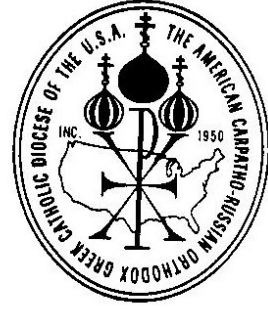


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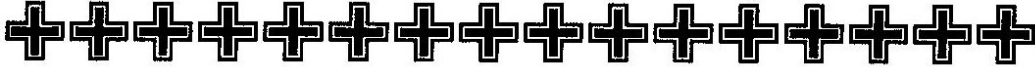


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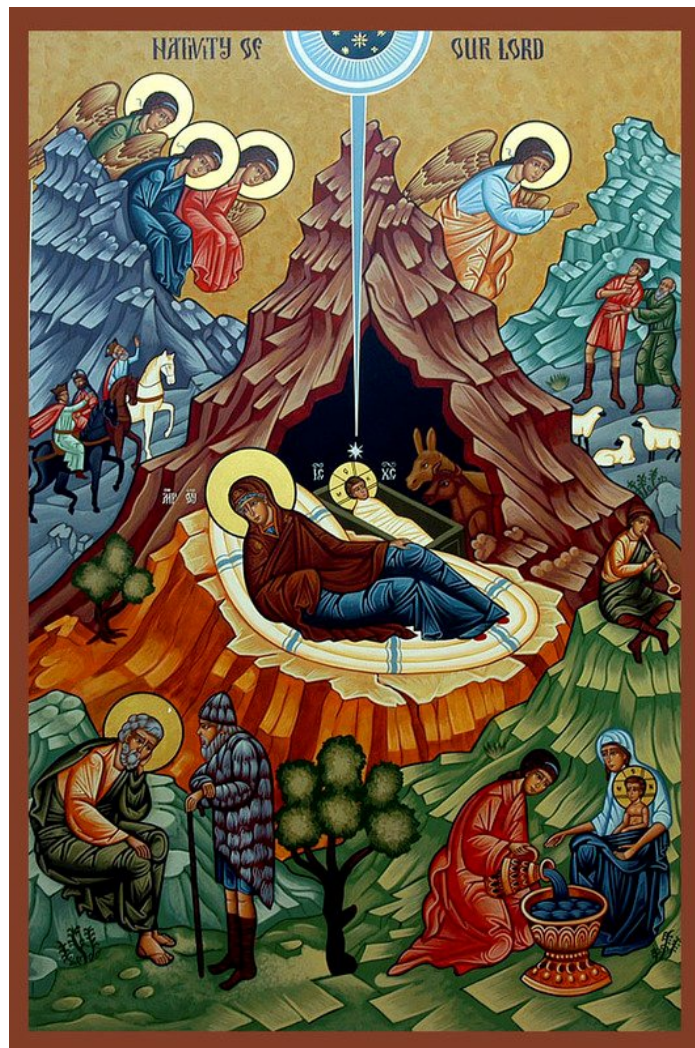
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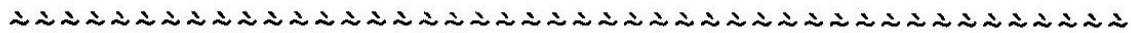
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FOUR-WEEK ISSUE

JANUARY 1, 2012



CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!
CHRISTOS RAZDAJETSJA! SLAVITE JEHO!



RECTORY OFFICE HOURS are 10 AM - 4 PM Monday through Friday
EMERGENCY SICK CALLS can be made anytime. If Father is not in the office, the answering service will reach him with emergency calls.
MARRIAGES are celebrated on Saturdays and Sundays. Consult the Pastor at least 6 months in advance and before wedding reception plans have been made. Marriages cannot be celebrated during Lent or Advent, or on Fridays.
BAPTISMS are scheduled on Sundays at 11 AM. Two God-parents are required, at least one of whom must be Orthodox by Faith, and the other a practicing Christian. An infant's first or middle name must be a saint's name.
CHURCH FUNERALS are provided for parishioners who are current in their spiritual and financial obligations to the Parish. Otherwise, burial is from the funeral home.

The Church does not permit cremation.



DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2012

1 Sun. 9 AM DIVINE LITURGY

Panachida: + Madelyn Pleskovic on 40th day by Fr. and Pani Miloro; Perpetual: + John Smider + John Patrick + Alex Stolicza; + Departed Cathedral Founders and Benefactors; + Michael Sverada, + Mary and James I. Mays, and + Philip and Anna Sverada by Irene Sverada (Rahway, NJ)

10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

6 Fri. 7 AM Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil Nativity Vigil – Day of Strict Fast

(Remembered in the Proskomedie - Yackulich Family: + Charles, Mary, John Jr., John Sr., Julia, Bertha, Elizabeth and Frank)

10:30 PM Service of Nativity Complines

11:45 PM Medley of Christmas Carols by the Cathedral Choir

7 Sat. NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

(Eternal Lamp burns all week for health of Steve and Mary Elko requested by Father and Pani Baranik; Altar Candles in memory of + John and Julia Santichen offered by Charles Santichen; Sacramental Table Candles by Roger Pavlik in memory of parents and grandparents)

12 Midnight 1st Christmas Liturgy

9 AM

2nd Christmas Liturgy

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2012

8 Sun. 9 AM DIVINE LITURGY (Synaxis of the Mother of God)

(Altar Candles as birthday remembrance memory + Leonard F. Messner by wife Julie)

(Sanctuary Candles in memory of + Mary Pavlik on 9th anniversary by Roger Pavlik)

(Remembered in the Proskomedie: Health of Cathedral Altar Society Members)

Panachida: Perpetual: + Kay Miloro; + Mary Kesselak on 4th anniversary by John Kesselak Jr.; + Mary Pavlik on 8th anniversary by Roger Pavlik; + John F. Popp Jr. on 7th ann. (1/7) by wife Irene; + Departed Kol'adniki (Carolers) of the Parish by John and Helen Yurosko

10:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

2 PM Baptism of Jesse Aaron Simmons

9 Mon. 9 AM DIVINE LITURGY (Holyday of the Great Martyr Stephen)

Panachida: + Stephen Evanisko and all Departed Servicemen of the Cathedral Parish by Anna Evanisko and the Evanisko Family; Perpetual: + Mary Radasky Kesselak by Andrea and Jeff Robel; Perpetual: + Helena Krompak; + Anna Marie Miterko as birthday remembrance; + Stephen Kassander and + Stephen C. Kassander by mother

10 Tue. 7 AM + Joseph Kuhar on 1st anniversary by Evalyn Brudnak; Perpetual: + Anna Toth; Perpetual: + Kay Miloro (7th anniversary)

13 Fri. 6 PM Vespers for the Holyday

14 Sat. 9 AM Liturgy on the Holyday of St. Basil the Great and Julian New Year

Panachida: + Patricia Pasternak on 4th anniversary by M/Mrs. Cal Abood

6 PM Vespers

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2012

15 Sun. 9 AM DIVINE LITURGY

Perpetual Panachida: + Fr. Nomikos Michael Vaporis on 15th anniversary; + Pani Emily Molchany; + Matthew Lazarak; + Joseph, Michael and Anna Chanda; + Prof. Andrew Panchisin on 42nd anniversary; + Frank Evanisko on 14th anniversary

18 Wed. VIGIL OF THEOPHANY

7 AM Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil (Proskomedie: + Helen Baranik on 2nd anniversary)

6 PM Cathedral Auditorium Holy Night Supper

7 PM Compline Service and Blessing of Water

19 Thu. 9 AM Liturgy on the Holyday of Theophany

Panachida: + Michael Radasky on 45th anniversary by Anna and Marge Janicsko; + Nick Toth on 32nd anniversary by M/Mrs. Robert Pasternak; Perpetual: + Helen Balog

20 Fri. 9 AM Liturgy on the Holyday of the Synaxis of the St. John the Baptist

Panachida: + Pani Elizabeth Radasky on 2nd anniversary by Darlene and Rick Cassidy; Perpetual: + David Vreeland; + John and Elizabeth Chrasch; + Michael, Mary, Michael, Anna, John, Suzanna, Anna and Martha Prokop

21 Sat. 6 PM Vespers

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2012

22 Sun. 9 AM DIVINE LITURGY (Altar Candles in memory of mother

+ Anastasia Pirich on anniversary of death by Julie Messner)

Perpetual Panachida: + Very Rev. John R. Stefanik by Family; + Rose and John Patrick Sr.; + Betty Ann Lanko Berezonsky; + John Mirilovich by the Mirilovich Family (Rich, Harriet, Richard, Renee, Andrew, Kristen, Michael, Nancy & Marie); + Jeri Yarina as birthday remembrance; + Anna Marie Dudak on 41st anniversary by Ann Mlinarchik; + Peter Kesselyak on 32nd anniversary

28 Sat. 8 AM Perpetual: + John and Anna Kovalik by the Kovalik Family; + Michael and

Anna Zahoran by Joann Berkey; + Jan and Mary Koval

6 PM Vespers

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

Father and Pani Miloro are grateful to all who expressed Christmas Greetings to them and to the Clergy of the Cathedral and their Families.

