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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Слава Ісусу Христу! • Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Sunday Before Christmas – Of the Ancestors

SUN	Dec 24	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church Christmas Eve
		9:00 PM	Great Compline (Povechiria Velike)
		9:30 PM	Christmas Divine Liturgy (English)
MON	Dec 25	10:00 AM	Christmas Birth of Our Lord For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
TUE	Dec 26	10:00 AM	Feast Day: Synaxis of the Mother of God For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
WED	Dec 27	10:00 AM	Feast Day: Stephen Protomartyr For Good Health and Speedy Recovery of Bill Bijansky – St. Nicholas Parish
THURS	Dec 28	8:00 AM	+Stanley Husak – Eugene Serba
FRI	Dec 29	8:00 AM	Special Intention
SAT	Dec 30	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
Sunday After Christmas – David, Joseph and James			
SUN	Dec 31	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of 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 December 24th is requested by the Schurga Family in memory of +Walter and +Katherine Schurga. May their 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.

Church Elevator – we are currently experiencing some issues with our elevator. It has been recommended by our elevator servicing partner that we replace the current unit with a new ADA Compliant handicapped elevator. We are asking our parishioners to help offset the cost of this project. Our goal is to raise \$50,000. Please give this request your consideration. Donations can be placed in the Sunday collection or given to Father Klanichka. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

2024 Church Envelopes and Calendars are available in the Church Hall. Please pick up your box of envelopes today.

Let us remember our sick in our prayers: John Hynansky, Ihor and Karen Hrycak, Bohdan Hrycushko, Walter Szczerban, Walter Petryk, Millie Yanonis, Julia, Bohdan & Orest Sobkiw. **Christmas to Theophany**, December 25th to January 4th is **Free from Fast and Abstinence**.

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 responds, “Glorify Him!” or in Ukrainian “**Христос рождається! Славимо Його!**”

Blessing of Homes – request cards are found with your 2023 envelopes. Blessing of Homes will be done only as requested.

Annual Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 3 p.m. at the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchial Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Choirs from different parishes will participate. Everyone is welcome.

Save the Date – Christmas Dinner (Prosfora), Sunday, Jan. 14th (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.

Parish income for December 17th: Sunday \$2,301; Holyday \$20; Dues \$46; Heat/Fuel \$90; Improvements \$15; Flowers \$70; In Memory of \$350; Monthly Diocesan \$15. TOTAL: \$2,907. Thank you for your donations!

Register Your Children for Religious Education: Registration form for children can be found in the Church vestibule. Register your children for religious education classes.

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!

MAY THE DIVINE SAVIOR BESTOW UPON YOU ALL THE BLESSINGS OF A HOLY AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND ABIDE WITH YOU ALL THROUGH THE YEAR.