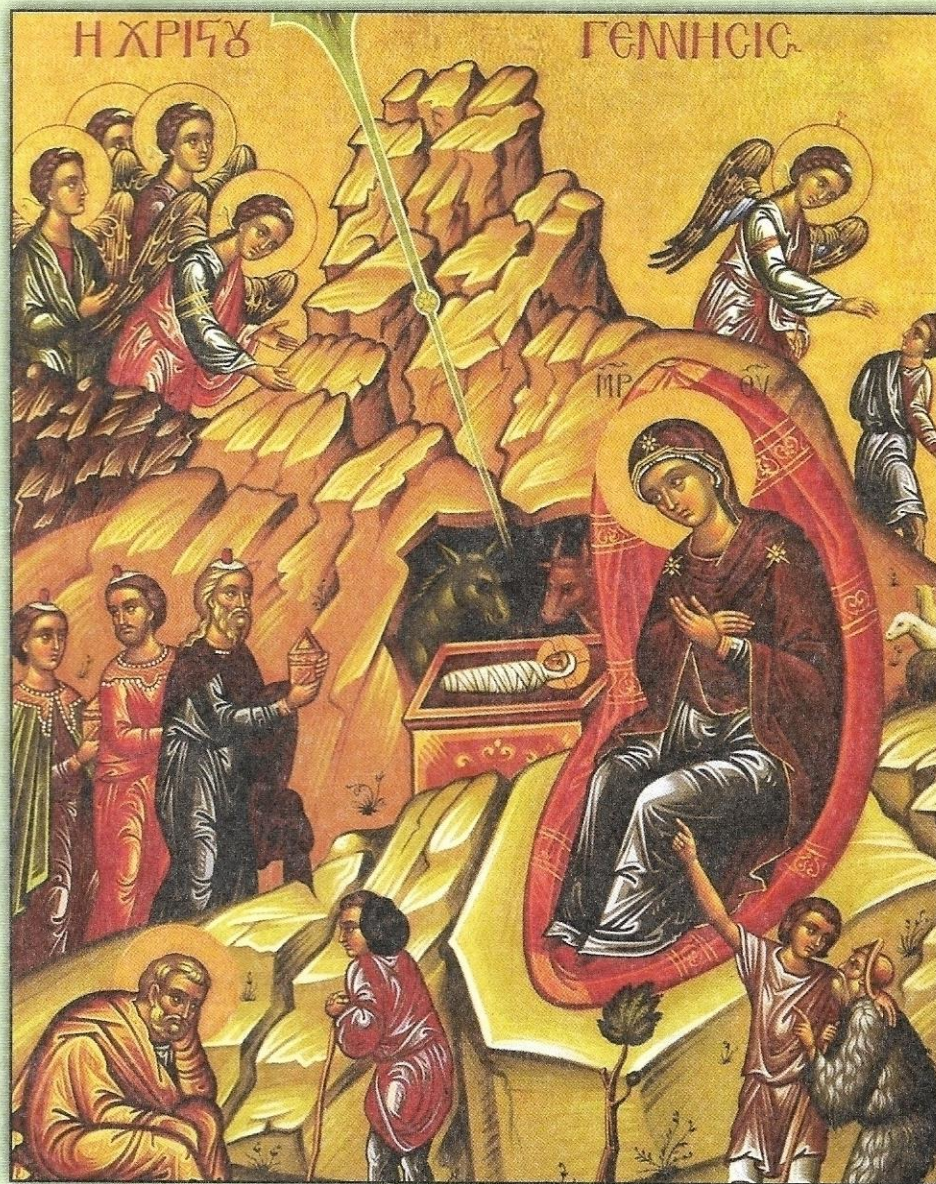


THE SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS



*Icon of the Nativity of Our Lord*

## **Divine Liturgy Guide**

**Sunday, December 22, 2019**

### **Sunday Before Christmas**

SAT DECEMBER 21: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy God's healing & Blessing for Stefan Tutka by Friends

SUN DECEMBER 22: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday Before Christmas  
God's Blessings for His People

MON. DECEMBER 23: Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete READ Mark 10:26-52

TUE. DECEMBER 24: 9:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Great Compline & Divine Liturgy

