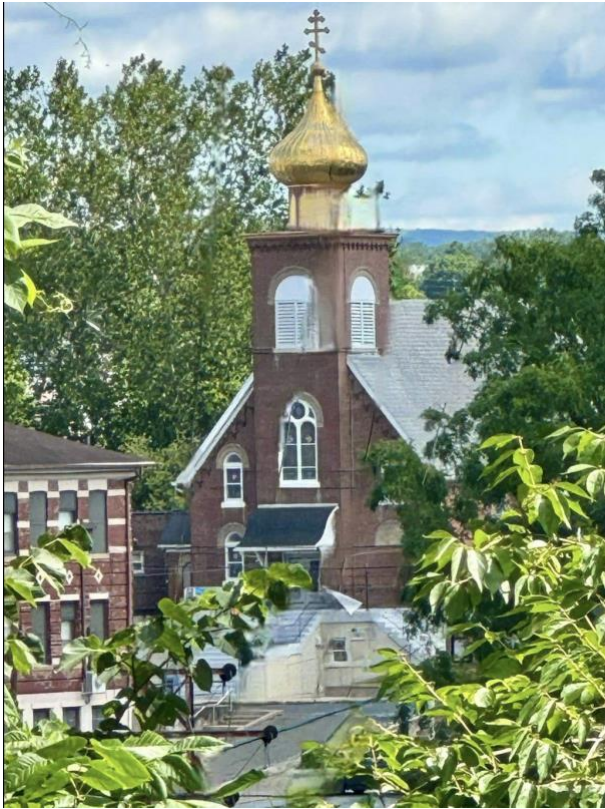


ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
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Confessions: Vespers on the first Saturday of the month, Sundays before Liturgies, or by appointment.

Make a list of living and deceased and bring it to the Altar. We'll pray for them during a Liturgy.

For pastoral visits at home or hospital or special prayer requests ask Fr. Oleg.

Please, don't throw away the bulletin. Bring it back to the church. Thank you.

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**Христос Посеред Нас! Є і Буде!
Let's pray for peace in Ukraine**

**Christ Is Among Us! Is and Shall Be!
Молімоь за мир в Україні**

Sun. 22 Dec. 26th SUNDAY after PENTECOST. TONE 1. SUNDAY Before NATIVITY of Christ. HOLY FATHERS. Great Martyr ANASTASIA of Rome. Martyr CHRYSOGONUS & Martyrs THEODOTA, EVODIAS & EUTYCHIANUS.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Welcome all for the Coffee Hour – Запрошуємо на каву.

During the coffee hour: “Journey to Fullness” – 20-minute series about Orthodox Faith.

Decoration of Cookies workshop.

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MENEION & SCRIPTURES (LAST DAYS OF THE NATIVITY FAST).

Mon. 23 Dec. Ven. Niphon, bishop of Cyprus (4th c.). Ven. Paul, bishop of Neo-Caesarea.

1 Tim. 5:1-10

Mk. 10:46-52

Tue. 24 Dec. **The Eve of the Nativity of Christ.** Ven. Nicholas the Monk (9th c.).

Gal. 3:15-22

Mt. 13:31-36

04:00 PM GREAT COMPLINE

Wed. 25 Dec. THE NATIVITY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. (From January 7th till January 18th is a Fast-free period). The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar.

Gal. 4:4-7

Mt. 2:1-12

09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

Thu. 26 Dec. Synaxis of the Theotokos. St. Constantine, monk, of Synnada (9th c.).

1 Tim. 6:17-21

Mk. 11:23-26

09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

Fri. 27 Dec. Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (34).

Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60

Mt. 21:33-42

Christmas Fellowship in Philly. More info on the flyer downstairs.

Sat. 28 Dec. The 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia. Apostle Nicanor the Deacon (34).

1 Tim. 6:11-16

Mt. 12:15-21

04:00 PM GREAT VESPERS.

Sun. 29 Dec. 09:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY. “Journey to Fullness” series.

PROPERS FOR THE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Tropar of the Resurrection, Tone 1: When the stone had been sealed by the Jews/ while the soldiers were guarding You Most Pure Body/ You arose on the third day, Savior/ granting life to the world/ The powers of Heaven therefore cried to You, O Giver of Life/ “Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ/ Glory to Your Kingdom/ Glory to Your dispensation, O Lover of Mankind.”

