

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

Ἡ ΠΑΡΑΒΟΛΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΕΤΑΛΟΥ ΔΕΪΠΝΟΥ



Icon of the Parable of the Great Feast

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Week Before Christmas

THIS SUNDAY AT 10 AM OUR Parish will gather in the School Hall to attend a production of the Birth of Christ, played onstage by our school students. After this production we expect that St. Nicholas (Santa Claus) will appear with gifts for the children. And then we will all be seated and share a sampler dinner that Ukrainians traditionally eat on Christmas Eve. This meal includes 12 different dishes without any meat or dairy products. We hope you will enjoy!

WE NOW HAVE PLACED IN the Church basement 2024 church calendars and donation envelopes. All adult faithful are expected to use these envelopes when donating money to our Parish. Please take these items home today and use them every week. If you cannot find your envelopes please see the ushers who will help.

THE CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE will be as follows:

Saturday, Dec. 23: 12 noon confessions, 6 pm Liturgy
Sunday, Dec. 24: 9 am D. Liturgy, 7:30 pm G. Compline,
8 pm Christmas Divine Liturgy
Christmas Day, the 25th: 10 am Divine Liturgy

WE PLAN TO LIVESTREAM the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Christmas Eve, at 8 pm. Be sure to inform all your brothers and sisters about this program in Gschedule on YOUTUBE. They will surely thank you!

ONLY ONE AND PERHAPS TWO applications are still available for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program. Such monetary grants are available for students of all grade levels attending Catholic schools and are parishioners here at our Church. See Father today for more data.

AS WE APPROACH THE Great Feast of the Birth of Christ, the Church advises us to fast on Friday from all meat and on Christmas Eve from both meat and dairy products. We fast to strengthen our soul and spirit to ward off temptation from the evil one.

PLEASE REMEMBER our parish sickly folks this Christmas season: Frank and Sandi Katarynick, Ed and Sophie Tomchick, Alex and Vera Fedorkiw, Dottie Dolgash, Jim Deskiewicz, Vera Tryciecky, Luba Jackson, Olga Danko, Olga Cienki, Mrs. Bonik, Dorothy Beecher, Nick Rotondo, Joseph Pli-siewivz, Irene Dychdala, Pat Pasquale, Mrs. Stercho, Fr. A. Marko, Joan Fonock and all our dear aging folks. Also a late word informs that Michael Tryciecky needs our prayers this Christmas.

WE THANK ALL OUR DEAR parishioners and friends this Christmastide for their generous gifts to our parish, as well as all the cards and gifts for Father Ronnie. May the Newborn Lord Jesus bless all of you this Holyday and the New Year with much love, good health, and high hope!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Dec. 16, 6 pm	George Strouse (Jack, Dottie)
Sunday, Dec. 17, 9 am	Anna Kerick Fam.(Lori,Joan,Andy)
Saturday, Dec. 23, 6 pm	Peace in Ukraine (B. Maruszczak)
Sunday, Dec. 24, 9 am	Health of all our Faithful
Monday, Christmas Day, 10 am	+Peter Martinick (Martinick Fam)

TODAY'S TROPAR:

O Christ, You justified the holy Forefathers by Faith, just forming the Church of the Gentiles. These early Saints are glorified because the Virgin Mary who bore You descends from them. O Christ God, by their prayers have mercy!

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK:

You most blessed young men refused to worship the pagan idols and became glorious in the test of fire, amen.

PROKIMEN:

Blessed are You, God of our Ancestors.