Attached to this bulletin is a special insert, which covers the highlights of all our holy days of the Christmas and Theophany season. We purchased these leaflets for your spiritual enrichment. Please save the insert and take time to read it during this holy season.

1. Children's Religious Education Classes

There will be no classes on December 24 and 31. Classes will resume January 7, all teachers wish their students a blessed, safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

2. SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY ON TUESDAY

The celebration of Christmas continues on Tuesday with the Synaxis of the Mother of God Holy Day. Divine Liturgy will be held at 10:00am. Please come to Church as we continue to Honor the Mother of God.

3. ST. STEPHEN HOLY DAY ON WEDNESDAY

The Feast of St. Stephen, who was the first Martyr, is this Wednesday, December 27th. Divine Liturgy will take place at 10:00am. Everyone is invited to continue the Christmas celebration by coming to Church again on Tuesday to Honor this special Saint.

4. 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!

5. ATTENTION PARISHIONERS 2018 ENVELOPES

2017 church envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please pick up and deliver boxes for those who are unable to do so. Please let Father Myron know if you have any questions.

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the
faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the
Lord!

Psalm 117

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, your lives! Give Christ the finest place!

Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light
and peace.

Pope Francis



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Mid-Valley Nursing Home

Mary Wasyluniak

Linwood Nursing Home

Dolores Zapotochny

Mountain View

Sylvester Cybroski

Lackawanna Health Care Center

Antonieta Kohut

Allied

Victor Fleck

Home

Walter Dobushak

Kay Futrago

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Ann Tutka

John Monsul

Home

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Mary Tucker

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Walter Skula

Doris Romancho

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Dorothy Kowalchick

Irene Slagan

Michael McConnell

Olga Trusz

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning December 23, 2017

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| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Marlene Laskowski
For : special intention |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Frank, Pat and Kristen Waznak
For: I.M.O. +Mereslow and +Lovie Kenjerski |
| 3 | Proskomedia Candles
\$10 | By: Izak Family
For :- I.M.O. +Fr. Bohdan and +Pani Maria Izak |
| 4 | 2 Tetrapod Candles
\$10 | By: Mom and Dad
For: Christmas blessings for Kristen Waznak |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Sharmayne and Walter Tucker Jr.
For: I.M.O. +Paul and +Betty Schwenk |
| 6 | Mary Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Nadia Biloskirka
For: I.M.O. +Nicholas Biloskirka |
| 7 | St. Nicholas
\$5 | By: Sharmayne Tucker
For: Health & God's Blessings for Walter Tucker, Jr. |
| 8 | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Marlene Laskowski
For: I.M.O. +Joseph E. Laskowski, S.: |
| 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: Ann Tutka and daughter Carol
For: I.M.O. +Tutka and +Krasowski Families |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: Health of Ihor Shablovsky |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Husband Paul
For: Birthday Blessings upon Helen Ewasko |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Sharmayne and Walter Tucker Jr.
For: I.M.O. +Walter Tucker Sr. and +Thomas Tucker |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Linda Pirritano
For: I.M.O. +Joseph 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 10:30 a.m.,

Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin

**OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter & Paul, 47 Rittenhouse Street, Simpson,
Pennsylvania**

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

Remember Your Dignity

Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness.

No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all. Let the saint rejoice as he sees the palm of victory at hand. Let the sinner be glad as he receives the offer of forgiveness. Let the pagan take courage as he is summoned to life.

In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depths of God's wisdom, the Son of God took for Himself our common humanity in order to reconcile it with its creator. He came to overthrow the devil, the origin of death, in that very nature by which he had overthrown mankind.

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: Glory to God in the highest, and they pro-

claim peace to his people on earth as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism you have become a temple of the Holy Spirit. Do not drive away so great a guest by evil conduct and become again a slave to the devil, for your liberty was bought by the blood of Christ.

St. Leo the Great

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