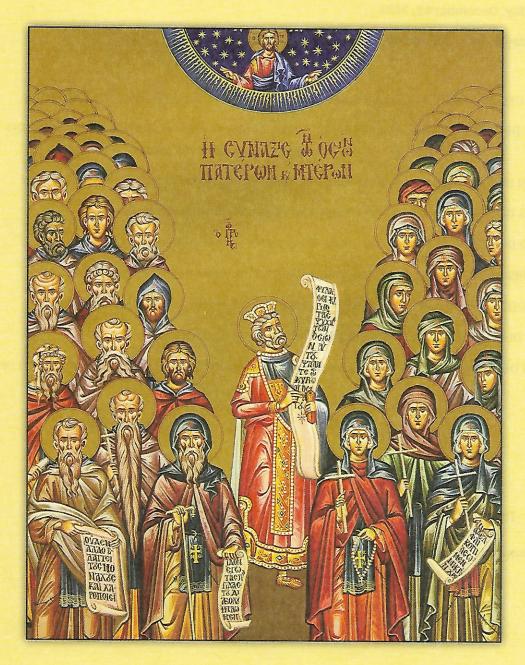
# SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



Icon of the Holy Ancestors

**Divine Liturgy Guide** 

Sunday, December 19, 2021

Sunday before Christmas – Sunday of the Ancestors

SAT DEC 18: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy God's healing for Andrea Wells by The Lilik Family

SUN DEC 19: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday before Christmas -Sunday of the Ancestors God's blessing for His people

MON DEC 20: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessing for our Parish Elderly by The Lilik Family

TUES DEC 21: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Margaret by Berezovski Family

WED DEC 22: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessing for Dennis Lilik by Toni Lilik

THURS DEC 23: 8:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessing for Helen Pagnotti by John Mackar

FRI DEC 24: 9:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy Christmas Eve Povesherie and Divine Liturgy

SAT DEC 25: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Christmas - Birth of our Lord

SUN DEC 26: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday After Christmas God's blessing for His people

Collection Basket

12/11 & 12/12 \$4019

Thank you to last week's counters

**Dorothy Kowalchick & Debbie Dommes** 

Next Week's Counters are:

Dave Pedley and Linda Gerrity

**Happy Birthday!** 

December 18 - 24

Debbie Dommes - Dec. 19

Maria Black - Dec. 21

Sasha Kaysta - Dec. 21

#### **CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE**

- Christmas Eve 9:30PM Compline with Divine Liturgy
  - Christmas Day 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

A reminder that on Friday, 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. ST. VLADIMIR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS SELLING CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS
Christmas ornaments are for sale \$5.00/each benefiting St. Francis of
Assisi Kitchen, Scranton, PA. The ornaments are on the Christmas tree in
the church hall. Decorate your Christmas tree or give as a gift his
Christmas season. Do as St. Nicholas would do and help the poor.

## 3. 2022 CHURCH CALENDARS

2022 church calendars are available near the envelopes in the back of the church. We are grateful that once again they are donated by Edward J. Chomko Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Thank you!

### 4. DIVINE LITURGY REQUESTS BEING ACCEPTED

Divine Liturgy requests are now being accepted for 2022. 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.

#### 5. 2022 CHURCH ENVELOPES

2022 church envelopes are available in the back of the church. If there are any corrections or questions, please let Father Myron know. If you know of any home bound parishioners that cannot pick them up, please be so kind as to deliver them. Envelopes are issued only to those who have used them last year. (Within the last 12 month period).

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# 6. SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY NEXT SUNDAY

The celebration of Christmas continues next Sunday, December 26th, with the Synaxis of the Mother of God Holy Day. Divine Liturgy will be held at the usual time of 10:30am. Please come to Church as we continue to Honor the Mother of God.

#### 7. 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.

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

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

## 9. 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.

#### 10. METROPOLITAN BORYS VISITS KIEV

Archbishop Borys Gudziak participated in the annual meetings of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Kyiv. The subject of this year's discussion was Ethic Based Decision Making for the World in Crisis. "When I come to Ukraine, I see not only crises and problems, but also freshness, the desire to move forward. I am convinced that this laboratory of truth, courage in the face of brutality, violence and war will bear abundant fruit both within the country and for the wider world," stated Archbishop Borys.



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# VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning December 18, 2021

1	Hanging Eternal Lamp	By: + Marlene Laskowski
	\$10	For: God's Blessing on the Laskowski Family
2	2 Altar Vigil Candles	By: Mom and Dad
	\$10	For: Christmas Blessings for Kristen Waznak
3	Proskomedia Candles	By: Izak Family
	\$10	For: I.M.O. + Rev. Bohdan and + Pani Maria Izak
4	2 Tetrapod Candles	By: Pat, Frank and Kristen Waznak
	\$10	For: I.M.O + Mereslow and + Lovie Kenjerski
5	Jesus Vigil at Iconostas	By: Regina Kozel
	\$5	For: I.M.O. + Ihor Shablovsky
6	Mary Vigil at Iconostas	By: Biloskirka Children
	\$5	For: I. M. O. + Nicholas and + Nadia Biloskirka
7	St. Nicholas	By: Sharmayne Tucker
	\$5	For: I.M.O. + Walter Tucker, Jr.
8	St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas	By: + Marlene Laskowski
	\$5	For: I. M. O. + Joseph E. Laskowski, Sr
9	Jesus Entrance Vigil	By: Stella Patrick
	\$5	For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick
10	Mary Entrance Vigil	By: Regina Kozel
	\$5	For: Christmas Blessings for Stella Patrick
11	Mother of God Statue	By: Dolan Family
	\$10	For: I.M.O. + Jack Ord
12	Altar 7 branch Saturday	By: His children
	\$5	For: I.M.O. + Andrew J. Izak
13	Altar 7 branch Sunday	By: Kristen Waznak
	\$5	For: Christmas Blessings for Pat and Frank Waznak
14	Blessed Mother (side altar)	By: Paul and Helen Ewasko
	\$5	For: Health and God's Blessings upon Sophie Soniak
15	Jesus (side altar)	By: Carol Tutka
	\$5	For: I.M.O. +Ann Rose Tutka, anniversary of blessed repose DEC 24

#### **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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# The Story of the Origin of Jesus Christ, Son of David, and the Rest of the Names

Matthew's genealogy is extraordinarily comprehensive in his theology of the roots of Jesus' story in the Old Testament. But that is only one part of the story of Jesus Christ. The story has a sequence as well; and the continuing sequence is what makes the genealogy "good news" for Matthew's audience and for us. Human being have been empowered to preserve, proclaim, and convey the salvation brought by Jesus Christ throughout history. The God who wrote the beginnings with crooked lines also writes the sequence with crooked lines, and some of those lines are our own lives and witness.

A God who did not hesitate to use the scheming as well as the noble, the impure as well as the pure, men to whom the world hearkened and women upon whom the world frowned – this God continues to work through the same melange. If it was a challenge to recognize in the last part of

Matthew's genealogy that totally unknown people were part of the story of Jesus Christ, it may be a greater challenge to recognize that the unknown characters of today are an essential part of the sequence. The proclamation of that genealogy in the Advent liturgy is designed to give us hope about our destiny and our importance.

By stressing the all-powerful grace of God, the genealogy presents its greatest challenge to those who will accept only an idealized Jesus Christ whose story they would write only with straight lines and whose portrait they would paint only in pastel colors. If we look at the whole story and the total picture, the Gospels teach us that Jesus' ministry was not thus; the history of the church teaches us that the sequence as not thus. God's grace can work even with people like us.

Father Raymond E. Brown, S.S.