



December 13, 2015
Sunday of the Forefathers
Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11
Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

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SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

Rosary 8:30 am
Festal Matins 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Monday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Tuesday, Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Wednesday

OLPH Devotions, 5:30 pm

Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

Friday, Divine Liturgy 6:00 pm

Saturday: Great Vespers 4:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Thursday OFF

Parish Advisory Board Members:

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,
Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap

Parish Finance Council Members:

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:15-10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday
Liturgies, or by appointment with Father

Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:

Must be arranged three months in advance.
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

Mystery of Crowning:

Must be arranged six months in advance
(Pre-Cana requirement)

Sick and Shut-Ins: It is the family's responsibility to
notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the
hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old
age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy
Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that
one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major
surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that
someone is ill!

Eastern Christian Formation Program:

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 min

Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home,
contact Father Artur or the office staff for more information. God bless you.

Today	8:30 am 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am Eternal Lamp	Rosary Festal Matins Confessions Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Christian Initiation of Nathaniel Jerry Brewer Fr Chris: +Pat Yackanich by husband Demetrius Open
Monday December 14	<i>Thrysus and Others Martyrs</i> <i>Epistle: Hebrews 8:7-13; Gospel: Mark 8:11-21</i> 9:00 am 7:00 pm	Divine Liturgy Blessing on Fr. Chris Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday December 15	<i>Eleutherius Bishop - Martyr</i> <i>Epistle: Hebrews 9:8-10 & 15-23; Gospel: Mark 8:22-26</i> 9:00 am	Divine Liturgy Blessing on Father Chris
Wednesday December 16	<i>Haggai Prophet</i> <i>Epistle: Hebrews 10:1-18; Gospel: Mark 8:30-34</i> 9:30 am 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Father Chris Fr. Chris: +Rose Horner by husband Steve Knights of Columbus homeless outreach OLPH Devotions
Thursday December 17	<i>Daniel Great Prophet</i> <i>Epistle: Hebrews 10:1-18; Gospel: Mark 9:10-16</i> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Pot-luck dinner Theosis Bible Study
Friday December 18	<i>Sebastian and Others Martyrs</i> <i>Epistle: Hebrews 11:8 & 11-16; Gospel: Mark 9:33-41</i> 6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy Blessing on Father Chris
Saturday December 19	<i>Saturday Before Christmas</i> <i>Epistle: Galatians 3:8-12; Gospel: Luke 13:18-29</i> 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Great Vespers Divine Liturgy Blessing on Father Chris
Sunday December 20	<i>Sunday Before Christmas – of the Ancestors</i> <i>Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10 & 32-40; Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25</i> 8:30 am 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am Eternal Lamp	Rosary Festal Matins Confessions Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends +Marvin Curl by wife Dorothy

***Physician and Help of those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm;
O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those
who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their
Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine!***

Fr. Julian Gnall
Fr. Anthony Romero



Roy Smith
Sven & Barbara
Svensson
Michele Koetter
Abraham Haddad
Lillian Murphy
Jenny Ford
Marilyn Fore
Robert Hasaka
Frank & Martha Arden
Pricilla Hughes
Sharif Rabadi
Threima Leech
Stephen Horner
Demetrius Yackanich

Paola Terlaza
Henry Zuggger
John & Margie Disque
Phillip Fall
Walter Jakymiw
Olga Bodnar
Frances Brannan
John Deflice
Kristoff Rajala
Jordan Smith
Maggie Batsel
Katrina Anderson
Tony Lucero
Chris Overlin

Laura Dominguez
Robert Zadel
William Frank
Joseph Koetter
Mary Nell Preisler
Jackie De Paolis
Donny Terry
Mary Murphy
Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
Quintin Santamaria &
Family
Heather Mattax
Larry Bennett
Mary Ellis

*Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon
against sin, and for healing.*

Joyful Mysteries are recited from now until January 6.

*If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us
on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God
or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private,
plenary indulgence when they do so as a group*



Intentions of the Rosary

- 1st Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2nd Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3rd Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4th Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5th Decade:** Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

Holy Father's Intentions for December

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

*Our weekly Gift to the Lord—
May the Lord Bless your kindness
and generosity to His House!*



Vocation Icon
Today: Riley
Next Sunday: Brewer

Christmas Eve Holy Supper

The sign up sheet is now available for our parish's Holy Supper meal on Christmas Eve in the parish hall at 5pm. All dishes will contain no meat or dairy, as Christmas Eve is a strict fast.

