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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Слава Ісусу Христу! • Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Sunday before Theophany Circumcision Of Our Lord. St. Basil The Great-Archbishop			
SUN	Jan 1	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of the St. Nicholas Church
MON	Jan 2	8:00 AM	For Health of Larissa Kyj – Rev/Mrs. Klanichka
TUE	Jan 3	8:00 AM	For Health of Julia Szyszka – Szyszka Family
WED	Jan 4	8:00 AM	For Peace in Ukraine
THURS	Jan 5	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Eve of the Theophany of Our Lord Great Compline (Povechiria Velike) Divine Liturgy (English) and Myrovannia
FRI	Jan 6	10:00 AM	Theophany Of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church The Great Blessing of Water (Jordan)
SAT	Jan 7	10:00 AM	Christmas Divine Liturgy (Julian Calendar) Special Intention
Sunday After Theophany			
SUN	Jan 8	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of the St. Nicholas Church

Welcome – To all who are tired and need rest; To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are friendless and need friendship; To all who are discouraged and need hope; To all who are homeless and need sheltering love; To all who sin and need a Savior; And to whomsoever will, The Parish of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church opens Wide its doors, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! **Our mission:** let us be a community filled with faith in God, love for our tradition and our Church, and love for one another.

In case of emergency – if you need to reach Father Volodymyr in an emergency and he is unavailable at the rectory, please call him at 570-328-3818. If you are admitted to a hospital or at home and would like Father to visit you, please call the Rectory Office (302-762-5511) to request visitation of the sick.

Sanctuary light – if you are interested in requesting the Sanctuary Light to burn in memory of your deceased love ones, please see Father. The light will burn for one week and the cost is \$20.

Bequests to Your Parish: please remember St. Nicholas Church with memorial gifts in your will.

The Sanctuary Light for the week of January 1st is requested by Klanichka Family in memory of +Volodymyr Klanichka, Sr. May his memory be eternal! Vichanaya Pamiat!

Recitation of the Rosary – every Sunday at 9:45 AM for Peace in Ukraine. Please pray with us.

The Bishops of the Metropolia of Philadelphia have created a special fund entitled: “War Victims and Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine”. The fund can be accessed through the website of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia: <https://ukrarcheparchy.us/donate>.

Christ is born! Glorify Him! During the celebration of Christmas, it is the custom of Christians to greet one another with the joyous exclamation, “Christ is born!” to which the one greeted respond, “Glorify Him!” or “Христос рождається! Славимо Його!”

Sunday, January 1st is the **Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord**, St. Basil the Great - Archbishop. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:00 AM. There will be anointing with holy oil and distribution of the blessed bread.

Thursday, January 5th is the **Eve of the Theophany (Schedryi Vechir)**. The strict abstinence from meat or dairy products is mitigated because it is Sunday, but either strict or simple abstinence may be observed voluntarily.

Friday, January 6th is a **HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION – THE THEOPHANY (EPIPHANY) OF OUR LORD**. The Divine Liturgies will be celebrated on Thursday, Jan 5th with Great Compline at 6:30 PM and Divine Liturgy at 7:00 PM and on Friday, Jan 6th at 10:00 AM. The Great Blessing of Water (Jordan) will be after the Liturgy. There will be anointing with holy oil and distribution of the blessed bread.

Christmas to Theophany, December 25th to January 4th is **Free from Fast and Abstinence**. **2023 Church Envelopes and Calendars** are available in the Church Hall. Please pick up your box of envelopes today.

Blessing of Homes – request cards are found with your 2022 envelopes. Blessing of Homes will be done only as requested.

Save the Date – Christmas Dinner (Prosfora), Sunday, Jan 15th (Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM). Sign-up sheets are located at the side entrance of the Church and in the Church Hall. Donations will be greatly appreciated to help defray expenses. If interested in donating please see Grace Pryslak or Natalia Klanichka.

Let us remember our sick in our prayers: Leila Thomas, John Hynansky, Larissa Kyj, Alexander Sokolski, Bohdan Hrycushko, Walter Szczerban, Walter Petryk, Millie Yanonis, Julia, Bohdan & Orest Sobkiw, Lydia Lubun, Julia Szyszka.

Parish income for December 25th: Sunday \$664; Holy Day \$44; Dues \$4; Christmas \$9,507; Candles \$160; Varenyky \$70. TOTAL: \$10,449. Thank you for your donations!

Donations Needed: This year numerous projects have been undertaken which were deemed necessary for the upkeep and maintenance of the Church. Donations to help offset these costs would be greatly appreciated. May God bless you richly.

Annual Festival of Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 3 p.m. at the golden-domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Choirs from different parishes will participate. Everyone is welcome.

Merry Christmas and our warmest holiday wishes to all our parishioners and friends. We wish you and your loved ones a very happy, healthy, and safe holiday season during these challenging times, and a truly fulfilling new year, one filled with much goodness, renewal, abundance, growth and hope...Let us look forward to a positive new year in 2023. May the blessing of Christmas be with you today and always! Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Merry Christmas!

A VERY HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!