



December 20, 2015  
Sunday Before Christmas  
of the Ancestors  
Epistle: Hebrews 1:9-10 & 32-40

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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.**

<b>Today</b>	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:15 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr Chris: +Pat Yackanich ECF Classes
		Eternal Lamp +Marvin Curl by wife Dorothy
<b>Monday</b>		<b><i>Juliana Martyr</i></b>
December 21		<i>Epistle: Hebrews 11:17-23 &amp; 27-31; Gospel: Mark 9:42-10:1</i>
	9:00 am	Emmanuel Moleben
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b><i>Anastasia Great Martyr</i></b>
December 22		<i>Epistle: Hebrews 12:25-26 &amp; 13:22-25; Gospel: Mark 10:2-12</i>
	9:00 am	Emmanuel Moleben
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b><i>Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete</i></b>
December 23		<i>Epistle: James 1:1-18; Gospel: Mark 10:11-16</i>
	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	6:00 pm	Emmanuel Moleben
<b>Thursday</b>		<b><i>Vigil of Christmas</i></b>
December 24		<i>Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12; Gospel: Luke 2:1-20</i>
<i>Strict abstinence from meat &amp; dairy</i>	9:00 am	Royal Hours
	5:00 pm	Holy Supper
	7:00 pm	Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Parish Family, Benefactors and Friends Fr. Chris: Intention of Family, Friends, & Benefactors
<b>Friday</b>		<b><i>Christmas Birth of Our Lord/Holy Day of Obligation</i></b>
December 25		<i>Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12</i>
	9:00 am	Matins
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the Parish for Family, Benefactors and Friends
<b>Saturday</b>		<b><i>Synaxis of the Theotokos/Solemn Holy Day</i></b>
December 26		<i>Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18; Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23</i>
	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy; Blessing on Rebecca Ungaro
<b>Sunday</b>		<b><i>Sunday after Christmas</i></b>
December 27		<i>Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 &amp; Acts 6:8-7:5 &amp; 47-60</i>
		<i>Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23 &amp; 21:33-42</i>
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers
	5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy; +Keenan Alan Wofford by Jilek Family Fr. Chris: Intention of Carmelite Nuns
	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:00 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr. Chris: +James Murray by Ann Rajala Bethlehem Carolers Play before Liturgy

***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
Sven & Barbara Svensson	Henry Zuggger
Michele Koetter	John & Margie Disque
Abraham Haddad	Phillip Fall
Lillian Murphy	Walter Jakymiw
Jenny Ford	Olga Bodnar
Marilyn Fore	Frances Brannan
Robert Hasaka	John Deflice
Frank & Martha Arden	Kristoff Rajala
Pricilla Hughes	Jordan Smith
Sharif Rabadi	Maggie Batsel
Threima Leech	Katrina Anderson
Stephen Horner	Tony Lucero
Demetrius Yackanich	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
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***

- 1<sup>st</sup> Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4<sup>th</sup> Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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: Brewer**  
**Next Sunday: Gloetzner**

**The Gospel of Christmas Day** is from Matthew, chapter 2, and includes the coming of the Magi, popularly known as the Three Kings (2:1-12).

In the Roman rite, the Magi come on January 6, which is Epiphany as the revelation of the God-Man in Jesus to the Gentiles. In the Eastern Churches, Epiphany is the Baptism of the Lord, the revelation of the Holy Trinity, and so called Theophany: manifestation of God.

Both traditions celebrate the Twelve Days of Christmas, December 25 – January 6. Plan now to keep Christmas joy alive in your home throughout this period with decorations, music!

**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 \$3.00.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>TROJCA</b>	<b>GREETER</b>	<b>HOST</b>	<b>COUNTER</b>
Dec. 27	Jose Salazar	Soriah Chavez	Luba Kmetyk	Blain	Cindy Loescher Barbara DeLap

**Barbara's Hall Report:**

Thanks to the Brewer Family for hosting the social to celebrate the Baptism, Chrismation, and First Holy Communion of their newborn son, Nathaniel Jerry. There were lots of trays of lasagna, yummy bread, salad and a delicious cake. Thanks Brewer Family. And may God grant you all many years of peace, health and happiness!

**Act of Repentance Using the Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12  
to help you prepare for your Confession**

(Green Faithful's Book, page 23)

New American Bible

**"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

Are we preoccupied with money and worldly goods?

Do we dare try to increase our personal wealth at the expense of justice?

**"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."**

Are we impatient in bearing our own burdens?

Are we unconcerned about the burdens of others?

**"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land."**

Are we at times ruthless with each other?

Is our personal world full of discord and violence?

**"Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."**

Do we thirst for You, O Lord, the fountain of all holiness?

Are we too slow to spread Your influence in our lives and in our society?

**"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."**

Are we slow to forgive and quick to condemn?

**"Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God."**

Are we prisoners of our senses and evil desires?

Are we caught up in our selfish intentions and needs?

**"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."**

Do we fail to make peace in our families, in our work, in our Church, in our country and in the world?

**"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

Do we prefer to practice injustice rather than suffer for the sake of righteousness?

Do we discriminate against people and oppress and persecute them?

**"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven."**

Have we suffered because of our faith and for following our Lord, Jesus Christ?

