

# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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**Christ is Born!**

**12 Days of Christmas - Orthodox**

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A wonderful  
part of the  
Orthodox  
celebration  
of Christmas  
is the period  
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tide or the 12 Days of Christmas. This is one of those rare times in the life of the Church where all fasting is suspended, and the fullness of Christ's incarnation is on full display.

The Sunday after Nativity (Today) serves as a commemoration of Christ's relatives "according to the flesh." These "ancestors of God" serve as the first examples of how we are to both worship and imitate our Savior:

Joseph the Betrothed, the elderly man entrusted with the care of the virgin Mary, believed in

the Lord through an angel and overcame the temptations of Satan. With the magi of the east, he too bowed down and worshipped the newborn King.

David, the king and psalmist is an image of true repentance, providing the people of God with an abundance of prayers and songs for both our own repentance and the continual praise of Christ. These psalms also provide poignant reminders of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection in the continued worship of the Church.

And James, the "brother of God"—being either the son or nephew of Joseph from a prior marriage—was the first leader of the church of Jerusalem:

As the Lord's disciple, O righteous One, you received the Gospel;

as Martyr, you have unwavering courage;

as the Lord's brother, you have forthrightness;

as Hierarch, intercession. —Dismissal hymn

The circumcision of Christ is then celebrated (Jan. 14), not only as a fulfillment of the ceremonial Torah and the transition of God's revelation to mankind (after the fall) from shadow (Heb. 8:5) to reality, but also for naming the child Jesus (which means "Savior"). We too receive a new name through the Church in the mystery of Baptism—the Christian fulfillment of circumcision—following the example of both Christ and our forefathers.

Through this sacramental act, a Christian's whole life is dedicated to Christ through the intercession of Saints (Heb. 12:1; Rev. 8:4) and the protection of angels (St. Matt. 18:10; Jude 1:9).

The holy prophet Malachi The holy prophet Malachi On January 3rd, the holy prophet Malachi is commemorated. Malachi prophesied from within the Persian court of Artaxerxes that a "Sun of Righteousness" would enter the world with "healing on his wings" (Mal. 4:2; ca. 5th century B.C.).

On the following day, the original seventy apostles are commem-

orated (cf. Luke 10:1-16), being first sent into the world with the Gospel message. These men and women remind us that, as we have received the infant Christ in his Nativity, it is now our turn to share him (as did Mary) with the rest of the world. We take this message of an infant King of Kings, along with the good news of his life, death, and resurrection, into all creation (Mark 16:15), just as these first apostles and disciples of Christ did.

And finally, we conclude the 12 Days of Christmas with the Great Feast of Theophany (sometimes called Epiphany) on January 19th. In the baptism of Christ, by the hands of John the Forerunner, the divinity of Christ and the full mystery of the Trinity are made manifest. Theophany means “divine manifestation,” and we are reminded continually, in the life of the Church and her worship, of this manifestation of Christ as the God-Man, along with the unique and incomprehensible mystery of the Trinity. In fact, the abundance of our rituals regarding the sanctification of this created order—including within our churches—is a reflection of this incarnational mystery:

Our reverence, our veneration is never related to ‘matter,’ but always to that which it reveals, of which it is an epiphany, i.e., a manifestation and presence ... consecration in the Church is not a creation of ‘sacred objects’ ... but their referral to their original and at the same time ultimate meaning. —Schmemmann, *The Eucharist*, p. 61

Along these lines, we sing in the festal hymn:

You appeared to the world today, and Your light, O Lord, has left its mark upon us.

We must share this light with the darkness of the world, working together with the Spirit of God in the redemption of creation through Christ our Lord. This Lord entered our world in the humility of a child born to die—being wrapped as an infant in burial cloths, as depicted in the Nativity icon—by his own death triumphed over death itself.

Ultimately, then, the meaning of both the Nativity of Christ and the entirety of the 12 Days of Christmas is the receiving and giving of Christ, who is truly the gift and the giver, the one who is received and distributed.

In the Eucharistic mystery, we imitate the Mother of God in our sharing Christ with the world. We imitate Stephen in our being a true witness or martyr for Christ, to a world that would seek to be Herod. We imitate a life of true repentance as with David, and a life of simple, prayerful obedience like the elderly Joseph. We imitate the Theophany of Christ with our own manifestation of his light in the darkness. And we reflect the unity of the three Persons of the Trinity with our unity, communion, and mutual love as the Church.

In other words, we receive the uncreated light of the Christ-child on Nativity, and are prepared to share that light with the world by the end of the 12 Days of Christmas.

Fervently celebrate the commemorations and feasts of this glorious time of the year; not only for your own sake, but especially for the sake of the world.

### ***Prayer Corner for the Month of January***

***We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace:*** Maria, Andrew J, Tony Zerebny, Maria Savoy, Nicole, Victoria, Barbara, Tom Macauliffe, John, Margaret, Eleanor, Ethel Smith, Michael P, Anthony, Catherine Hladky, Andrew Hladky, Wally and Ann Podlecki, Valentina Schacht, Susan Hendrixson, Rayan, Dean Manson, Pavlo & Polina, Barbara Patronik, Elias, Roxana, Anthony Bendy, Katie Bruce, Patti Faye, Toni Marie Klavin, Michael Kimak, Chloe Mckinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Paul Jr & Dorothy Seliga, Wolodymer Kashpar, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Priest David Clooney, Priest Petro, PM Maria, Frankie, Zachary, Orest, Oksana, Alexander, Paul.

