

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS



*Icon of the Parable of the Great Feast*

**Divine Liturgy Guide**

**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

**Sunday of the Forefathers**

SAT DECEMBER 15: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Stefan Sydor by Linda Gerrity

SUN DECEMBER 16: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Gods blessings for His People  
Sunday of the Forefathers

MON. DECEMBER 17: Daniel Great Prophet READ Mark 9:42-10:1

TUE. DECEMBER 18: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for St. Vladimir volunteers


WED. DECEMBER 19: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Nicholas Biloskirka by Boris Biloskirka

THU. DECEMBER 20: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Thanksgiving for health by John Gaffney

FRI. DECEMBER 21: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Helen & William Lesek by Maroldo Family

SAT DECEMBER 22: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for Stefan & John Tutka

SUN DECEMBER 23: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Gods blessings for His People  
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**Collection Basket** 

**Dec 8 & 9 \$ Next weeks bulletin**

**We thank last week counters:**

**Helen Pietryka & Dorothy Kowalchick**

**Next in Line:**

**Dave Pedley and Linda Gerrity**

**Happy Birthday!**

**Birthdays December 15 - 21**

**Debbie Dommies - Dec. 19**

**Maria Black - Dec. 21**

**Sasha Kazysta - Dec. 21**

**SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY-SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS**

The holy Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius, and Orestes, who gave their lives  
for Christ in Armenia.

(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.



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

- CHRISTMAS EVE MON. DEC. 24 AT 9:30PM
- TUE. DEC. 25 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM CHRISTMAS BIRTH OF OUR LORD
- WED. DEC. 26 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS
- THU. DEC.27 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM STEPHEN PROTOMARTYR

SAVE THE DATES PARISH TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2018-2019

- DEC 15 – PYROHY
- DEC 21 – CHRISTMAS DECORATING AT NOON
- JAN 26 - PYROHY
- FEB 24 - PRELENTEN DINNER
- MARCH 4 - BEGINS GREAT FAST (LENT)
- MARCH 9 - PYROHY
- APRIL 6 - PYROHY
- MAY 5 – EASTER DINNER
- MAY 18 - FIRST PENANCE
- MAY 19
  - FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION
  - LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
  - LAST SOCIAL

Announcements

1. Patriarch Calls on Faithful to Unite in Prayer for Ukraine

Patriarch Sviatoslav of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church has urged the faithful to pray for protection from foreign aggression and for the restoration of peace and territorial integrity in Ukraine. "I beg you all: stand up to prayer before God, pray for Ukraine. Pray for our guys who are in captivity. Pray for those who have already been forgotten, and for those who have recently fallen into the hands of the enemy on the Black Sea," said the Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

2. THANK YOU

Thank you to all who made the St. Nicholas play a success! Thank you to all students and their parents who worked very hard to memorize their parts & coming to practices. Thank you Father Myron for teaching the children Christmas carols. Thank you to the teachers who motivated their students, and thank you to the kitchen staff who prepared a delicious St. Nicholas lunch and celebration. May God grant you many happy & healthy years!

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS  
The holy Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Marcellianus, and Grestes, who gave their lives  
THE EDWARD HOME  
Announcements

3. 2019 OFFERINGS/ENVELOPES

2019 envelopes are available in the back of the church. REMINDER: Every married couple or non-dependent single person should be registered and receive envelopes. (Children are considered dependent until after last year of school or college and working). To be considered a member of our parish, regular attendance and use of Church envelopes is important for record keeping. If you are ill and/or aged, of course exceptions apply, but please let Father Myron know. The neglect of regular church attendance and regular use of envelopes can lead to difficulties at the time of baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. If you have used your 2018 envelopes faithfully, no action is needed. If you did not receive Church envelopes in 2018 and would like to receive 2019 envelopes, please let Father know.

4. CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

A reminder that donations for Christmas Flowers can be made this weekend, December 15th & 16th. Please use the specially marked envelope in your collection packet. Your Donations will help us Beautify our Church for the most joyous Christmas season.

5. COOKIE WALK

St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 N. Main St. Pittston, Pa. 18640 is having a "Cookie Walk" on Sunday, December 16th, 2018 in the Church Hall from 10am to 1pm. All cookies are homemade and they are \$10.00 per pound. You may choose your own cookies. In conjunction to the sale, we will have a raffle!! Everyone is welcome and please bring a friend. All proceeds benefit St. Michael's. Call 570-905-7387 with any questions.

6. CHRISTMAS DECORATION

Friday, December 21 - Decorating our church for Christmas begins at 12 noon. Please inform Dave Pedley of your availability - your help is needed and very much appreciated.

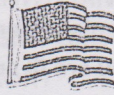


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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

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 Wasyloniak

Linwood Nursing Home

Dolores Zapotochny

Mountain View

Sylvester Cybroski

Nadia Biloskirka

Lackawanna Health Care Center

Antonietta Kohut

Home

Kay Futrago

Stanley Krupinski

John Monsul

Stella Patrick

Ceil Harrison

John Knott

Home

Walter Tucker, Jr.

Mary Tucker

Ronald Kozak

Kathleen Izak

Sharon Selwocki

Ann Cosminski

Walter Skula

Doris Romancho

Mary Warholak

Dorothy Kowalchick

Irene Slagan

Michael McConnell

Olga Trusz

Michael Stec

Kristen Pietryka

**VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning Dec 15, 2018**

1	Hanging Eternal Lamp \$10	By: Marlene Laskowski For: I.M.O. +Deceased members of the Laskowski Family
2	2 Altar Vigil Candles \$10	By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church For: God's Blessings for all our volunteers
3	Proskomedia Candles \$10	By: Servants of God For: +Souls in Purgatory
4	2 Tetrapod Candles \$10	By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church For: God's Blessings for all choir members
5	Jesus Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Fr. Myron and the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church For: Keep the Christ in Christmas
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, Sr.
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: Love and comfort to those who grieve
12	Altar 7 branch Saturday \$5	By: Linda Gerrity For: I.M.O. +Stefan and Ewanna Sydor
13	Altar 7 branch Sunday \$5	By: Linda Gerrity For: I.M.O. +Stefan and Ewanna Sydor
14	Blessed Mother (side altar) \$5	By: Fr. Myron and the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church For: God's Blessings for the Sick and Homebound
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.*

**SAINT VLADIMIR**

**Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church**

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**REVEREND MYRON MYRONYUK, PASTOR Email: myronyukm@yahoo.com**

***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.**

***The Great Feast***

This familiar parable is read in the Church each year just two Sundays before the feast of our Lord's Nativity. In it we are reminded of the great care with which God prepared the way of His incarnation. All of the Law and the Prophets look forward to this moment, the moment when the God-man Jesus Christ comes into the world. He is, in fact, the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets – the goal towards which they were all aiming. The whole world was prepared by them for this great event. As the parable tells us the King – that is God – has prepared a great feast for us and has invited us to come and enter into the joy that He has prepared for us.

Today we begin in earnest to move toward the

feast of the birth of our Incarnate Savior Jesus Christ. Today we are called to see the great preparation that has gone into this event, to marvel at the great love and care of God for us that He would labor so long and with such great care for us. Today we look back at the whole of the history of the people of God and see that it is the history of God's preparation all leading to the moment when He would take flesh, become incarnate and enter the world as a child. We have been given an invitation to come and join the feast, to abandon the world and enter the Kingdom of God, to leave our own life and receive instead the Life of Christ. We have been invited, chosen by God – will we then accept the invitation and choose Him?