

December 25, 2016

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

CHRIST IS BORN! GLO RIFY HIM!



**Dear Parish Family:** Joyful and lovely greetings to YOU as we celebrate the Solemn Feasts of the Nativity and Theophany of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ! May the grace and peace which are ours by the presence of Christ in our lives be accepted by us as the most precious of gifts. May the light of Christ be reflected in each of our lives that the Gospel message may truly penetrate the world that we live in today. Thank you for being a parish according to the heart of God!

Our love to You at this Christmas and Always.

Fr. Artur and Fr. Chris

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**Parish Membership**

***From time to time it is good for us to reflect on what constitutes membership at Our Lady of Perpetual Help...a time to reflect on our relationship to God and His Church which is expressed by our commitment to this parish.***

Our parish community is open to any Catholic and to anyone

1. who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus through His Word, the teachings of the Apostles, and the Sacred Mysteries;
2. who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church;
3. who will help form a community based on the Lord's love;
4. who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate spiritual traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church within our American context;
5. who acknowledges the legitimate authority of the Pope, Bishop, and Pastor;
6. who will attend liturgical services on Sundays and great holydays;
7. and who is willing to support the growth of the Church (Eparchy and Parish) by sharing his/her time, talent and treasure ( financial support);

Actual Parish membership is based on the above and is determined by the following criteria:

1. Being registered
2. Attending liturgical services regularly on Sundays and Holydays
3. Contributing to the support of the Church—both Eparchy (Bishop's Appeal) and Parish through use of the Sunday Tithing envelopes!

Membership in the parish gives the parishioners the right to have their children receive the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation, be married in church and be buried from the church.

***Summary from the Eparchial Pastoral Handbook on "Membership in a Parish"***

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.

<b>Today</b>	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Matins/Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends
<b>December 26 Monday</b>	<b><i>Synaxis of Theotokos / Commemoration of David, Joseph and James</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18 &amp; Galatians 1:11-19; Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23</i></b>	
Solemn Holy Day	9:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory by Dawn Ford
	11:00 am	Shut-ins Visits
<b>December 27 Tuesday</b>	<b><i>Stephen Protomartyr / Simple Holy Day</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: Acts 6:8-7.5 &amp; 47-60; Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42</i></b>	
	6:00 pm	+Fr. Wes Izer Fr Chris: Blessings on Carmelite Nuns
<b>December 28 Wednesday</b>	<b><i>Post Festive of Christmas/20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:9-22; Gospel: Mark 11:23-33</i></b>	
	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	6:00 pm	Blessing on Elizabeth Bobby by Nancy and Dan Bobby Fr. Chris: Intention of Rene Baia
<b>December 29 Thursday</b>	<b><i>Post Festive of Christmas/Holy Innocents Martyrs</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: Titus 1:5-2:1; Gospel: Mark 11:27-33</i></b>	
<b>Father's Day Off</b>	6:00 pm	Pot-luck Dinner
	7:00 pm	THEOSIS: Mystery of the Byzantine Liturgy
<b>December 30 Friday</b>	<b><i>Post Festive of Christmas/Anysia Venerable Martyr</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: Titus 1:15-2:10; Gospel: Mark 12:1-12</i></b>	
	10:00 am	Rehearsal for Bethlehem Carolers play
	6:00 pm	+Wanda Niedgiela by Georgy and Ann Skovran Fr Chris: Intention of Rebecca Baia
<b>December 31 Saturday</b>	<b><i>Saturday After Christmas/Melany Venerable /Leave-taking of Christmas</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Gospel: Matthew 12:15-21</i></b>	
<b>January 1, 2017 Sunday</b>	<b><i>Sunday Before Theophany / Circumcision of Our Lord / St Basil the Great</i></b> <b><i>Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Colossians 2:8-12; Mark 1:1-8</i></b> <b><i>Gospel: Luke 2:20-21 &amp; 40-52</i></b>	
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers with Litija
<b>Canned Goods Collection for Friars</b>	5:00 pm	+Deceased of Dyckman and Yastischok Families by Julia
	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festive Matins/Confessions
	10:00 am	Liturgy of St. Basil for Parishioners, Benefactors & Friends Fr Chris: +Sr. Patricia Watkins GNSH by Zuggger Family

