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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Слава Ісусу Христу! • Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Sunday, December 22, 2024

| Sunday Before Christmas – of the Ancestors | | | |
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| SUN | Dec 22 | 10:00 AM | For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church |
| MON | Dec 23 | 8:00 AM | No Liturgy |
| TUE | Dec 24 | 9:00 PM 9:30 PM | Christmas Eve Great Compline (Povechiria Velike) Christmas Divine Liturgy (English) |
| WED | Dec 25 | 10:00 AM | Christmas Birth of Our Lord For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church |
| THURS | Dec 26 | 10:00 AM | Feast Day: Synaxis of the Mother of God For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church |
| FRI | Dec 27 | 10:00 AM | Feast Day: Stephen Protomartyr For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church |
| SAT | Dec 28 | 9:00 AM | No Liturgy |
| Sunday After Christmas – David, Joseph and James | | | |
| SUN | Dec 29 | 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 22nd is requested by the Schurga Family in memory of +Walter and Katerine Schurga. May their memory be everlasting!

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.

Let us remember our sick in our prayers: Deanna Hynasky, John Hynansky, Ihor and Karen Hrycak, Bohdan Hrycushko, Walter Szczerban, Walter Petryk, Orest Sobkiw, Yaroslaw Vidoynyk.

St. Philip’s Fast (PILIPIVKA) – observed in our Church during the pre-Christmas or Advent season, beginning November 15th through December 24th (Christmas Eve), which includes good works, prayers, and voluntary fasting.

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!**”

2025 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 2023 envelopes. Blessing of Homes will be done only as requested.

English Without Borders – An English-Speaking Club will be held every Wednesday at 7:00 in our Church Hall. Please join us on Wednesday evenings if you would like to improve your English speaking and understanding. All are welcome!

Save the Date – Christmas Dinner (Prosfora), Sunday, Jan 19th (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.

Annual Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Choirs from different parishes will participate. Everyone is welcome.

Parish income for December 15th: Sunday \$1,196; Holyday \$23; Dues \$6; Heat/Fuel \$70; Improvements \$5; Christmas \$125; Flowers \$50; Varenyky \$136; Aid to Ukraine \$28; Monthly Diocesan \$5. TOTAL: \$1,644. Thank you for your donations!

CHRISTMAS EVE – Tuesday, December 24th

9:00 PM - Great Compline (Povechiria Velike) - 9:30 PM - Christmas Divine Liturgy (English)

CHRISTMAS – Wednesday, December 25th

10:00 AM - Christmas Day Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)

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 2025. 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.