Gratitude is also expressed to the following who offered Pointsettias:

***George Kohan for pointsettias on the altar in memory of his father, + Stephen Kohan
Charles Santichen in memory of the + departed of the Santichen Family and
the departed of the + Bodinsky Family***

***Ann M. Yurcisin in memory of + V. Rev. Protopresbyter John and Pani Anna Yurcisin
William Dudak in memory of + Departed Dudak Family***

Roger Pavlik in memory of + Departed Pavlik Family

***Brudnak Family in memory of + Robert Brudnak, + John and Anna Kovalik,
+ Joseph Kuhar and + Gary Bowser***

Julia Messner in memory of husband + Leonard and parents

Susan Kalcik and Nick Bocher for blessings received

***Ruth Horner in memory of mother + Mary Horner and Grandparents
+ Michael and Mary Morochko***

***Brudnak Family in memory of + Stephen and Anna Brudnak,
+ Dolores Brudnak and + Robert Brudnak***

Ann Evanisko in memory of + George Evanisko

Gratitude is also expressed to:

The Cathedral Choir directed by Helen Spanovich

The Cantors led by Dr. Donald Koval

***Romayne and Henry Laichak, Dr. Donald Koval and Helen, and Agnes Buchovecky
for decorating the church***

Pani Betty Jean Baranik and Nick Koslin for preparing the Cathedral

***Barry, Julie and Amanda Gilchrist for the gift of \$300 to the Needy Fund in memory of
dearly departed mother and grandmother + Helen Yuhas, and fathers and
grandfathers + John Yuhas and + Robert Gilchrist***

The Daskivich Family (Pittsburgh) for the gift of \$100 to the Needy Fund

Eva and Carol A. Vanuk (Monroe Twp., NJ) for the gift of \$500 to the Needy Fund

***Mrs. Ann Evanisko wishes to thank all for their cards and gifts on her 94th birthday,
and for Christmas Cards and Holiday Greetings***

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WISH THEM A HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY!

- 1 Richard Miloro**
- 2 Joseph Satkovich**
- 4 Kurtis Dutko**
- 9 Daniel Birthisel**
- 11 Anna Furman**
- 14 Luke Tvarozna**
- 17 Steve Muchesko**
- 17 Richard Kesselak**
- 18 Michael Haschak**
- 19 Amanda Dutko**
- 22 Kate Abele**
- 23 George Evanisko**
- 24 Nicholas Benc**
- 26 Fr. Frank P. Miloro**
- 26 Andrea Robel**
- 31 Evelyn Evanisko**

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

The Sunday School Staff wishes Christmas blessings to Fr. Miloro, Fr. Baranik, Fr. Brancho and their families. May God bless them for their dedication to our Cathedral. Also, wishes are extended to all of our parishioners. May this Holy Season bring peace, love and joy to all. And may 2012 be happy and healthy for everyone.

Many thanks to all who supported our Christmas Program held on December 18th. The children did a wonderful job!! Many thanks to Seminarians Jon Bannon, Will Bennett and Matt Dutko as well as all teachers who helped to co-ordinate the program.

As in previous years, January is designated as "Souper Bowl" collection of cans of soup for the food pantry. Deadline is Sunday, February 5th. Bring cans or packages of soup to Sunday School, give to any student or teacher, or leave on the stage downstairs. Your help will be appreciated.

A gift of a Christmas icon was distributed to all students.

Thanks to all the children who held candles during the Sundays in Advent, also to Roger Pavlik for his help each Sunday.

A.C.R.Y. NEWS The 50/50 drawing for December was not held on the last Sunday of the month. There will be 2 drawings in January instead. Monthly drawings will continue until summer as a project to help with the ACRY Convention in September hosted by our Chapter.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONER!

Welcome is extended to Michael Oleksa. We pray that God will give him both spiritual and human joy for many, blessed years, Mnohaja L'ita!

CHOIR PRACTICE is on Wednesday, January 4 at 7 PM.

