



December 27, 2015

Sunday After Christmas

Epistle: *Galatians 1:11-19 & Acts 6:8-7:5 & 47-60*
Gospel: *Matthew 2:13-23 & 21:33-42*

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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	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:15 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr Chris: +James Murray by AnnRajala ECF Classes
Monday December 28		Post Festive Christmas/20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia <i>Epistle: James 2:14-26; Gospel: Mark 10:46-52</i> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy; +Joanna conrardy by Mary Alice Cooper
Tuesday December 29		Post Festive Christmas/Holy Innocents Martyrs <i>Epistle: James 3:1-10; Gospel: Mark 11:11-23</i> 9:00 am Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Michael Grega
Wednesday December 30		Post Festive Christmas/Anysia Venerable Martyr <i>Epistle: James 3:11-46; Gospel: Mark 11:23-26</i> 5:30 pm OLPH Devotions 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Luke and Holly Watson
Thursday December 31		Leave Taking of Christmas/Melany Venerable <i>Epistle: James 4:7-5:9; Gospel: Mark 11:27-33</i> 5:00 pm Thanksgiving Liturgy for all the blessings in 2015
Friday January 1		Circumcision of Our Lord/Solemn Holy Day <i>Epistle: Colossians 2:8-12; Hebrews 7:26-8:2</i> <i>Gospel: Luke 2:20-21 & 40-52; Luke 6:17-23</i> 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for the Parish Family, benefactors and Friends Blessing of Litija Bread & Mirovanije
Saturday January 2		Saturday before Theophany <i>Epistle: 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Gospel: Matthew 3:14-4:5</i>
Sunday January 3		Sunday Before Theophany <i>Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Gospel: Mark 1:1-8</i> 4:00 pm Great Vespers 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy; +Keenan Alan Wofford by Jilek Family 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Festal Matins 9:00 am Confessions 10:00 am Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr. Chris: Birthday Blessings, Barbara De Lap by Donna Ceballos
	<i>Canned goods collection for Franciscan Friars</i>	

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	Paola Terlaza	Laura Dominguez
Sven & Barbara Svensson	Henry Zegger	Robert Zadel
Michele Koetter	John & Margie Disque	William Frank
Abraham Haddad	Phillip Fall	Joseph Koetter
Lillian Murphy	Walter Jakymiw	Mary Nell Preisler
Jenny Ford	Olga Bodnar	Jackie De Paolis
Marilyn Fore	Frances Brannan	Donny Terry
Robert Hasaka	John Deflice	Mary Murphy
Frank & Martha Arden	Kristoff Rajala	Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
Pricilla Hughes	Jordan Smith	Quintin Santamaria & Family
Sharif Rabadi	Maggie Batsel	Heather Mattax
Threima Leech	Katrina Anderson	Larry Bennett
Stephen Horner	Tony Lucero	Mary Ellis
Demetrius Yackanich	Chris Overlin	Mike Harahuc

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: Gloetzner
Next Sunday: Dodson-Sands

PART OF THE HOMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

By St. John Chrysostom

Let us then also follow the magi, let us separate ourselves from our barbarian customs and make our distance from them great, that we may see Christ, since they too, had they not been far from their own country, would have missed seeing Him. Let us depart from the things of earth. For so the wise men, while they were in Persia, saw but the star, but after they had departed from Persia, they beheld the Sun of Righteousness. Or rather, they would not have seen so much as the star, unless they had readily risen up from thence. Let us then also rise up; though all men be troubled, let us run to the house of the young Child; though kings, though nations, though tyrants interrupt this our path, let not our desire pass away. For so shall we thoroughly repel all the dangers that beset us. Since these too, except they had seen the young Child, would not have escaped their danger from the king. Before seeing the young Child, fears and dangers pressed upon them from every side; but after the adoration, it is calm and security; and no longer a star but an angel receives them, having become priests from the act of adoration; for we see that they offered gifts also.

**BETHLEHEM PEACE LIGHT brought from the Grotto of the Nativity is available in the BLUE candle at the entry area by the Nativity Icon.
Light a candle and take part of the peace flame home with you.**

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	HOST	COUNTER
Jan. 3	Christy MacMurchadha	Olga Youssef	Dorothy Curl Melinda Fitzpatrick	Open	Rafael Plut Dorothy Curl

Barbara's Hall Report: Thanks to Evie and her crew of Christmas elves for serving up rice and beans and chicken enchiladas. Many hungry mouths were fed!
The NEW SIGN UP SHEET for 2016 is up and ready to be filled!!!
Thanks to ALL who brought food in 2015!!! If you did NOT, 2016 is right around the corner!

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

**Dear beloved Parish Family
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016!!!**

Most sincere thanks to our God-loving parishioners who beautified our church with wonderful Poinsetias, to those who provided and decorated a real Christmas Tree, those who made our hall ready for the Holy Super, those who took care and organized the dishes for the Holy Supper, for those who did the cleaning, who provided and put out the luminaries, those who with angelic voices made our services ascend up to the Heavenly Choirs. ALL OUR efforts made this festive season unique and beautiful as never before and filled with LOVE, JOY and family atmosphere. May the new born Savior shower His abundant blessings YOU and all the

Year of Mercy

“How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy,” he said as he celebrated a Mass in St. Peter’s Square that marked the opening of the jubilee.

“We have to put mercy before judgment,” he added. With the proper preparation, the passage through these doors gives faithful what’s known as a “plenary indulgence.”

