

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!!

January 7, 2018

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:7-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-17

Next Week: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

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*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

Services	Sat., Jan. 13 th	Great Vespers (Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)	7 pm
	Sun., Jan. 14 th	St. Nina of Georgia Church School Hours Divine Liturgy	9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am

Announcements:

This month's Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, January 15th at 7 pm.**

Looking ahead: Please note these events on your calendars which will occur in ensuing month or so:

Parish Council Meeting: Sunday, February 12th at 7 pm

Pre-Lenten Retreat: Saturday, February 17th. The topic and speaker are in process. It will be an interactive experience to help prepare us for the Resurrection.

Parish Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 18th after Divine Liturgy.

Our "Socks & Gutchie" collection is starting **TODAY** and will finish on the Sunday following the Feast of the Presentation of Christ (February 4th). If you would like to participate, please bring **NEW** socks and underwear OR money to purchase these items. Please help fill the "Gutchie" Basket in the vestibule. These gifts will go to needy families served by the local Orthodox charity organization, FOCUS Pittsburgh.

House Blessings: It is that time of the year again for the house blessings. Father Stephan is working on a schedule. **Please let him know if there are any changes to your address and/or phone number.** He will contact you before he arrives. Don't worry about your mess, Father Stephan has had a lot of life experience with a house full of people and stuff. Traditionally one would want to have at least one clean spot with a clean white cloth

that has a bowl of blessed water, an icon, candle, and a fresh herb that can be used for the blessing and later as seasoning.

The annual "March for Life" (marking the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in the U.S.) is being held on Friday, January 19th in Washington, DC. Your prayers are requested for ALL to remember God's most precious and sacred gift to us ~ life!

The *2018 Church Calendars* have arrived and are available in the vestibule today.

Please remember your *January Fair Share Monthly* envelope. Our monthly obligation to the national church and Archdiocese is \$15 per adult person per month. Not meeting this obligation requires us to draw funds from the General Account to cover them.

Collection: December 31st: \$934

The Prayer Network is still functioning and very active! Please submit your prayer request(s) to "local coordinator", Peter Merella, for circulation to the network. He may be reached 24/7 at 724/787-2031. Please leave a voicemail as I continually check my messages also please provide a first name and last initial (if possible). See Peter if interested in participating in the prayer group.