*If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, and you want to add them to the prayer corner, please notify Fr. Vasyl.*

*If you would like me to visit with the Sacraments of the Holy Confession and Eucharist, please call the rectory to set up an appointment. I will gladly visit everyone.*

## Announcements

### *Parish Council*

Monthly Parish Council meeting is every third Sunday of the month after the Coffee Hour. Next meeting is Sunday January 20, 2019 *Representatives from parish organizations must be present. Guests are welcome.*

### *Sunday Services in two Languages*

**Every First Sunday of the Month** there will be All English Divine Liturgy at 9:30am followed by All Ukrainian Pro-Liturgy at 11:30am. Next Special Sunday is March 3, 2019.

Due to the Soup-er Bowl Sunday there will be only one bilingual service on Sunday Feb 3, 2019 followed by our 9th Annual Soup-er Bowl Sunday Feast.

### *Sunday School*



Thank you very much to all of those who have participated at the Sunday School project Mitten Tree. The Special Collection of gloves, mittens, scarfs and hats for the homeless at the local PADS shelter

was a great success. Today the items will be taken off the tree and packed to be delivered tomorrow Monday, January 14 to the homeless shelter. Thank you for your generosity.

### *Seraphim Group*

Seraphim Group is a group of seniors and their friends that meets at least every second Tuesday of the month. The group enjoys verity of activities. From get together in the Church hall for lunch and games to outings to the movies and local restaurants or attractions. Everyone is welcome to join them for great time in the friendly atmosphere of fellow parishioners and friends.

**Next meeting is Tuesday January 15, 2019** Seraphim Group Holiday Party. **Bring a dish to share.** Come and join us. Bring a friend. For more info see Debbie Pierog— President of the Seraphim Group [Deb12153@aol.com](mailto:Deb12153@aol.com)  
708-710-6009 Text or Call



## *Seven Day Vigil Candles*



For the health of Roksana and Katherine

by Leela Cepynsky

For the health of my mother Polina and father Pavlo

by Halyna Kashpar

For the health of daughter Iryna with family and son Mikola and Olga by Kashpar Family

For the health of Albert, Stephania, Vladislav, Hanna, Olga & Valentina

For the health of Anatoly Meuch, Mike Salup and Grzymiski & Meuch Family by Alla Grzymiski

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In memory of Hanna, Ivan, Olga & Michailo

In memory of Grzymiski, Meuch & Scheenko family by Alla Grzymiski

In memory of mother & mother-in-law Emilia on the 16th anniversary of her passing into eternity by Kashpar Family

## *Icon Exhibit*

This coming Sunday January 20, 2019, our parish will host an icon Exhibit of famous Iconographers Alexander and Sofia Klimenko.

Iconographers will be happy to answer any questions you might have regarding the writing of icons.

Some of the Icons will be offered for sale as well.



## *50/50 Club*

Join the 50/50 Club in our parish. Membership is only \$5.00 a month or \$60.00 a year. You can win from \$130.00 to \$200.00 every month.

The more members we get the more money you can win. In our history we had prizes of \$500.00 a month.

Plus, all of the proceeds from the club are donated to the parish.

***Since the beginning, the 50/50 Club, has donated over \$99,000.00 to the parish!***

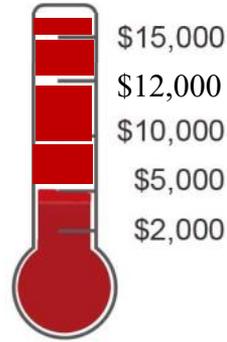
Become a member and support your Parish Church.

*For more information please see the president of the 50/50 club Mr. Michael Gbur or call the rectory*

## ***Church Temple Main Chandelier***



We are working on replacing Main Chandelier at the Church Temple. Current one is too small for our temple as well as in very poor condition. We have collected so far \$16,165.00 towards this project. Every little bit helps.



In loving memory of our parents Anna, Nikolai, Nadezhda & Mark from Ludmila and Alexander Piskoun—\$100.00

### ***Thank you very much for your generosity!***

In loving memory of our parents Olga (Ollie) Kuzanek by Dr. Rudy and Sharon Burger—Zellinger and sister Susan Mitchell — \$150.00

## ***St. Luke's Shelter***

Shelter is in need of volunteers for December morning shift of the 11th and 25th and in January on the 1st and 8th.

You can sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084DA5AA28AAFC1-volunteer>

Or You can also call / e-mail the St. Luke coordinator Jill Olson for particulars, at 630.296.7520, e-mail [ma-crina1054@gmail.com](mailto:ma-crina1054@gmail.com)

## ***Snow Removal Winter 2018-2019***

WEEK OF 01/13 THRU 01/19 ----- FATHER VASYL

WEEK OF 01/20 THRU 01/26 ----- FATHER VASYL

As in the past years, we need volunteers to remove snow if it is less than 2 inches. If it is more than 2 inches the snow removal company will do it. If you would like to volunteer, please see Rich Ganske



## **Nativity Season Schedule**

**Sunday, January 13 at 9:30am** Divine Liturgy. Sunday Before Theophany

**Monday, January 14 at 9:30am** the New Year Julian calendar and the Feast of St. Basil the Great

**Friday, January 18 at 6:00pm** Eve of the Theophany Vespers and Great blessing of the water

**Saturday, January 19 at 9:30 am** Divine Liturgy and blessing of the water. **The Holy Theophany.** The Baptism of Our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Sunday, January 20 at 9:30 am** Divine Liturgy Sunday after Theophany. House blessings

**Sunday, January 27 at 9:30 am** Divine Liturgy

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