

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS



Icon of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:16-24)

Invited to the Banquet

It is written in the Gospel: The Master sent out his servants to call them who wish to come, inviting them: "My banquet is ready." But those who were called began to excuse themselves, one saying: "I bought some yoke of oxen." Another: "I have married" (Luke 14:16ff). You see, he was ready who called, but the invited refused. They themselves were alone responsible in the way they answered.

Thus, so great is the dignity of Christians. Consider, the Lord has prepared for them the Kingdom and has called them to enter, but they have refused.

Concerning the gift that Christians will receive by way of their inheritance, one could rightly say that if anyone, from the time of Adam's creation to the end of the world, should battle against Satan and put up with afflictions, it would be nothing in comparison to the glory which he is to obtain. For he will reign forever together with Christ. Glory to Him who so loved such a person that He gave himself and His grace and entrusted himself to Him. Glory to His greatness!

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Slava Isusu Khristoo!
Glory to Jesus Christ!

December 10-11, 2022
The 27th Sunday

NEXT SATURDAY, THE 17th, our parish highschoolers will perform a "Readers Theater" at 6 pm to open the regular Liturgy. All the students will read a special greeting for Christmas to all our faithful, both those in church and those listening at home. All the students should be in church by 5:30 pm Saturday for this livestream performance.

THIS SATURDAY EVENING WE WILL BAPTIZE AND CONFIRM LEV SERRA. This little angel was born in Ukraine May 5, 2022 of Dr. Steven and Dr. Nataliia Serra, Bryn Mawr, PA. We all pray that the Good Lord will now bless this little angel and all his family with much love, good and robust health for many years - NA MNOHAYA E BLAHAYA LEETA!

ONE OR TWO APPLICATIONS may still be available for the generous Knights of Columbus scholarships for our parish youth attending Catholic schools. Be sure to check with Father Pastor after Liturgy to answer your questions and/or give you an application form.

WE THANK all the good folks who caroled with us last Sunday at the Bridgeport Presbyterian Church. Some 25 faithful, children and adults, sang with us including the youth who carried the Ukrainian flag, rang the caroling bells and stood in for St. Nicholas. This event was captured on the Bridgeport Face Book page.

PLEASE REMEMBER all our elderly and ailing folks this Christmas, particularly Mary Ann Kardash, Gina Plisiewicz, Joanne Plisiewicz, Luba Jackson, Jim Patzuk, Jim Deskiewicz, Frank and Sandi Katarynick, Sophie and Edward Tomchick, Alex and Vera Fedorkiw, Vera Tryciecky. Perhaps a prayer, a card, a kind word...?

mas card and prayer this holy season. And we thank all our dear faithful for their generous gifts to our wonderful parish. May the New-Born Christ-Child bless all of you with good health this Holy Season.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Dec. 10, 6 pm	+John Zolomij (Daughter Jessica)
Sunday, Dec. 11, 9 am	+Walter, Antoinette (Lois, Debbie)
Saturday. Dec. 17, 6 pm	+Anna, Noelle (Burns, Rotondo Fam.)
Sunday, Dec. 18, 9 am	Krokhtyak, Khromyak Fam. (Bill, Bridget)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

When You descended unto death, O Life Eternal,
You vanquished hell with Your Divinity, When
You raised up the dead from the dark abodes, all the angels in heaven
cried out: O Lifegiver Christ our God, glory be to You".

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON..

TODAY'S KONTAK:

You did arise from the tomb, O Savior Jesus,
as hell saw this miracle and feared You.
All of creation, both Adam and Eve, saw this and praises You forever.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN:

My strength and my song is the Lord, Glory
be to Him forever.

Слава Господи!

O. P. K. G.