We are limited to 50 participants, so please sign up early. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Riley at 220-9137.

The Knights of Columbus have begun their winter homeless outreach for the year. We are looking for donations of items to provide to the homeless that we find out of doors during these cold winter nights.

We have found that those we help are looking for knitted hats, gloves, new socks, bottles of water, non-perishable no-cook foods (granola bars, crackers). Additionally we could use some Ramen noodle cups which we provide as a hot meal.

You can bring these to church and give to Dan Riley, who is the Deputy Grand Knight. We go out once a month.

2016 Liturgical Wall Calendars Available

The 2016 Liturgical Wall Calendars are now available in the back of church. Parishioners are encouraged to take two calendars home—one for a family area and another for an important gathering area. The cost of the calendar is \$3.00.

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	HOST	COUNTER
Dec. 20	Michael Wells	Delilah Chavez	Eva Schuler Miles Gloetzner	Open	Eva Schuler Brian Fitzpatrick

Barbara's Hall Report:

Thanks to Dan and Andrea Riley for making sub sandwiches for everyone. They also brought those delicious potato chips from Costco that I love! Yum. It was Dan's birthday, and baby Nicholas' Feast Day! May God grant you both many more blessed years!

The new sign up sheets for next year are available now. Be sure you check them out and sign up for next year's socials!

The St. Nicholas Award was given last Sunday to Brian and Melinda Fitzpatrick. In the spirit of St Nicholas they have done much in renewing and updating our church infrastructure: cameras, hall tables, alarm, computers etc and in particular their work in pro-life ministry, the parish advisory board, the June Bazaar 2015, and being part of the team that works with the Friars of the Renewal every Wednesday in serving the homeless and poor in a restaurant-style setting.

Thank you to everyone who works for Christ in the spirit of our heavenly patron Saint Nicholas.

Heartfelt Congratulations to Jeff and Jana Brewer on Christian Initiation of their newborn son **Nathanael Jerry!!!!** God Grant YOU many years!!!!

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is marked by the gift of a plenary indulgence. To make this experience available to every Catholic, Pope Francis has granted the privilege to every cathedral, special shrines, as well as the basilicas of Rome itself.

Furthermore the Pope grants for the sick and the elderly who cannot travel: "For them it will be of great help to live their sickness and suffering as an experience of closeness to the Lord who in the mystery of his Passion, death and Resurrection indicates the royal road which gives meaning to pain and loneliness.

Living with faith and joyful hope this moment of trial, receiving communion or attending Holy Mass and community prayer, even through the various means of communication, will be for them the means of obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence."

All Souls' Saturdays

Yes, it is time to begin thinking about this! In your church envelope mailing, you have or will be receiving an envelope for All Souls' Saturdays which begin on January 30th.

We do NOT have any lists of your departed from last year. Please place a list of the departed you wish to have remembered inside the offering envelope so that we can include your loved one in the diptychs for 2016.

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Monday, December 14	7:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 16	5:00 pm Knights of Columbus homeless outreach
Thursday, December 17	6:00 pm Pot-luck dinner 7:00 pm THEOSIS Bible Study; Matthew Ch. 11
Thursday, December 24	5:00 pm Holy Supper 7:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Litije
Friday, December 25	Christmas/Birth of Our Lord 9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrisostom
Saturday, December 26	Synaxis of the Theotokos/Solemn Holy Day 9:00 am Divine Liturgy

Office of Evangelization & Education
December 2015

Are You Seeking the Kingdom of God? -- Part 3.

Lesson in Evangelization – Receive the Holy Eucharist

“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

In the previous two lessons of this evangelization series, we discussed the importance of prayer and reading sacred scripture. This lesson focuses on how to live out an authentic Byzantine Catholic faith by becoming united with Christ through...

RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Every time you receive the Divine Eucharist you are making a statement. By receiving the Eucharist you declare not only that you have committed yourself to Christ our King and God, but that you commit yourself to advancing His Kingdom in this world.

By participating in the Eucharistic banquet you publicly affirm that you believe Christ Jesus is your King and Redeemer. You publicly agree to follow Him and to carry your cross as He did. You publicly agree to serve others and to follow His command to proclaim the Gospel to every living creature.