WED. DECEMBER 25: 10:00 a.m. Christmas -Birth of our Lord

THU. DECEMBER 26: 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Synaxis of the Theotokos  
+Anna Dacyk by Tatiana Kraasee

FRI. DECEMBER 27: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Stephen Protomartyr  
+Tatiana Butovich by Tatiana Kraasee

SAT DECEMBER 28: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Stefan Sydor by Linda Gerrity

SUN DECEMBER 29: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday After Christmas  
God's Blessings for His People

### **Collection Basket**



**We thank last week's counters:**

**Dave Pedley and Linda Gerrity**

**Next in Line:**

**Mike Trusz & Olenka Chandoha-Knott**

### **Happy Birthday and Anniversary !**

**Birthdays December 21 - 27**

**Maria Black - Dec. 21**

**Sasha Kazysta - Dec. 21**

**Helen Ewasko - Dec. 25**

## CALENDER 2019

- December 22: St. Nicholas Play
- December 25: Christmas
- December 29: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (Christmas weekend)



### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



Tue. Dec. 24 9:30 PM Christmas Eve

Wed. Dec. 25 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Christmas -Birth of our Lord

Thu. Dec. 26 Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM Synaxis of the Theotokos

Fri. Dec. 28 Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM Stephen Protomartyr

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. CHRISTMAS EVE IS A DAY OF FASTING

A reminder that on Tuesday, 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.

### 2. SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY ON THURSDAY

The celebration of Christmas continues on Thursday, December 26th, with the Synaxis of the Mother of God Holy Day. Divine Liturgy will be held at 9:30am. Please come to Church as we continue to Honor the Mother of God.

### 3. ST. STEPHEN HOLY DAY ON FRIDAY

The Feast of St. Stephen, who was the first Martyr, is this Friday, December 27th. Divine Liturgy will take place at 9:00am. Everyone is invited to continue the Christmas celebration by coming to Church again on Friday to Honor this special Saint.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 4. SPECIAL THANKS TO DECORATORS OF OUR CHURCH

St. Vladimir's would like to thank those who worked hard on Friday in decorating our Church for the Christmas Season. Your commitment and dedication is deeply appreciated.

### 5. 2020 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

St. Vladimir's official 2020 calendars are now available in the back of the Church. Thank You once again to the Edward Chomko Funeral Home for donating these beautiful calendars. Pick yours up today.

### 6. 2020 CHURCH ENVELOPES

2020 church envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please be advised that in order to save money on boxes, only those individuals that have given a recorded offering from December 1, 2018 through December 1, 2019 will be issued a box. If there are any errors or if your box is missing please let Father know.

### 7. WEEKLY VIGIL CANDLES AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP

Honor a loved one by sponsoring a Vigil Candle which will be lit for them for an entire week. These 7-day candles are available with your special intention starting at only \$5. Contact Helen Pagnotti to reserve yours today.

### 8. DIVINE LITURGY REQUESTS BEING ACCEPTED

Divine Liturgy requests are now being accepted for 2020. Liturgies are available Mondays through Saturdays. Please fill out a request form (pink sheet) located in the back of the Church and drop it into the collection basket or give it to Fr. Myron directly. This is your chance to honor a Loved One (Living or Deceased) by requesting a Divine Liturgy in their Honor.

### 9. H.E.L.P. WITH OUR HEATING COSTS

With the cold weather upon us, it is a good time for a reminder that Donations can be made toward our Energy Costs. Please use the H.E.L.P. {Heat, Electric, Light, Power} envelope in your collection packet. Any Donation would be appreciated. With your H.E.L.P., we can continue to keep our buildings warm this Winter.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 10. BULLETIN ADVERTISERS BEING ACCEPTED

If you know of anyone who would like to advertise in our Bulletin, please contact Fr. Myron or Maria Ruane. The prices are very reasonable and will help offset the cost of Bulletin publishing.

### 11. VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Please pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. Perhaps you feel that God may be calling you to service in His Church. If you would like to discuss God's call to a vocation in your life, do not hesitate to contact: Rev. Paul J. Makar, Director of Vocations, Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia. Phone: 1-215-627-0143.

### 12. PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please pray for all the sick of the parish, those who are in nursing facilities, at home, or in the hospital. The list is in the back of the Bulletin. May God bless them always.

