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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, December 31, 2023

Sunday After Christmas – David, Joseph and James

SUN	Dec 31	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Jan 1	10:00 AM	Circumcision Of Our Lord -- St. Basil The Great-Archbishop For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
TUE	Jan 2	8:00 AM	For God’s Blessing of Michael Hynansky and Family
WED	Jan 3	8:00 AM	Special Intention
THURS	Jan 4	8:00 AM	+Bill Falgowski – Elaine Harasika
FRI	Jan 5	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Eve of the Theophany of Our Lord Great Compline (Povechiria Velike) Divine Liturgy (English) and Myrovannia
SAT	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)
Sunday After Theophany			
SUN	Jan 7	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 31st is requested by Bill and Charlotte Bijansky for the health of Rev Klanichka. May God bless him!

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**. **Monday, 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.

Friday, January 5th is the **Eve of the Theophany (Schedryi Vechir)**. The strict abstinence from meat or dairy products may be observed voluntarily.

Saturday, January 6th is a **HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION – THE THEOPHANY (EPIPHANY) OF OUR LORD**. The Divine Liturgies will be celebrated on **Friday, Jan 5th** with Great Compline at 6:30 PM and Divine Liturgy at 7:00 PM and on **Saturday, 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.

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.

Christmas Koliada/Caroling January 7th – the children of our Church would like to go caroling. If you are interested in having them visit your home, please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church and the preferred time between 1:00-6:00 PM. The children are excited to participate in this wonderful Ukrainian tradition!

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 24, 25, 26: Sunday \$2,002; Holyday \$75; Dues \$36; Heat/Fuel \$20; Improvements \$515; Christmas \$40,980; Eternal Vigil \$20; Candles \$373; Initial Offering \$20; Bulletin \$5; Monthly Diocesan \$6. TOTAL: \$44,052. Thank you for your donations!

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