There is no St. Nectarios Moleben in the month of January.

There is no "Cathedral Seniors" Meeting in the month of January.

SUNDAY COFFEE SOCIALS

Don't forget to consider becoming a host or hostess for our Sunday coffee socials. Coffee Shoppe is held most Sundays after Liturgy. The Adult Study Class meets at the same time in the Auditorium. There is a list in the vestibule showing the available Sundays from January 1 through the end of May. Please consider sponsoring Coffee Shoppe on one of these Sundays. It is not difficult! The coffee is already made for you. Just bring in 3 dozen donuts or pastries or rolls – or whatever you would like (36 pieces is usually enough). Just clean-up cups and paper plates after the social.

THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS!

January 15 **Altar** *In memory of + Patricia Pasternak on 4th anniversary of death by daughter Anna Marie Mlinarchik and son, Nicholas*

January 22 **Altar** *In memory of + Anna Marie Dudak by David and Melanie Dudak*

Our Parishioners are asked to please note: It was decided at the last Sobor that adults in all the parishes in the Diocese would be asked to make a special contribution to the Priests' Pension Fund for 4 consecutive years. The 2011 contribution was extended through the end of January. We will ask for your help on Sunday, January 15th. The suggested amount per adult was set at \$15. Please give what you can. There will be a basket near the entrance doors of the Cathedral. These funds from the parishes will help to alleviate a shortfall caused by the economy. We pray that our Pension Fund will be able to assist our retired priests for many years to come. Please be generous!

SINCERE CONDOLENCES go the family of + Julia Popovich who passed on December 29, 2011 and was buried from our Cathedral on January 3, 2012. Eternal Memory!

AVAILABLE IN THE CATHEDRAL AUDITORIUM.....

- *Lots-O-Luck calendars for \$25. See Donna Yarina. These make nice gifts.*
- *Scrip gift cards are available from Pani Baranik on most Sundays. The Cathedral receives a percentage on every card sold. These cards can also be used by you when shopping in local grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants and other establishments.*
- *Religious wall calendars for 2012. We are grateful to Alan Reid of Moskal Funeral Home who sponsors the calendars every year.*
- *2012 offering envelopes are available now. Please remember to use your assigned envelopes so your offerings can be recorded.*
- *Please remember that 2011 parish dues are now overdue! Each adult parishioner is obligated to remit the annual dues in order to remain in good financial standing. College students and those in the Armed Forces are excused. Dues paid through January 22nd will be reported as 'paid' in the annual financial statement for 2011. Please remember that, in order to receive full ministrations of the Church, both spiritual and financial obligations must be met. If there is anyone who is financially unable to meet these requirements, please talk with Father Miloro. Annual dues are \$100 per adult member. There is a convenient envelope for this purpose among your January offering envelopes.*

RUSSIAN NEW YEARS CELEBRATION will take place on Saturday, January 14th at the Educational Center. A roast beef dinner is served at 8 PM. There is dancing throughout the evening, and refreshments at midnight. Cost is \$25 per person. See Steve Martyak for reservations! It is a wonderful social evening, and all are invited!

THEOPHANY HOLY NIGHT SUPPER.....This tradition will be preserved with the Supper served on Wednesday, January 18th at 6 PM in the Cathedral Auditorium. Everyone is invited to participate! Each family is asked to bring one strict-fast dish. After the meal, the Compline Service will begin at 7 PM and water will be blessed. Note: based on past experiences, IF THERE IS BAD WEATHER AND THE SIDEWALKS AND ROADS ARE ICY OR SNOW COVERED, THE SUPPER WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CANCELLED. If in doubt that day, call the rectory at 539-8086.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO HOME BLESSING THIS YEAR SINCE FATHER HAS DIFFICULTY WALKING SUSTAINED DISTANCES AND STEPS.

“ETERNAL MEMORY FUND” UPDATE

12/25	Louise Brudnak in memory of + Alex Faris	\$25.00
12/25	Friends and Family of + Sandy Abele (additional)	\$65.00
	Total Parishioners' Offerings to Date	\$278,040
	Total Anonymous Matching Gift to Date	\$305,000
	GRAND TOTAL TO DATE	\$583,040

Gifts are accepted anytime in any amount. Especially appropriate are donations to the Fund at the time of the death of a loved one. What better way is there to memorialize someone than by making their memory a permanent part of our Parish? Please think about it, and thank you for considering this special Fund.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE for our community will be held on Sunday, February 12 at 3 PM in St. John Gualbert Cathedral (Clinton Street downtown). Please come – parishioners of all local parishes are cordially invited! Social follows.