If so, we are on the right road to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lord, Jesus Christ, Son of God have mercy on me a sinner

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Thursday, December 24	5:00 pm Holy Supper 7:00 pm Vespers/Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Blessing of Litija Bread
Friday, December 25	Christmas/Birth of Our Lord 9:00 am Festal Matins 10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Saturday, December 26	Synaxis of the Theotokos/Solemn Holy Day 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Tuesday, January 5	9:00 am Royal Hours 6:00 pm Vigil Divine Liturgy/Great Blessing of Water
Wednesday, January 6	9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Great Blessing of Water

**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 Ancestors of Christ

Jesus' foster father, St. Joseph, was of the **House of David**, the Jewish royal line which once ruled the Holy Land. Thus, the genealogy includes well-known names of Jewish history. These are important figures in salvation history. When Michelangelo painted the Sistine Chapel, he included many of the ancestors, putting them in lunettes around the chapel.

**Salmon** married **Rahab** of Jericho, and their son was **Boaz**. Rahab was the prostitute who gave refuge to the Israelite spies in Jericho, and so she and all her household were spared when the city was taken. The **wonderful Book of Ruth** is one of the great classics of literature, and is often acclaimed as the most romantic book in the Bible. Boaz was the prince of the Israelite settlers. He married the Moabite **Ruth**, who had followed her widowed mother-in-law Naomi with those famous words "*Thy people shall be my people, and thy God shall be my God.*" Both of these marriages were with pagan women, but the women converted to the worship of the true God. God used these marriages to bring about the royal house of David.

Their son, **Obed**, was the grandfather of **David**. Obed's son is **Jesse**, who is blessed with eight sons. But when God sends Samuel the prophet to anoint one of Jesse's sons as king of Judah, Jesse forgets all about **David**, the youngest one and most insignificant of his children. But it is David whom God chooses to lead the Israelite people. **King David** (1040–970 BC) ruled over Judah from 1010–1003 BC, and over the United Kingdom of Israel c. 1003–970 BC. His story is well-known to us: going from that youngest and supposedly insignificant son of Jesse to becoming the great ruler of the Jewish people.

His son **Solomon** was co-regent with his father from 973–970 BC, and sole king after that. When God appeared to him, Solomon asked for the gift "of understanding the hearts of the people" (1 Kings 3:4-9), and so God gave him the gift of wisdom. He built the First Temple.

King **Asa** (circa 913-910 BC to 873-869 BC) was the great-grandson of Solomon, and he led a constant battle to keep the Jewish religion free of pagan influences. King **Uzziah** (783 – 742 BC) took the throne at the age of sixteen, but ruled for fifty-two years, an era considered second only to Solomon's reign for prosperity.

But Uzziah's success went to his head, and he went into the Temple and dared to burn incense at the altar, a privilege reserved to the priests. He was struck down with leprosy instantly as divine punishment. He lived for eleven more years but his son **Jotham** ruled as co-regent. Even in death he was kept apart, and his grave stood alone in the royal necropolis, as a warning to those who would defy the Lord. Jotham ruled until 735 BC. He listened to the prophets, rebuilt the temple's towers and fortified many towns, and defeated the Ammonites. When he died, he was mourned as a righteous king.

But his son **Ahaz** (ruled 735 – 715 BC), on the other hand, not only allowed the worship of pagan gods, but he sacrificed his own son to those gods. He ignored the warnings of the prophets. He invited the Assyrians to get involved in the region, and through his failed policies the Jews of Gilad, Nephtali and Galilee were deported into Assyria. His son **Hezekiah** (716 – 687 BC), however, cleansed the Temple of the alien gods, led Judah through a far-reaching religious reform, and oversaw a new era of prosperity and increased literacy.

**Jechoniah** (598-597) was king for a mere three months and ten days, and it was he who led his family, the royal court, and 3,000 prominent Jews into exile in Babylon following the first siege of Jerusalem. He lived in prison until his release 561 BC. His son, **Shealtiel**, whose name means "I asked 'El' [God] for this child," was the second leader of the exiled Jews, or the **exilarch**.

Thus, **the genealogy gives us a mix of good and bad, of sinners and righteous, and of foreign women whose love of the God of Israel resulted in blessings for the people**. It is like any other family tree, then, and shows us that God chose a line of ordinary people for His Son to be born into.

Joseph the carpenter is the most righteous of them all: he immediately acts whenever the angel of the Lord comes to him, without question, and works with his wife, the Ever-virgin Mary, to raise our Lord Jesus Christ into a well-balanced and pious man.



### **EWTN**

Dec 21 - Keep Christ in Christmas, 4:30 pm;  
Dec 25 11:30 am  
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Mass from St. Peter's: 1:30 pm; encore 11 pm.  
Midnight Mass from Bethlehem, 4 pm  
Dec 25 Mass from National Basilica 10 am (90 mins)  
Catholic University Christmas Choir Concert 3:30 pm (1 hour)  
Pope Francis' Urbi et Orbi Speech and Papal Blessing to City and World 7 pm (30 min.)

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

### **Pope Francis writes to us about this special Year:**

To experience and obtain the Indulgence, the faithful are called to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Door, open in every Cathedral or in the churches designated by the Diocesan Bishop, and in the four Papal Basilicas in Rome, as a sign of the deep desire for true conversion.

Likewise, I dispose that the Indulgence may be obtained in the Shrines in which the Door of Mercy is open and in the churches which traditionally are identified as Jubilee Churches. It is important that this moment be linked, first and foremost, to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with a reflection on mercy.

It will be necessary to accompany these celebrations with the profession of faith and with prayer for me and for the intentions that I bear in my heart for the good of the Church and of the entire world.

You may obtain this indulgence for yourself, or for the soul of a deceased loved one.