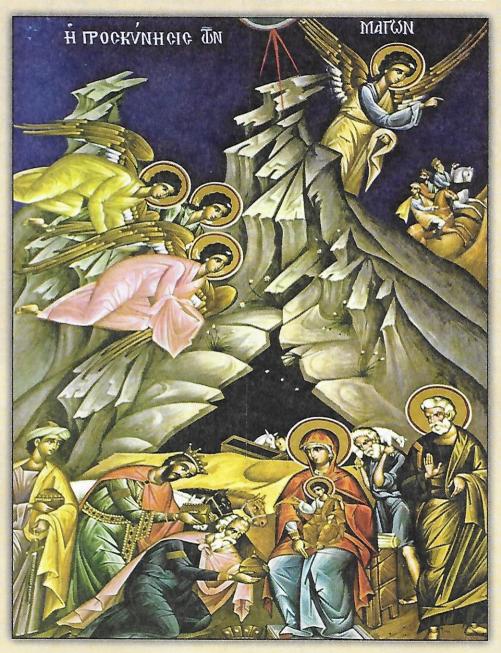
THE SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



Icon of the Synaxis of the Nativity

The Twofold Coming of Christ

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming He was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At His second coming He will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming He endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming He will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels.

We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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"Christ is Born!"
Khristos Razhdayetsia!

Dec. 29, 2019 St. Basil

THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, Jan. 1, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Basil and the Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord Jesus. This New Year's Day is a great chance to gather in prayer for our hopes inthe coming months. We will celebrate the Holy Liturgy at 9 am Wednesday for the health and happiness of all our Faithful.

WE THANK AND send out our love to all the Faithful who celebrated the Christmas feast with us at the Holy Liturgy. And we thank all of you for your love and generosity toward our vibrant parish. Our Parish is strong and full of life and love because of all of you and your love.

ON SATURDAY we sang the burial prayers at our cemetery for +Luke Kusek Jr, 75, of Williamstown, NJ. Luke was the 1st son of Stefa and Luke Sr. Kusek and his siblings included Ronny, and Monica and Mary.

 $\overline{\text{FATHER RONALD}}$ still has a copy or two of his top-seller book "Bishop for a Day" for your reading enjoyment this Holiday recess. See him today for a copy and a personal autograph.

PLEASE BE SURE TO PICK UP your 2020 church donation envelope box today in the church basement. If you cannot find your named box, leave a note with the ushers and Father will prepare a box for you. Also, we have a goodly supply of 2020 church calendars for you to take home today. There are both Ukrainian and English calendars for your enjoyment.

Baptism of Our LOrd, Jesus Christ. This Holyday is a major and obligatory holyday and all our faithful should attend the Liturgy. We will bless the Jordan Water on this feastday for your sacred use.

FATHER RONALD sends out his love and thanks to all of you who remembered him this Christmas season. Father thanks you for all your kind words and prayers, cards and gifts that he received. Father prays that the Divine Infant Jesus will bless and keep you in health and great joy in the coming year!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE YEAR

Saturday, 6 pm +Simko and Roberto Family (Bob and Angie)

Sunday, 9 am +Stefan and Thomas (Luba Jackson)

+Walter and Antoinette Paul (Lois and Dr. Debbie)

Wednesday, 9 am For the Health and peace of our Faithful

Thursday, 7 am +John Berkisczuk (Wife Jeannie)

Friday, 7 am +Roman Kruk (Wife Kay Kruk)

Saturday, 8 am +Bridget Kovach (Thomas Sakal)

Saturday, 6 pm +Wasyl Kohut (Peter, Marylyn and Petey)

Sunday, 9 am +Eugenia, Mykola, Irena (The Klufas Family)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

O Lord Jesus, You rest upon a fiery throne with Your eternal Father and Holy Spirit. You condescent ed to be born on earth of a holy Virgin Mary.

And so You were circumcised on the eighth day as a man. Glory be to Your merciful wisdom, glory be to You holy coming upon the earth, for

You love all of mankind.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON...

TODAY'S KONTAK: O venerable God-inspired St. Basil, you were a strong foundation of the early Church by providing great treasure to all and inspiring all people with your teaching.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: My mouth shall seek wisdom and prudence shall be the guiding light of my heart.

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