According to the teachings of the Catholic Church, these indulgences grant remission of all temporal punishment due to sins that have already been forgiven through the sacrament of Confession. They can also be offered for the souls in purgatory.

There is a Holy Door at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis in Santa Fe where you can obtain this indulgence.

Thank you so much to everyone who bought Christmas Fudge&Cookies! My Son Chris&his family received Fudge&money that Chris and his wife Erin put towards the children’s “BIG” present for Christmas. Abundant blessings to ALL. Lara Davis.
ALL OLPH Ladies!!! Mark your calendars and plan to attend two wonderful “new” groups that will be meeting in January:
The Women’s Encounter Group for sharing&support will meet at Cindy’s house on Saturday January 9. We will have a potluck brunch beginning at 10am. The meeting will last until Noon.
The OLPH Women’s Book Club will have their first meeting of the year on Saturday January 23 in the OLPH Hall. We will share a potluck brunch at 10am and the meeting will end at Noon. We will discuss THE STORY OF A SOUL by St Therese of Lisieux

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Thursday, December 31	5:00 pm Divine Liturgy/Thanksgiving for 2015
Friday, January 1	10:00 am Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Litija Bread & Mirovanije
Tuesday, January 5	9:00 am Royal Hours for Theophany 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. Basil with Blessing of Litija Bread
Wednesday, January 6	Theophany of Our Lord 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 after Christmas

Today we celebrate three important saints who are connected with Jesus: **David the King, Joseph His foster-father, and James the Just.**

Joseph belongs to the house of **David**, and through Joseph Jesus obtains His legal status as a son of David. God had promised David that the Messiah would come from his descendants. David was loved by God, and when David sinned grievously his sincere repentance restored that love. David is the author of many of the psalms, especially Psalm 50/51, the poignant Miserere. It is in David's hometown of Bethlehem that the Messiah was to be born, and so Joseph and Mary went there.

Joseph is a just man, a man devoted to obeying God's commandments as we see in Matthew's Gospel, where he immediately gets up after each dream with an angel's message and acts upon it. Joseph is willing to give up everything – the possibility of having his own children, abandoning his business to go to Egypt, and abandoning life in Egypt to return to the Holy Land – so as to do what God wishes him to do. Joseph is the male figure in Jesus' life, and we see in the Gospels just how well Jesus grew up as a Man as a result of Joseph's influence!

James the Just is the "brother of the Lord" (Galatians 1:19) and is the first bishop in the New Testament Church. He serves as the bishop of Jerusalem. In Catholic and Orthodox theology, James is a relative of Jesus, but not a sibling. Aramaic used the words brother and sister for people whom we consider to be cousins. The great Scripture scholar Saint Jerome wrote that this James is the son of Mary and Clopas/ Cleophas.

James was a critical leader of the early Church, and the Christians turn to him for help in deciding what Gentile Christians have to observe of Jewish law; after Peter's miraculous escape from prison, he says that James must be informed; James is both a witness of the Resurrection, and one of the three pillars of the ancient Church with John and Peter; and the earliest historians of the Church all confirm that he was one of the most important figures.

January 1 is the Feast of the Circumcision and the giving of the Name Jesus, as the angel instructed. Jesus was a popular name at the time, but in Matthew 1:21 the angel emphasizes that in this Child, the Name Jesus means that He will save His people from their sins.

Reverence for the Holy Name is emphasized by Saint Paul in Philippians 2:10 where he states: "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth".^[13] In Romans 10:13 St. Paul reiterates the saving nature of the Holy Name by stating that those who "call on the name of the Lord" will be saved.

The power of the name Jesus used in petitions is stressed in John 16:23 when Jesus states: "If you ask the Father anything in my name he will give it you." And remember the Jesus Prayer itself, the core of Eastern Christian spirituality – "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner" – which is built entirely around the Holy Name.

By submitting to the Law and shedding His blood in the rite of circumcision, He shows us His humanity, and His humility.

Father Chris has bi-lingual English dictionaries in French, Latin, Polish, Russian, Spanish and Ukrainian available. If anyone wants one, please contact him.

EWTN

December 27 Joy of Music: Christmas in Germany and Austria, 7 pm (30 mins)

December 28 Joy of Music: Christmas in Switzerland, Germany, Scandinavia 3 pm (30 mins)

December 31 - 2 pm Vespers, 3:30 pm Pope Francis' Urbi et Orbi Speech and Papal Blessing to City and World (30 mins)

10 pm Solemn Mass of Reparation for the New Year (90 mins)

Remember: EWTN News Nightly - news with Catholic interpretation is shown every day at 4 pm and 7 pm (30 minutes)

The Importance of the Eighth Day for Circumcision.

What is the significance of the eighth day? The world was created in seven days. Beyond the physical world – beyond seven days – is the eighth day, which represents the metaphysical, the spiritual.

Since for the Jews, circumcision of the male child symbolizes taking the physical and elevating it to serve God, it is done on the eighth day, a day that represents a level beyond physicality. And so on this day, Mary and Joseph would have taken their holy Child, Son of the Most High, to Bethlehem's synagogue to have this ceremony performed.

The Circumcision makes Jesus a son of Abraham, a son of the covenant. God had told Abraham that his descendants would outnumber the stars of heaven and the sands of the seas. That will be fulfilled by Jesus, the Christ, Who will proclaim the Good News to all nations through His disciples, a mission which continues today.

The Evangelization page that appears in our bulletin monthly is a reminder to us that we are the ones entrusted with the Good News today. We are the ones who must proclaim it to those around us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the power of the Holy Name of Jesus.