EDUCATIONAL CENTER ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 29

CATHEDRAL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 5

NOTICE: March for Life (Washington, DC) is on Monday, January 23. Those who wish to go, call the rectory 539-8086 for possible van arrangements.

CATHEDRAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

JANUARY 7	CHRISTMAS – NATIVITY OF THE SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST
JANUARY 14	RUSSIAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION – EDUCATIONAL CENTER
JANUARY 19	THEOPHANY HOLYDAY – BLESSING OF WATER
JANUARY 23	ANNUAL “MARCH FOR LIFE” – WASHINGTON, DC
JANUARY 29	EDUCATIONAL CENTER ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5	CATHEDRAL ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 27	LENT BEGINS
MARCH 4	ORTHODOX SUNDAY
APRIL 1	PARISH COMMUNION BREAKFAST
APRIL 8	PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 15	EASTER (Pascha) – RESURRECTION OF CHRIST
MAY 13	MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
MAY 20	FIRST CONFESSION CLASS CELEBRATION
MAY 27	GRADUATE SUNDAY; CLOSE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
JUNE 3	PENTECOST
JUNE 10	CAMP NAZARETH ANNUAL FAMILY DAY
JUNE 17	FATHER’S DAY
JUNE 24-27	ANNUAL ALTAR BOY RETREAT
JULY 9-12	SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 22-28	JOHNSTOWN DEANERY SUMMER CAMP
AUGUST 5	PARISH PICNIC
SEPTEMBER 9	SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENS
OCTOBER 7	JOHNSTOWN DDD DINNER – SUNNEHANNA COUNTRY CLUB
DECEMBER 16	ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION AND BANQUET

THE OLD JULIAN CALENDAR

The Julian Calendar began in 45 BC as a reform of the Roman Calendar by Julius Caesar. It was chosen after consultation with the astronomer Sosigenes of Alexandria, and was probably designed to approximate the tropical year (known at least since Hipparchus).

The Julian Calendar has a regular year of 365 days divided into 12 months with a leap day added to February every four years. The Julian year is, therefore, on average 365.25 days long. The motivation for most calendars is to fix the number of days between return of the cycle of seasons (from spring equinox to the next spring equinox, for example) so that the calendar could be used as an aid to planting and other season-related activities. The cycle of seasons (tropical year) had been known since ancient times to be about 365 and ¼ days long.

The more modern Gregorian Calendar eventually superseded the Julian Calendar. The reason is that a tropical year (or solar year) is actually about 11 minutes shorter than 365.25 days. These extra 11 minutes per year in the Julian Calendar caused it to gain about three days every four centuries, when compared to the observed equinox times and seasons. In the Gregorian calendar system, first proposed in the 16th century, this problem was dealt with by dropping some calendar days in order to realign the calendar and the equinox times. Subsequently, the Gregorian Calendar drops three leap year days across every four centuries.

The Julian Calendar remained in use into the 20th century in some countries as a civil calendar, but has been replaced by the Gregorian Calendar in nearly all countries. The

Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Rite Churches and Protestant Churches have replaced the Julian Calendar with the Gregorian Calendar. However, the Orthodox Church still uses the Julian Calendar for calculating the dates of moveable feasts, including Easter. Some Orthodox Churches have adopted the Revised Julian Calendar (New Calendar) for the observance of fixed feasts (Christmas, Theophany and major holydays), while other Orthodox Churches retain the Julian Calendar for all purposes.

Generally speaking in the United States, the Greek Orthodox Church, the O.C.A. (Orthodox Church in America), the Romanian Orthodox Church and the Antiochian Orthodox Church use the New Calendar. These jurisdictions all celebrate Christmas on December 25. The Serbian Orthodox Church, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church and the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia use the Julian Calendar. In our Diocese – the Carpatho Russian Orthodox Church – the Julian calendar is used, but not in all parishes as it had at one time. Over recent years, approximately 40% of the Diocesan parishes have changed and adopted the New Calendar and celebrate Christmas on December 25th.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

We would like to publish your birthdate in the bulletin. If you have not handed in this information, please consider it. We list the birthdates in the bulletin by month throughout the year.

Name _____

Birthdate (no need to list the year, only month and day)
