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Cantor
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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy
Sunday: 8:30 am
Holyday: 9:00 am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

Served By

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The Divine Liturgy intention is for the Parish Family.

*If you would like to schedule a Litrgy please talk to
Father Vasyl or use the sign up sheet in the vestibule.*

Philip's fast begins on November 15th.

The regulations of this Fast are not strict, as it falls during the winter. Abstinence remains in force for Friday, and is recommended for Wednesday and if possible, also Monday. **Christmas** Eve remains a day of strict fast: no meat, no dairy, one main meal, which is the Holy Supper in the evening.



Reminder:

There is a list for Divine Liturgy and Sanctury Lamp intentions in the vestibule of the church.

For those of you who wish to donate towards the **Christmas Flowers** there will be envelopes in the vestibule.

BIRTH OF OUR LORD – CHRISTMAS
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Sunday, December 24, 2023
6:30 pm Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great for the Parishioners

Monday, December 25, 2023
9:00 am Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great for the Parishioners

House Blessings will begin after Theophany (January 6th) and ideally finish before its leave-taking on January 15th. It's not too soon to start thinking about what day would be best to invite FatherVasyl for this annual blessing.

Twentyeighth Sunday after Pentecost
The Second Sunday before the Nativity
(Sunday of the Forefathers).

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Menologion

St. Daniel, and the Three Youths, SS. Hannaniah, Azariah, and Mischael. Daniel is the Fourth of the Four Great Prophets. He died a centenarian in Persia in the 5th century B.C. The Three Youths were cast into the fiery furnace by the order of King Nebuchadnesar of Babylon but miraculously came out unscathed. (Dan. 3)

Propers

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Fasts & Feasts

DECEMBER

- 24 The Sunday before the Nativity
(Sunday of the Ancestors).
- 24 Vigil of the Nativity.
- 25 The Nativity Of Our Lord, God And Savior Jesus Christ.
- 26 Great Doxology The Synaxis Of The Theotokos And Ever-Virgin Mary.
9 am
- 27 The Holy Apostle, First Martyr And Archdeacon Stephen.
9 am

Father Vasyl has purchased a new sticharion from Ukraine. He saved a lot of money by doing this but he needs donations to cover the cost.



Vinčujem vam vinčujem na to Božie narodenie oddnejši, pokojnejši veci, ročky počekac. Zejsce mali na polú rodu, doma priplodu. Zebysce codzili pomedžima radičky. Jak jasny mešiačok pomedzi hvizdočky. To vam vinčujem i žačim.

The Sunday of the Forefathers marks the beginning of the Church's preparation for the feast of the Nativity of Christ (Christmas). By commemorating the Old Testament figures who anticipated the coming of the Messiah, the Church emphasizes the continuity of God's plan throughout history.

The observance is rooted in the belief that the Old Testament patriarchs, prophets, and righteous figures played a vital role in preparing the way for the Incarnation of Christ. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, and others are remembered for their faith, obedience, and their longing for the promised Savior.

Icons of the Forefathers are displayed in churches, depicting them with a sense of expectancy, looking forward to the birth of Christ. This visual representation reinforces the connection between the Old Testament figures and the Incarnation.

Some communities may have specific customs associated with this day, such as special prayers or processions. The exact customs can vary among different traditions and local communities. The Sunday of the Forefathers invites the Christian community to reflect on the faith and devotion of these Old Testament figures and to consider how their lives can inspire a deeper commitment to God and a more profound anticipation of the Nativity. The inclusion of this Sunday in the liturgical calendar creates a sense of continuity and historical perspective. It helps believers to understand the Nativity within the broader context of salvation history.

By focusing on the Forefathers, the Church encourages its members to enter into the Advent season with a spiritual mindset, preparing not only for the celebration of Christ's birth but also for His eventual Second Coming.

The Sunday of the Forefathers in the Church holds historical, theological, and liturgical significance by connecting the Old Testament figures to the anticipation of the Nativity of Christ. This observance enriches the spiritual life of the Christian community by emphasizing the continuity of God's plan for salvation and encouraging reflection on the faith of those who preceded Christ.

We are in the special time of the Christmas fast, which should prepare us to experience the special event of the coming of the Son of God to this world.

At this time, we have a wonderful opportunity to do more good deeds for our neighbors, for people who now especially need our help. Last year our parish family and other caring people helped make Christmas joy for orphan children in Ukraine. The funds we collected were used to buy necessary things, such as clothes, shoes and food for the children who lost their parents due to the war. Thanks to our donations, we were able to make many orphans happy.

I am very grateful for your generosity. But, unfortunately, the war in Ukraine continues. Every day war takes hundreds of human lives. Many children lost their parents. For us Christians, there should be no other people's grief, other people's suffering, and other people's trouble. Therefore, this year we want to help people suffering from war, especially children.

Donations to this cause would be greatly appreciated. It can be in cash or check. Checks can be written out to St. Mary's and in the memo: Ukraine orphans.

We will send all collected funds to Ukraine for the needs of orphans. Our donation is not determined by the amount we donate, but by the desire of our heart.

May the joy of Christmas be felt by those who have lost their relatives and parents.

God Bless you!

Fr. Vasyl