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

Sharif Rabadi  
 Stephen Horner  
 Katrina Anderson  
 Abraham Haddad  
 Jenny Ford  
 Threima Leech  
 Priscilla Hughes  
 Steve Jakymiw  
 Lillian Murphy  
 Marilyn Fore  
 Demetrius Yackanich  
 Sven & Barbara Svensson

Fr. Julian Gnall  
 Henry Zuggger  
 John & Margie Disque  
 Phillip Fall  
 Laura Dominquez  
 Olga Bodnar  
 Frances Brannan  
 John Deflice  
 Mary Ann Kosty  
 Jordan Smith  
 Maggie Batsel  
 Jean Pesce  
 Henry Burnette  
 Tracy McTernan

William Frank  
 Mary Nell Preisler  
 Mike Harahuc  
 Robert Zadel  
 Jack & Lorraine Hubbell  
 Quintin Santmaria & Family  
 Heather Mattax  
 Larry Bennett  
 Paola Terlaza  
 Ruth Sousa  
 Frank Gerace  
 Linda Granci  
 Barbara Irving

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



Vocation Icon

Today: Donlin

Next Sunday: Gloetzner

**Holy Father's Intentions for December**

**Universal: End to Child-Soldiers**

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization: Europe**

That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

December 18, 2016/Attendance: 105

**Stewardship Envelopes and Calendars for 2017** are now available in the church. Be sure to take yours home and use them well in the new calendar year. Regular giving of treasure, talent, and time is an important part of life in this parish for all our faithful of the age of reason and above. Likewise, regular attendance at holidays is part of being a parishioner as well. Be sure to look out for those shaded days on the calendar and plan ahead to sanctify them by attendance at the Liturgy of the church.

Observance of holydays maybe made the evening before, the morning of, or, when applicable, the evening of. Obligatory feasts are to be sanctified by attendance at the Divine Liturgy. Solemn feasts call the parish to "full liturgical attendance" and faithful are strongly encouraged to attend Vespers, Matins, and/or the Divine Liturgy. Simple Feasts are usually observed with the Divine Liturgy and Vespers or Matins.

**PARENTS—PLEASE ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILDREN WHEN THEY GO TO THE REST-ROOM DURING THE DIVINE LITURGY!** *This is a requirement of the Eparchy and is for the safety of YOUR children. Thank you!*

**Doors of the hall must be LOCKED and SHUT during the Liturgy.** People have wandered into the hall and store through doors left open. *If you open it, close it.*

*If you want to go and pray outside Planned Parenthood, they perform abortions on Tuesday and Friday. Ask Father Artur for suggestions and Philip Leahy can provide advice if a woman comes to you for help. PDL is working to get its office restored as soon as possible after the arson-caused fire which stopped its work to assist pregnant women in need.*

**Income Tax Reminder:** All charitable donations MUST be received by December 30. Your donations to the parish and/or the Mission Society will be acknowledged with written statements in January, 2017. Remember that Liturgy intentions given to the priest personally are NOT tax-deductible. Those given to the Mission Society are as they go the Society itself, which then distributes to the priests in Europe through the bishops.

**Thank you** to everyone who donated to Toys For Tots. We had an overflowing box and they were very grateful and happy to receive it!

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	COUNTER	HOST
Jan. 1	Sven Svensson	Soriah Chavez	Dorothy Curl Melinda Fitzpatrick	Rafael Plut Dorothy Curl	Open

### **Barbara's Hall Report**

Thanks to the Perpetual Helpers Mothers Group for putting on a fundraiser to help with the rebuilding of Project Defending Life after it burned down. There were some awesome soups, salads and deserts. You did a wonderful job. And they washed all the dishes and cleaned all the tables. Thanks Ladies. I can't wait for another Perpetual Helpers social!

## Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now

	<b>Theophany of Our Lord (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)</b>
January 5 Thursday	9:00 am Royal Hours 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy/Great Blessing of water
January 6 Friday	9:00 am Matins 10:00 am Divine Liturgy/Great Blessing of Water
January 12, 19 Thursday	6:30 pm Pot-luck dinner 7:00 pm THEOSIS: Mystery of the Byzantine Liturgy
January 24, 31 Tuesday	6:30 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM
	<b>Three Holy Hierarchs/Simple Holy Day</b>
January 30 Monday	6:00 pm Divine Liturgy

### **New address for Project Defending Life:**

7009 Prospect Ave. NE, Suite 105

Hours are as follows:

Monday: 9 am to 4:30 pm

Tuesday: 1 pm to 4:30 pm

Wednesday: 9 am to 4:30 pm

Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm

Friday: 1 pm to 4:30 pm

### **Friar's Needs**

Small quantities of these:

rice

beans

olive oil

pasta sauce (no pasta needed right now)

microwaveable, shelf-stable, ready-to-eat

meals, canned vegetables and/or fruit, store-

bought (please no home-canned goods)

canned meat and/or fish

chicken, beef or vegetable broth

### **St. John Bible Study Group**

Know the Word... Mike Sena will be leading a 6-week Bible study for preteens (ages 10-13) starting Tuesday,

Jan 10, 2017, and meeting every other week through

Feb 21. Besides delving into the Sacred Scriptures,

meetings will include prayer and dinner. The first 5 kids

to sign up will get a free book and a free dinner. For

more information send an email to

[olphnm.youth@gmail.com](mailto:olphnm.youth@gmail.com)

### **After the Fast comes the Feast:**

After fasting faithfully, the Church traditionally calls us to feast for a time. December 25 to January 4 is a time of such celebration and feasting. We eat meet on all of those days including Fridays.

### **What to eat on January 5?**

By tradition we do not eat meat or dairy (strict abstinence) on Theophany Eve. Though this is "optional", we become more authentic Byzantines when we do some optional things that benefit our spiritual life. God bless You!!!

**Bethlehem Carolers Rehearsal in the  
church**

***Friday, December 30th at 10:00 am***

## **Holy Joseph, David and James**

On the Second Day of Christmas beside the celebration of the Synaxis of the Theotokos we commemorate the three members of Christ's earthly family - the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of God. The person of Saint Joseph has had less attention and homage paid to him in the east than in the Latin west. We know very few things about Joseph. But the gospel tells us that he was a just man, obedient to the angelic messages, and careful to protect Jesus and Mary. He is the most eminent representative of what one might call the holiness of the laymen, which is neither of a monk - all of whom are so abundantly commemorated in the ecclesiastical calendar - but is that of the head of the family, of the man who plies a trade and earns his family's daily bread. St Joseph is a natural protector of Christian families, of workers, of those whose food is not assured. He fed Jesus and Mary as formerly the patriarch Joseph in Egypt fed his brothers and father in the time of famine. Fittingly, Joseph the Betrothed of Mary protected his family by fleeing with them into Egypt, the theme of the gospel for this day (Mat. 2:13-23)

David is not only an ancestor of Christ but one who prefigures Him. As a shepherd, he prefigures Jesus the Good Shepherd. As King, he mysteriously announces the royalty of Christ. As an adulterer and murderer, he is the type of repentant sinner. As the author of the Psalms he has bequeathed to the synagogue and to us Christians a type of prayer, of adoration in spirit and in truth, that Jesus Himself used, and in which all generations have found expression for the deepest longings of their souls.

Saint James, the Brother of God (neither James the Greater nor James the Lesser) was head of the first Christian community in Jerusalem. His name reminds us of the link which connects us with the Church of Jerusalem, with that of the first century as much as with that of the twenty-first century. Antioch and Alexandria, Rome and Constantinople are great and venerable cities in the history of Christianity, but it is from Jerusalem that we are first of all descended. His universal letter reminds us "as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." Holy relatives of Christ, pray to God for us!

## **Church Etiquette Series: Arriving Late**

Arriving habitually late for Divine Liturgy shows disrespect for God who is our Creator and gives us everything that we possess. It makes a statement of how important God is for us in our personal lives. It also shows a lack of respect for our fellow worshipers as we distract them from the Liturgy. We all need to make a special effort to be on time. It can be done; we just have to want to do it. If we should come late by accident, please remain in the back of the church during the great incensation at the beginning of Liturgy, the Small Entrance, reading of the Epistle. After these are finished, you may take your place in the church. All of us need to be on time! Thank you.





St. Nicholas collection  
for Franciscan Friars

Serving lunch for  
Homeless

St Nicholas celebra-  
tion at Korolevo Or-  
phanage, Ukraine