### 13. HOMEMADE QUILTS AVAILABLE

The Quilting Club Ladies of Saint Vladimir's Parish has homemade quilts available. There are two sizes baby quilts 45 by 54 for \$40.00 and 90 by 108 for \$150.00 They can be seen on Tuesday mornings in church hall and will also be able to be purchased during Sunday Socials. Any questions or for purchase information please contact: Sophie Soniak- 570-343-4141 or Dorothy Fleck- 570-346-4164

### 14. FOOD DRIVE DECEMBER –

Beginning the first weekend of December we will have boxes for collection of non-perishable food for the month of December. There will be a box in the back of church and in the hall. All food collected will be given to a local food pantry which services local residents in our area. Please be generous. Remember, nothing that needs to be refrigerated. Canned or boxed goods only. Please check expiration dates on any food donated. Only give what you would eat. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**



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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

Antonietta Kohut

Green Ridge Living

Michael Stec

Kay Futrago

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Stella Patrick

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Stefan Tutka

Stanley Krupinski

John Monsul

Ceil Harrison

Regina Kozel

John Knott

Walter Tucker, Jr.

Mary Tucker

Ronald Kozak

Dr. Walter Dobushak

Walter Skula

Sophia Soniak

John Ord

Home

Kathleen Izak

Sharon Selwocki

Ann Cosminski

Doris Romancho

Mary Warholak

Dorothy Kowalchick

Irene Slagan

Michael McConnell

Olga Trusz

Ihor Shablovsky

Kieran Frable

Vera Krewsun

## VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning December 21, 2019

1	Hanging Eternal Lamp \$10	By: Marlene Laskowski For: Special Intention
2	2 Altar Vigil Candles \$10	By: James and Marylee Schirg & Family For: In loving memory or + Mikolaj Zajac
3	Proskomedia Candles \$10	By: Frank, Pat and Kristen Waznak For: I. M. O. + Mereslow and + Lovie Kenjerski
4	2 Tetrapod Candles \$10	By: Carol Tutka For: I. M. O. + Joseph & + Ann Rose Tutka
5	Jesus Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Sharon and Charlie Drumsta For: I. M. O. + Joseph & + Betty Smulek
6	Mary Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Nadia Biloskirka For: I. M. O. + Nicholas Biloskirka
7	St. Nicholas \$5	By: Sharmayne Tucker For: Health and 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: Regina Kozel For: Health of Ihor Shablovsky
12	Altar 7 branch Saturday \$5	By: Carol Tutka For: I. M. O. +Nicholas, +Sarah, +Eleanor Tutka
13	Altar 7 branch Sunday \$5	By: Carol Tutka For: I. M. O. + Alexander and + Caroline Krasowski
14	Blessed Mother (side altar) \$5	By: Paul and Helen Ewasko For: I. M. O. + Grandmother Mary Papura
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.**

***Jesus Our Joy and Peace***

When our Lord and Savior came to earth and made Himself bodily present, the angels appeared in chorus and gave the good news to the shepherds: I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people. We, too, borrow this hymn from these holy angels and announce great joy to you.

Today, very dearly beloved, the people of Christ have been exalted, and the enemies of truth have been humbled. Today, dearly beloved, Christ is in joy, and the Devil in grief. Today, the angels are in exaltation, and the demons in confusion.

Today, Christ, the King of peace, has come forth with His peace and routed all discord, banished dissension, and dissipated conflict. As the brilliance of the sun lights up the sky, so He illumines the Church with the splendor of peace. For, the text says, there has been born to you today a Savior

of the world. O how desirable is the very name of peace! How firm a foundation peace is for the Christian religion, and what a heavenly ornament for the altar of the Lord! What can we utter worthy of peace? Peace is a name of Christ Himself, as even the Apostle says: For Christ is our peace. He it is who has made both one. The two were at variance, not over conflicting opinions or faith, but because of the Devil's envy. But, just as the streets are cleansed when the king comes forth, and the whole city decked with myriad flowers and banners to keep out of sight anything less worthy of the king's countenance, so also now, when Christ the King of peace comes forth, let everything depressing be removed from our midst. While truth is shining, let falsehood be banished, and discord flee, and concord be resplendent.

*St. Peter Chrysologus*