You might think, “Wait a minute! I love receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, but how can this require me to share His message with others? Isn't that the priest's job? Shouldn't Reverend Deacon be doing that?” Absolutely--but so should you. You are publicly agreeing that you will proclaim the Gospel when you come forward to receive Jesus in the Holy Mystery of the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic life is one that is willing to be broken and offered to God the Father. During the Anaphora, the priest repeats the words of Jesus saying, “Take, eat, this is My Body, which is broken for you.” Jesus' Body was broken voluntarily for us in sacrifice and the benefits of that sacrifice are shared with us.

The Eucharistic bread participates in that once and for all sacrifice. In doing so, the bread of the precious Body is also broken into pieces making it possible to be shared with the many. We too must allow our own selfish will to be broken and give ourselves completely to God to be broken and shared with others in His Name.

In the next lesson on evangelization, we will review what it means to be a servant.

Sunday of the Forefathers

Today is the Sunday of the Forefathers - All the great Fathers and Mothers and Prophets of the Old Testament, starting with Adam, Abraham, the Righteous Sarah, Isaac and Jacob, including Holy Prophet Elias and Daniel, and concluding with Holy Prophet Zechariah (Zachary), Joachim and Ann, Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist and The Theotokos.

They lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3, 22:18).

What connection is there between them and us? In general, the Church brings them to our attention now, right before Christmas, largely because of their faith – **their belief in the promise given by God to Adam** during his expulsion from the garden of Eden, that in the end a Saviour will come into the world and will redeem mankind from original sin. All the forefathers – who lived on earth long before the birth of Christ – lived and burned with this faith, never allowing it to be extinguished.

They are a shining example to us, who are living on earth after the incarnation of our Lord. Just like those ancient people we, too, have never actually seen Christ: they only knew that He **would come** into the world, while we know that He **did come** into the world. But they firmly believed in His coming and their faith was justified in Jesus!

Today is the feast of St. Lucy, a martyr from Sicily. As her name means "light" in Latin, this is a popular feast day in the winter darkness of Scandinavia, even after the Reformation drove out so many Catholic practices. Girls wear crowns of lit candles and deliver specially made saffron buns called Lucy Cakes.

Sicilians still commemorate Santa Lucia's intervention during a severe famine in 1582. Miraculously, ships filled with grain appeared in the harbor on December 13, just when there was no grain left on the island. The people were so hungry that they didn't take the time to grind the grain into flour but boiled the grains immediately.

Sicilians refuse to eat anything made of wheat flour for this day, which means forgoing pasta and bread. Instead they eat a most popular dish called *cuccia* which is made with boiled whole wheat berries, ricotta and sugar.

Wine into Water

A triumphal feast was scheduled in a village, and, to insure adequate liquid refreshments, each villager agreed to pour one bottle of his best wine into a great cask.

"If I fill my bottle with water," one villager reasoned, "the dilution will be so slight, who will notice?"

But when the feast commenced, and the cask was tapped, nothing but water poured forth.

Everyone in the village had reasoned alike: "My bit will not be missed!" Alas, it was! It always is!

HAPPY NEWS!!!

Renovation of the upper part of the Marquee Sign is completed.

This project was successful thanks to Brewer Family! May the Lord reward them 100-fold for MANY and BLESSED YEARS!!!!

Coming project for 2016 is the renovation of the lower part of the Marquee Sign, which would be the announcement board, Divine Service schedule board and welcome board. Right now we are thinking of the possible best design of the lower part. Ideas and sketches would be really appreciated. Please, talk to Fr Artur.

As soon as we are done with the design, we can proceed to the calculation of the expenses. Thank you and GOD BLESS YOU, ALL THE BEAUTIFIERS OF OUR CHURCH!!!



THE WORD BECAME FLESH FOR YOU

Unite with Christians around the globe in the celebration of Christmas! Attend Mass in Vatican City with Pope Francis, enjoy beautiful musical concerts from Europe and travel to the sacred sites of the Holy Land—all by watching EWTN! Find EWTN in your area by visiting www.ewtn.com and enrich your Faith this Advent and Christmas season!

A HUGE DONATION FOR THE FRIARS IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. NICHOLAS - So much food was brought last weekend that the bags filled two SUVs to the brim.

Everything was delivered last Sunday: thank you to Tom Plut, David Sankel, and the DeLaps for loading it all up and getting it over there in time before the Friars left to do out of town service. The generosity of our parish left the Friars speechless. Thank you to all!