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MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION: Before & after Saturday evening Vespers. Other Sacraments by appointment.

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL? Please notify Father when you are admitted if you want him to visit. Kindly notify Father also when you are discharged.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM
GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!
SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA V'IKI!

THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS, THE PATRIARCHS AND THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Antiphon "Bless the Lord" on p. 8. The Beatitudes on pp. 14-15. Tropar for Tone 6 on p. 96. Additional Tropar, Kondak and remaining Propers are from the Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs on p. 128. **Father will be available for CONFESSIONS after the Divine Liturgy TODAY.**

EPISTLE: Colossians 3:4-11. GOSPEL: Luke 14:16-24.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

For the week of December 30:

- Sun., December 30:** (After Liturgy) Panachida in memory of +*Thomas*, +*Michael* & +*Bernie Bilica*; +*Jean Sombaty* and +*Barry Ross*. Requested by Laney & Cindi Ross.
- Wed., January 2:** (5:45 — 6:15 PM) Confessions. Confessions can also be heard *after* the Pre-Festive Service.
- Wed., January 2:** (6:30 PM) **PRE-FESTIVE SERVICE** for the Nativity.
- Fri., January 4:** (9:00 AM) **ROYAL HOURS** for the Feast of the Nativity.

Fri., January 4: (After Royal Hours) Confessions.

Sat., January 5: (5:00 — 5:45 PM) Confessions. Confessions can also be heard *after* Vespers. **LAST CHANCE** to go to Confession before Christmas!

Sat., January 5: (6:00 PM) Great Vespers for the *Sunday of the Holy Fathers and the Sunday before Christmas*. (A special propers sheet will be provided.)

**The Sunday of the Holy Fathers
The Sunday before Christmas
Christmas Eve
January 6**

9:30 AM: Preparation Prayers for Holy Communion.

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for the *Sunday of the Holy Fathers & the Sunday before Christmas*. Antiphon “*Bless the Lord, O my soul*” on p. 8. The Beatitudes on pp. 14-15. Tropar for Tone 7 on p. 99. Tropar for the Holy Fathers on p. 129. Tropar for the Preparation on p. 130. GLORY.... Kondak for the Three Youths on p. 129. NOW & EVER.... Kondak for the Preparation on p. 130. Prokimenon and Alleluia Verses for the Fathers on p. 129. The Cherubic Hymn and the Communion Hymn may be sung according to the “*Divnaja Novina*” melody on p. 134. Amvon Prayer for the Preparation on p. 131.

7:30 PM: Singing of **CHRISTMAS CAROLS** in English & Rusyn. *Children’s Procession* and the *Lighting of the Advent Wreath*.

8:00 PM: **NATIVITY EVE VIGIL SERVICE**.

**CHRISTMAS DAY:
Monday, January 7**

9:30 AM: Singing of **CHRISTMAS CAROLS** in English & Rusyn. *Lighting of the Advent Wreath*.

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for the *Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ* according to the Flesh (*Christmas*). Special Antiphons and All Propers can be found on pp. 132-135. The Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is served. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

Tuesday, January 8:

9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for the *Commemoration of the Most Holy Birthgiver of God, the Holy and Just Joseph, King David and James the Cousin of Our Lord*.

Wednesday, January 9:

9:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for the *Feast of Saint Stephen, the First-Martyr*.

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy Birthday* to Anna Ross. Requested by Laney & Cindi Ross.

THE LEFT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Prothesis) burn with prayers for Laney & Anna Ross. Requested by Laney & Cindi Ross.

THE RIGHT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Diakonikon) burn with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy Birthday* to Godson Noah Zitterich. Requested by Godfather *Joseph* and *Mary Ellen Komorowski*.

THE TETRAPOD LAMPS burn with prayers for *Special Intentions*. Requested by *Theresa Reese*.

TODAY’S SUNDAY BULLETIN is sponsored with prayers of *Thanksgiving*. “May God bless our Church Family for making Christmas possible for a special family.” Requested by *Joyce Snider*.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES need to be turned-in **TODAY**. Names and donors will be published in the Christmas bulletin.

LAS MEETING. There will be a **meeting** of the *Ladies' Altar Society* downstairs during the coffee hour **TODAY**.

BEST WISHES & PRAYERS for a *Happy & Blessed New Year* to all of our parishioners, families and friends! May God shower His choicest blessings upon us in this New Year as we strive to dedicate ourselves more fully to Him and to His Holy Church.

OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet *this coming Thursday, January 3* at **6:30 PM** in the church basement.

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Charissa Kovalcik * 7 Arleen Koval * 12 CiJi Hurley * 18 Barbara Strain * 20 Teresa Zitterich * 29 David Greene.

"May God grant you many more happy and blessed years! Mnohaja L'ita!"

NOTE ON FASTING: Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, the traditional strict fast is dispensed. **Christmas Eve, Sunday, January 6**, may be observed as a day of simple fast — **abstinence from MEAT only**. There is nothing wrong, however, in preparing the Holy Supper foods as one is accustomed. Following Christmas, there is NO fasting again until January 18.

LUMINARIA HELPERS. We would like to invite the children and young people of the parish, and anyone else who would be interested, to help prepare and set-out the luminaria on *Christmas Eve*. This will take place next Sunday afternoon, January 6.

YOUTH PROCESSION ON CHRISTMAS EVE. We once again invite ALL of our parish young people to participate in a special procession from the back of the church to the Advent Wreath before the beginning of the Vigil Service on **Christmas Eve, next Sunday, January 6. Come by 7:45 PM**. If you would like to carry the Nativity Icon or the figurine of the Baby Jesus in the procession, please let Pan'i know.

OUR PARISH GIFT & BOOK STORE has many new items which would make excellent Christmas gifts. Stop by and browse - Christmas cards, ornaments, books, icons, etc.

2019 ECCLESIASTICAL WALL CALENDARS & CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are still available in the back of church. Pick yours up today!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Saturday Vespers (12/22) — 5
Sunday Divine Liturgy (12/23) — 58