Tropar of the Holy Fathers, Tone 2: Great are the accomplishments of faith/ for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames, as though in the waters of rest/ and the Prophet Daniel appeared/ a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep/ So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

Tropar of the PreFeast, Tone 4: Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all/ Adorn yourself, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave/ Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit/ if we eat of it, we shall live forever, and not die like Adam/ Christ is born to raise up again what fell in former times, His image.

Glory... Kondak of the Holy Fathers, Tone 1: Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare yourself, O Ephratha/ The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb/ The God-bearing Forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him/ and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

Now and ever...Kondak PreFeast, T. 3: Today the Virgin comes to the cave/ to give birth to the Eternal Word/ Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe/ Glorify with the angels and the shepherds/ the Eternal God, Who is willing to appear as a little child.

Prokimen of the Three Children, Tone 4: Blessed are You, Lord God of our Fathers, praised and glorified is Your Name to the ages.

V: For You are righteous in all that You have accomplished for us.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

Alleluia Verses, Tone 4: We have heard with our ears, God; our Fathers have told us what deeds You performed in their days, in the days of old.

You have saved us from our foes and have put those who hate us to confusion

Gospel: Matthew 1: 1-25

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the Highest. Rejoice in the Lord You righteous. Praise befits the upright. **Alleluia (3X)**

- **Thank you,** Janet, and BettyAnn and Schisler FH for the donations of poinsettias to the church.

- **Pyrohy schedule:** Jan. 9, 23. Feb. 6, 20. Mar. 6, 20. First come, first served(until we reach 250 doz.). Please volunteer for peeling, running, cooking/mashing, pinching and clean-up.

- **Church School.** Mrs. Mary Ost (Preschool/ Elementary) 8:55-9:20 AM. Ms. Karen Kankula (Secondary) at 8:45-9:15 AM. Fr. Oleg occasionally. **Welcome all children and youth.**

- **For Food Bank:** baby foods, canned potatoes, and meats, tuna, pasta, sauces, mac. & cheese.

- **Virtual Bible Study Day** - Wednesdays via Zoom: Pan-Orthodox at 12 PM. Meeting ID: 576 301 6482. Passcode: 238492. Tuesdays: with Fr. Demetrios at 7 PM. Ask Fr. Oleg for the link.

BIRTHDAYS:

22 Dec...Priest Oleg Kravchenko

23 Dec...James McKeown

24 Dec...Michael Hnatow

26 Dec...Mary Ost, Amanda Pypiuk, Sylvia Petro

27 Dec...Linda Vitushinsky

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА! MANY YEARS!

NECROLOGY:

Ukrainian civilians and soldiers, killed in the Russian invasion.

