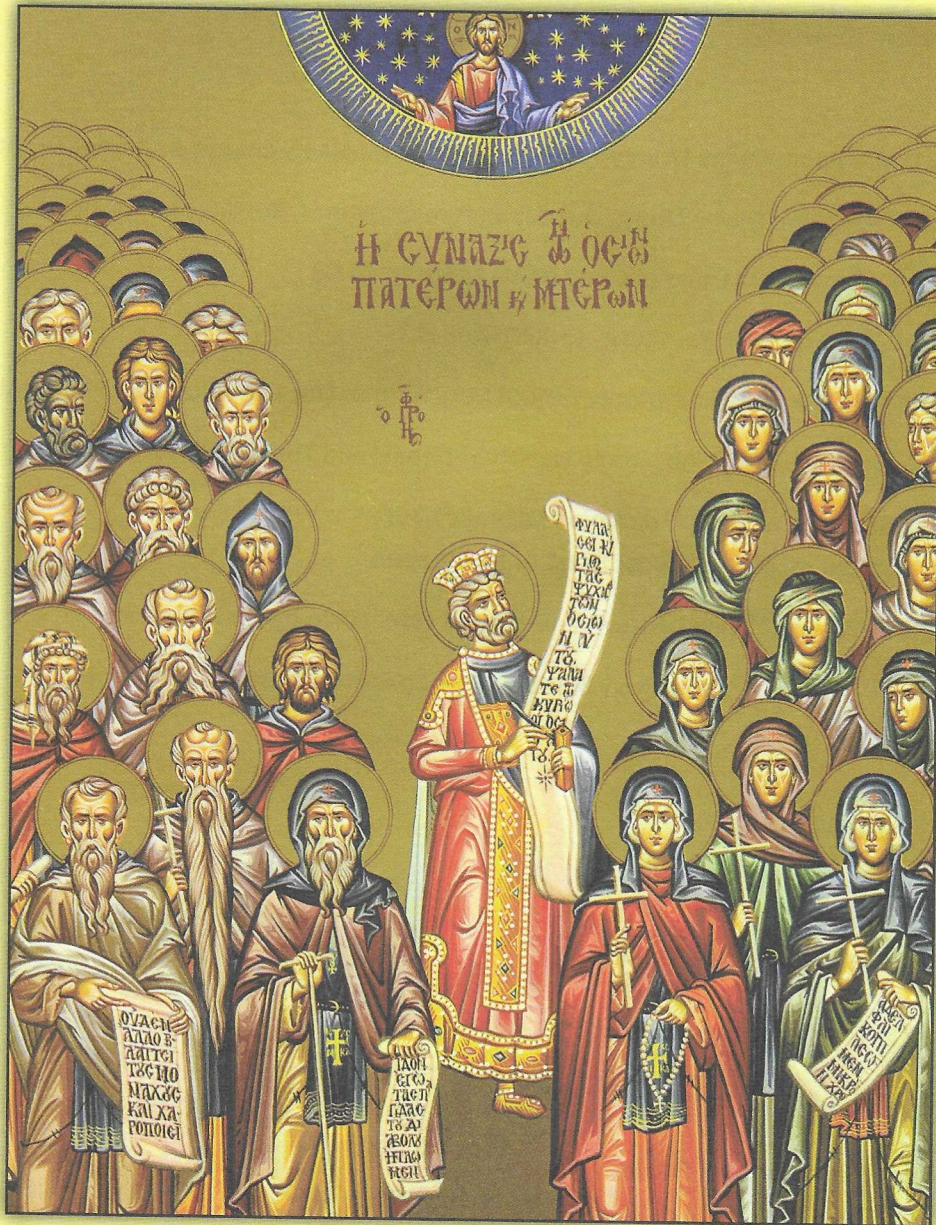


SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS



Icon of the Holy Ancestors

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Sunday Before Christmas

SAT DEC 21: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Joseph & Betty Smulek by Sharon & Charles Drumsta

SUN DEC 22: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday Before Christmas Blessings for his people

MON DEC 23: Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete READ Mark 10:46-52

TUES DEC 24: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy CHRISTMAS EVE

WED DEC 25: 11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy CHRISTMAS Birth of Our Lord (holy day of obligation)

THURS DEC 26: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Health of Dennis and Toni Lilik Dr. Kenn & Karen Lilik

FRI DEC 27: **Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Wilkes-Barre**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Feast of St. Stephen

SAT DEC 28: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy + Joseph and Ester Linko by Linda Pirritano

SUN DEC 29: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday After Christmas Blessings for his people

Collection Basket 

12/14 & 12/15 \$2860

Thank you to last week's counters

Dorothy Kowalchick & Debbie Dommes

Next Week's Counters are:

Dave Pedley & Linda Gerrity

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER 21-27

Birthdays

Maria Black - Dec. 21

Helen Ewasko - Dec. 25

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH-CHRISTMAS EVE 4PM-(excerpts from the Great Compline Service-God is with us) and Divine Liturgy**
- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY (Holy Day of Obligation) - 11 AM Divine Liturgy**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **CHRISTMAS PYROHY SALE CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND**
St Vladimir's Christmas Pyrohy Sale will continue this weekend, December 21st & 22nd. Only \$10 per dozen. Pick up Saturday, Dec. 21st after 4:00pm Divine Liturgy. Pick up Sunday, Dec. 22nd after 9:00am Divine Liturgy.
2. **CHRISTMAS EVE IS A DAY OF FASTING**
A reminder that Tuesday, December 24th, 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.
3. **SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY ON THURSDAY**
The celebration of Christmas continues Thursday, December 26th, with the Synaxis of the Mother of God Holy Day. Divine Liturgy will be held at 9:00am. Please come to Church as we continue to Honor the Mother of God.
4. **ST. STEPHEN HOLY DAY FRIDAY IN WILKES-BARRE**
Fr. Myron will be celebrating the Feast of St. Stephen, who was the first Martyr, on Friday, December 27th, at 9:00am at Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Wilkes-Barre. Everyone is invited to continue the Christmas celebration by coming to Church on Friday in Wilkes-Barre to Honor this special Saint.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. 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.

6. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR THIS SUNDAY IN WHIPPANY, N.J.

St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, 60 N. Jefferson Rd, Whippany, N.J. will be holding a Christmas Bazaar this Sunday, Dec. 22nd, from 10:00am-2:00pm. Featuring Ukrainian and Holiday Crafts, Jewelry, homemade Ukrainian Food and Baked Goods. Please come and join us!

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. 2025 CHURCH CALENDARS

2025 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!

9. DIVINE LITURGY REQUESTS BEING ACCEPTED

Divine Liturgy requests are now being accepted for 2025. 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.

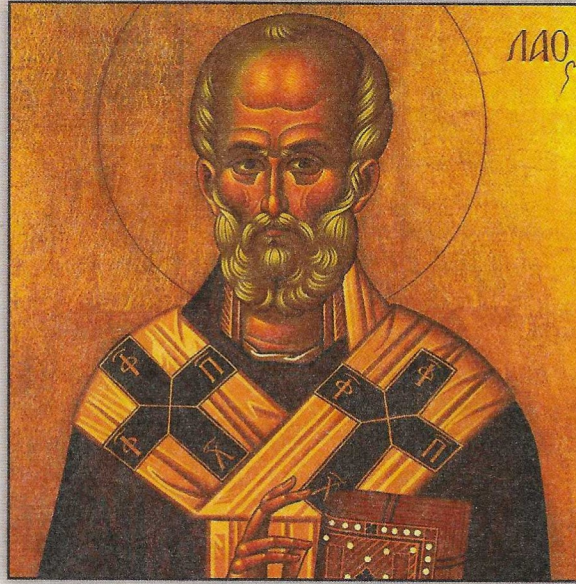
10. 2025 CHURCH ENVELOPES

2025 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).

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

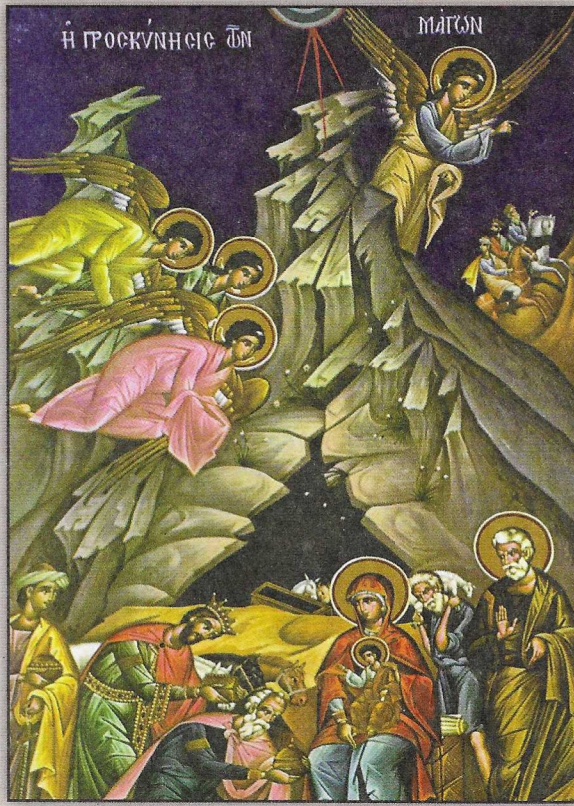
Because the Lord Jesus was born of the holy Virgin, all creation is enlightened. Behold! The shepherds keep watch and the Magi are adoring; the angels are singing hymns of praise and Herod is trembling; for the Savior of our souls has revealed himself in the flesh.

