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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 25, 2016 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: Antiphon "Bless the Lord" on p. 8. The Beatitudes on pp. 14-15. Tropar for Tone 2 on p. 84. Additional Tropar, Kondak and remaining Propers are from the Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs on p. 128. *Saint Nicholas melodies* on pp. 124-125 may still be used for the Cherubic Hymn & Communion Hymn. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy in honor of the Feast of Saint Nicholas.

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

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

For the week of December 25:

Sun., December 25: (After Liturgy) Panachida in memory of +*Jean Bilica Sombaty*. Requested by Judy Moore.

- NO *Weekday Services* or *Confessions*
- NO *Vespers* on Saturday, December 31
- NO *Matins* on Sunday, January 1

The Sunday of the Holy Fathers
The Sunday before Christmas, January 1
The Fifth Sunday of Advent

9:50 AM: *Advent Wreath Service.*

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for the *Sunday of the Holy Fathers*. Antiphon "Bless the Lord, O my soul" on p. 8. The Beatitudes on pp. 14-15. Tropar for Tone 3 on p. 87. Additional Tropar, Kondak and remaining Propers are from the Holy Fathers on pp. 129-130. The Cherubic Hymn and the Communion Hymn may be sung according to the "*Divnaja Novina*" melody on p. 134. **Father will be available for CONFESSIONS after the Divine Liturgy.**

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with wishes for a *Merry Christmas* to all of our Christian Friends. Requested by *Anonymous*.

THE LEFT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Prothesis) burn with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy 18'th Birthday* to Noah Zitterich. Requested by *Mom, Dad, Isaac, Faith & Nick*.

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

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

TODAY'S SUNDAY BULLETIN is sponsored with prayers and best wishes for a *Happy Birthday* to Godson Noah. Requested by Joseph Komorowski.

2017 ECCLESIASTICAL WALL CALENDARS & CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the **back** of the church. If there is no envelope box with your name on it, please see Jim Turner. We have enough boxes for everyone!

LAST WEEK'S WINNERS

Congratulations to the lucky winners at last Sunday's Saint Nicholas Dinner:

A.C.R.Y. Raffle Winners

- 1st Prize: Matroshka Quilt — *Theresa Reese*.
- 2nd Prize: Longaberger Purse — *Debbie Bartyzel*
- 3rd Prize: \$50.00 Cash — *Debbie Bartyzel*

50/50 Raffle Drawing
\$225.00 — *Brodi Foster*

There will be **NO Vespers or Confessions** next Saturday, December 31; and **NO Matins** next Sunday, January 1.
Please Note: Divine Liturgy will be served at the usual time of 10:00 AM next Sunday, January 1.

WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES for a HAPPY & BLESSED CHRISTMAS and a Joyous Nativity Season to our friends, relatives and fellow Orthodox Christians who are celebrating the Birth of Our Savior **TODAY** according to the New Calendar.
Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

THE JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2017.

NO YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE this week. The next practice will be held on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 7:00PM.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES should be returned by next Sunday, January 1, 2017. Names and donors will be published in the bulletin. Extra Flower Offering envelopes are available in the back of the church.

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 on Friday 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, Friday, 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.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS. Time is passing quickly! There will be additional opportunities for Confessions when Father gets back from vacation. Christmas will be here before you know it, so plan now to avail yourselves of God's forgiveness.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

- Sunday Divine Liturgy (12/18) — 90
- Saint Nicholas Vespers (12/18) — 10
- Saint Nicholas Divine Liturgy (12/19) — 15
- Moleben to Saint Nicholas (12/19) — 8
- Nativity Prefestive Service (12/22) — 14

THE GIFT SHOP has a number of books, icons and religious articles which would make wonderful Christmas gifts. Christmas cards are also available, so please stop by and have a look.

THE **ADVENT WREATH** service will continue to be held each Sunday of the Nativity Fast at **9:50 AM**. Our children are invited to come up front and help light the candles; and we invite an older student to read a Scripture lesson. Those who wish to participate should be in church by **9:45 AM!**

ORDINATION PLANS. Following his ordination to the Holy Diaconate on Thanksgiving morning, Joel Brady is preparing to be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on Sunday morning, January 8, at St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral (OCA), Allison Park, Pittsburgh. He and Matushka Meg expect to be assigned to Holy Apostles Mission Church in Lansing, New York at the beginning of Lent. Prayers for his pastoral ministry are appreciated. Anyone who would like to attend the ordination can check with John and Marilyn Brady for details.