22 Dec...Antin Micio '46, Nicholas Chuyko '72, Maria Semenovych '25, Martha Marakovits '12

24 Dec...George Zaoba '27, Adomer Deicz '48, Aksenty Hewko '53, Marcella Zyrebecky '76, David Kuba '21

25 Dec...Anna Yacur '85, Mary Stuprcryski '95, Anna Voronkevich '97, Anna Meashock '97, Helen Meashock '06

27 Dec...Tessie Zazworskey '97,

28 Dec...Josephine Peters '82

29 Dec...Eustachij Pshebyla '22, Martha Zaharuyko '60, Priest Gregory Pypiuk '62

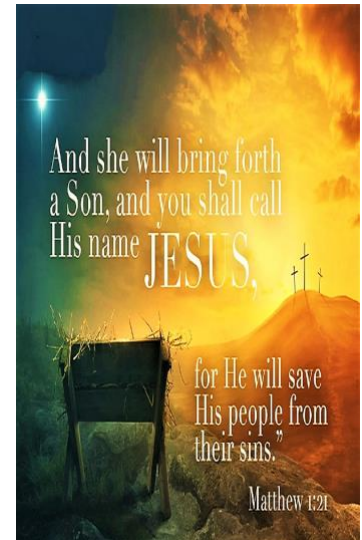
31 Dec...Ol'ha Kutianski (infant) '22

02 Jan...Paul Lukacz '46, Alleck Schur '74, Mary van Kirk '08

04 Jan...Theodora Sheska '76, John Lelo '74

PRAYER FOR THE HEALTH & SALVATION OF THE AFFLICTED: Ukrainian soldiers and civilians, wounded during the Russian aggression, Joseph Killino, Barbara Grason, Helen Crayosky, Rosemarie Pypiuk, Sandra Miller, Tom Petro Jr., priest Demetrius Nicoloudakis, priest Vasyl Dovgan, Martha Dowling, Michael Szymonifka Karen Kankula, Russel Kerick, Christina Truss, Jon Hewko, Matthew Vitushinsky, Nadine Savitz, William Savitz, Nicholas Alexander, William Leszczuk, Mary Berger, , Jessica Meashock, Maria Joseph, Zachary Y. Siyufy, Raisa Melnychuk, Vasyl Beizyn, Lubov Shevchuk, Volodymyr Hranat, Ihor Broda, Debi Hutnick, Eric Hewko, Phil O'Brien, child Charlie, Juliana, Shirl Merolli, Kirk Swauger, Stephanie Donnelly, Danny Berro, child Alexandria, Elizabeth Pastushenko, Aaliyah Osmun, Brendan Phillips, Adam Hewko, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Joann Hoodmaker, Norman Betrous, Robert Zarayko, Lisa Kulhanek, Esther Wilt, Michele and Ron Moser, Benjamin Tomeo, Olena Kalichenko.

There are many Old Testament prophecies about Jesus Christ. Some interpreters place the number of Messianic prophecies in the hundreds. The following are those that are considered the clearest and most important. Regarding Jesus' birth—Isaiah 7:14: “Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.” 9 Isaiah 9:6: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Micah 5:2: “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” Concerning Jesus' ministry and death—Zechariah 9:9: “Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.” Psalm 22:16-18: “Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” Likely the clearest prophecy about Jesus is the entire 53rd chapter of Isaiah. Isaiah 53:3-7 is especially unmistakable: “He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.” The “seventy sevens” prophecy in Daniel chapter 9 predicted the precise date that Jesus, the Messiah, would be “cut off.” Isaiah 50:6 accurately describes the beating that Jesus endured. Zechariah 12:10 predicts the “piercing” of the Messiah, which occurred after Jesus died on the cross. Many more examples could be provided, but these will suffice. The Old Testament most definitely prophesies the coming of Jesus as the Messiah.



ORTHODOX WORLD NEWS



At the Kyiv Orthodox Theological Academy, Metropolitan Epiphaniy, attended a St. Nicholas Event for children, presenting them with gifts.

Metropolitan Avhustyn of Bila Tserkva, Head of the Cooperation with Armed Forces congratulated military forces of Ukraine on the Day of the Armed Forces.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew consecrated the former Roman Catholic Church of Santa Maria(17th C.) given to the Orthodox community of Smyrna, Turkey, renamed the Orthodox Cathedral of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary.



The Feast of St. Catherine was celebrated at the Patriarchal Monastery on Mt. Sinai, built by Emperor Justinian in 565 and led by Archbishop Damianos.

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ФІНЛЯНДСЬКОЇ ПРАВОСЛАВНОЇ
ЦЕРКВИ



To honor St. Nicholas, our youth performed a St. Nicholas skit after Liturgy. To our surprise, St. Nicholas actually visited our parish and gave them gifts.



Additions in Ukrainian

Євангеліє дня: 18 Різдво Ісуса Христа було так: по зарученні Матері Його Марії з Йосифом, перш ніж зійтися їм, виявилось, що Вона має в утробі від Духа Святого. 19 Йосиф же, чоловік її, будучи праведним і не бажаючи ославити її, хотів потай відпустити її. 20 Та щойно він помислив це, як ось ангел Господній з'явився йому уві сні, промовляючи: Йосифе, сину Давидів! Не бійся прийняти Марію, жону твою, бо зачате в Ній є від Духа Святого. 21 Народить же Вона Сина, і наречеш Йому ім'я Ісус, бо Він спасе людей Своїх від гріхів їхніх. 22 Це ж усе сталося, щоб збулося сказане Господом через пророка, який говорить: 23 ось Діва в утробі прийме й народить Сина, і наречуть ім'я Йому Еммануїл, що означає: з нами Бог. 24 Прокинувшись, Йосиф зробив, як звелів йому ангел Господній, і прийняв жону свою. 25 І не знав її, поки й породила Сина Свого первістка, і він нарік ім'я Йому: Ісус.