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*

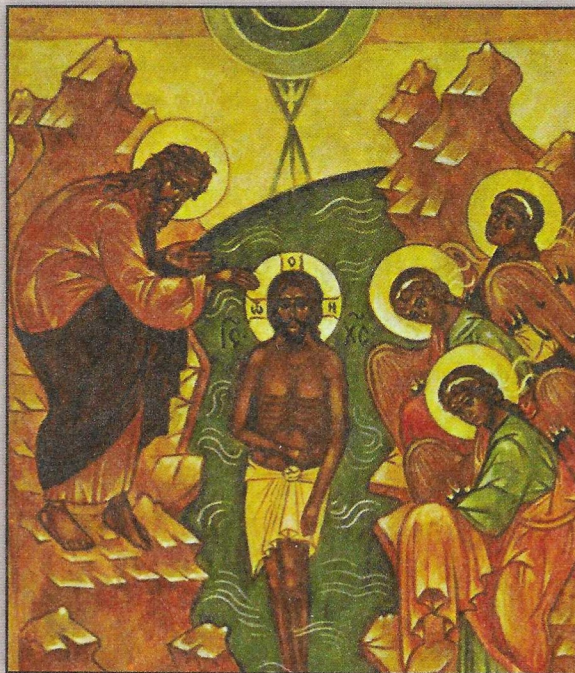


O venerable Father, you became a lover of wisdom, preferring life with God to all possessions of the world. Your contemplation of death made you forsake the wealth of the earth, and by your perseverance in fastings, you overcame the sting of passions. By study of the divine law you preserved the freedom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

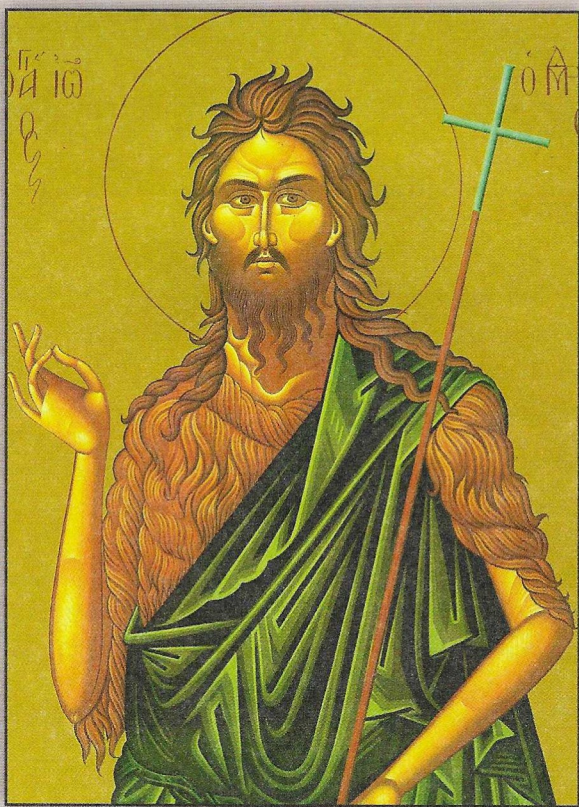


Synaxis of John the Baptist
January 7th

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,
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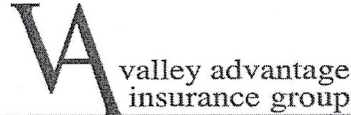
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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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.

Mountain View

Irene Slagan
Clarks Summit Senior

Living

Sophia Soniak
Geisinger CMC

Dave Pedley

Home

Anastasia Korman
Andrea Geraghty
Shirley Nidoh
Stella Patrick
Stanley Krupinski

Home

Helen Ewasko
Katrina Izak Wilson
Jean Chomko
Julie Yevich
Charles Drumsta
Regina Kozel
Andrea Wells

Home

Mary Warholak
Dorothy Kowalchick
Mary Tucker
Michael Seechock
Steve Patrick
Bohdonna Sherpinkas

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning December 21, 2024

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| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Linda Pirritano
For: I.M.O. + Joseph and + Esther Linko |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Michael Trusz
For: I.M.O. + Olga Trusz - 4th year of blessed repose DEC 18 |
| 3 | Proskomedia Candles
\$10 | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
For: I.M.O. + Soldiers, + Civilians, + Refugees of Ukraine |
| 4 | 2 Tetrapod Candles
\$10 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Health & God's Blessings - Katrusia Myronyuk |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Lilik Family
For: Deliverance of Ukraine & Protection of her Defenders |
| 6 | Mary Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Biloskirka Family
For: I.M.O. + Nicholas and + Nadia Biloskirka |
| 7 | St. Nicholas
\$5 | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Protection of Ukrainian orphans |
| 8 | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For: I.M.O. + Ihor Shablovsky |
| 9 | Jesus Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Stella Patrick
For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health & God's Blessings - John Lyden & family |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue
\$10 | By: Servants of God
For: Protection of the unborn RESPECT LIFE |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health & God's Blessings - Jeffrey Lyden & family |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Laskowski Family
For: Health & God's Blessings - Joseph Laskowski, Jr. |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: Helen Pagnotti
For: I.M.O. + Jule Kresefski BLESSED REPOSE |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Servants of God
For: Safety of persecuted Christians |

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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Divine Liturgies: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.,

Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin

OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

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.