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR SEMINARY is in need of a reliable, used vehicle. Any make, any year. An AWD SUV would be preferred. If you can help, please let Father Michael know.



+ + + PRAYER LIST + + +

December 2016

*Kindly remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends
who struggle with sickness, pain, hardship or any special need:*

Fr. Ted Shomsky * Fr. Frank Milanese * Fr. John Kopcha * Fr. Gregory Thompson * Fr. Ronald Hazuda * Fr. Donald Valasek *
Fr. James Gleason * Fr. John Gido * Fr. Lawrence Barriger * Fr. Robert Lucas * Fr. John Zboyovski * Fr. John Baranik * Pan'i
Peggy Teklinski * Pan'i Donna Smoley * Pan'i Lillian Hnatko * Sister Anastasia * Fr. Deacon Ed Brisbane * Subdeacon
Constantin Ardeleanu and Family * Erin Susick & unborn child * Alexis Marovich * Peter Dimitriadis * Mary Zuzak * Julia DaRe *
Judy Moore * Laney Ross * Madison Gabriel Street * Marge & Richard Kasper * Sandy & Billie Jo Fox * Timothy Simandl *
Eugene & Adrian Andronic * Pat & Manuel Thomas * Barbara Strain * Chuck & Joyce Snider and Family * Judy Antonik * Amelia
(Punkin) Karpinski * Arleen Koval * Mike Rose * Mary Jane Koprak * Helen Koprak * Marlene Bolon * Rosalie Troyanovich *
Joyce Baker & Family * The Lazo Family * Alex Sombaty * Laney & Anna Ross * Alexandra Sedor * Mick & Janie Strain * Eric
Kocsis * The Greene Family * Jim Koprak * George Marovich * Audrey & Andy Zavatsky * Debbie Strain * Tony Neuhart * Rich
Kozak * Eleanor Dussling * Burl & Linda Matthews * Mary Kabel * Alberta Kabel * John Kelley * Jackie Hurley * David Gereg *
The Stephens Family * Lou Nicklaus * Mark Magnone * Nicholas Marshall * The Wilson Family * Halley Russell * Katie Slavik *
Cody St. John & Family * Geri Szymialis * Joseph Mlodzik * Craig & Jodie Tschappat * Payton Green * Emily Reilly * Rebecca
Cain * Connie Gereg * Greg Saracco * Christy Drake * Teresa Bobbit * Roman Riselvato * Vic Marshall * The Boone Family *
Linda Tennant * Dawn Kidd * Benjamin Ladich * Larry & Michelle Vuchelich and Sons * Christy Ray * Sandy Bauer * Danica
Clement * Margie Shafer * Lori Crow * Melissa * Roger Lucas & Family * The Victor Rose Family * Bryant Lepic * Maddox
Stillion * The Nardo Family * Karen Molnar * Janyce Duncan * David Blake * Louise Tamire * The Smutney Family * Jason
Kordack * Scott Wheeler * Jenn Patterson * Jean Smith * Bob & Gayle Murphy * Roger Byard * Tammy Clary * Anna Fera * The
McCammon Family * Erin Donato * The LaMotte Family * Ida Hilliard * Keith * Diana Tazar * Deanna & Tim Shea * Susan
Wisvara Weir * Susan Rayle * Jacob Hoskinson * Bethany * Gary Slaid * Claudia Miller * Mary Lou Kidd * John Mouhlas * Kim
Swiger * Virginia Wiggins * Eleanor LeMasters & Family * James Grady * Sarah, John & unborn child * Donna Holtus * The
Pence Family * Tony & Teresa Markawas * The Conroy Family * Alexis McManus * Carly Carroll * Jan Dobbs * Gary Brent
Dobbs * Robert Donaldson & Family * Mellissa Clegg * Lucas * Mikea * Leo & the Zambori Family * Nancy Rodocker * Dana
Stanley * Sarah Carellas * Nichols Family * Lynette * Valerie Pickett * Gale & Dan Fincham * Frank Pierson * Michelle Mullen *
Pat Brant * Maria Timkova * The Brown Family * Mark Costine * Flora Ross * Tina Curtis * Amy Draa.