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# St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, January 5, 2025

## Sunday Before Theophany

SUN	Jan 5	10:00 AM	For the Parishioners of St. Nicholas Church <b>Theophany Of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)</b> The Great Blessing of Water (Jordan)
		7:00 PM	Special Intention
MON	Jan 6	10:00 AM	<b>Theophany Of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)</b> For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
TUE	Jan 7	8:00 AM	+Volodymyr Klanichka, Sr. – Klanichka Family
WED	Jan 8	8:00 AM	For Health of Deanna Hynansky – St. Nicholas Parish
THURS	Jan 9	8:00 AM	For God’s Blessing of Michael Hynansky and Family -- Parish
FRI	Jan 10	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
SAT	Jan 11	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
<b>Sunday After Theophany</b>			
SUN	Jan 12	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 January 5<sup>th</sup> is requested by Rose and Hank Kretschmaier in memory of +Irene Markovich. May her 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.

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

**Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** is a **HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION – THE THEOPHANY (EPIPHANY) OF OUR LORD**. The Divine Liturgies will be celebrated on **Sunday** at 7:00 PM and **Monday** at 10:00 AM. The Great Blessing of Water (Jordan) will be after the Sunday 7:00 PM 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!”**

Members of our Parish will be performing a **Christmas Play (Vertep)** on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Donations will be greatly appreciated as the profits will be used to support the soldiers in Ukraine.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> (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 29<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday \$900; Holyday \$55; Dues \$9; Christmas \$2,510. TOTAL: \$3,474. Thank you for your donations!

**CONDOLENCES:** We, as St. Nicholas Parish Family, would like to express our sincere condolences to the Soares Family on the occasion of the falling asleep of +Maria Soares. His funeral services were held at Church of the Holy Child on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. May the Lord God help and bless the grieving Family at this difficult time and may He accept the departed servant of God +Maria Soares into the Heavenly Kingdom. Everlasting Memory!