

# Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

December 23, 2018

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 1:1-25

**Next Week:** Galatians 1:11-19 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:13-23

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

<b>Services:</b> Mon., Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Supper (in Parish Social Hall) <b>Vigil of the Holy Nativity</b> (Compline and Matins)	<b>5:30 pm</b> <b>8 pm</b>
Tues., Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Feast of the Nativity of the Lord</b> Carols Divine Liturgy	<b>9:45 am</b> <b>10 am</b>
Sat., Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Great Vespers</b> (Sacrament of Confession to follow)	<b>7 pm</b>
Sun., Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Virgin Martyr Anysia</b> Church School Hours Divine Liturgy	<b>Christmas Break</b> <b>9:45 am</b> <b>10 am</b>
Tues., Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord, Jesus Christ/St. Basil the Great</b> Divine Liturgy Moleben of the New Year	<b>10 am</b> <b>After Liturgy</b>

## Announcements:

**Christ is Born! Glorify Him!** Sometimes we get so caught up in ourselves and our preparation for the holidays that we miss the beauty that was revealed to us through the birth of Christ. God loves us so much that He became man so that we could experience His Love first hand and become more like Him. The Theotokos held God and all of creation totally and completely within her womb. The birth of Christ brings us the greatest gift the world will ever know and we are not ready to receive it.

The people who were here 2000 years ago were just as busy with their lives and not prepared for Christ either and the world could only offer Him a cave for His Birth. This coming week we will make a "Joyful Noise" to celebrate His Birth as best we can. Please join us during the upcoming services as we give thanks for the birth of Christ.

Parishioners please note the times of the Divine Services associated with the Lord's Nativity in today's Bulletin. Make coming to church, either on the Eve or the day of Christmas (or both), the centerpiece of your Holy Day observation. Give your family the greatest Gift you can present on Christmas — Christ Himself through the prayer of the Church and the Holy Eucharist. Don't let another year go by without bringing Christ back into your and your family's Christmas.

The Greshes are in the process of preparing for the FINAL move from Ohio. However, there's no room at the Rectory in order to complete the move! Father has had some success in minimizing some of his stuff and Parish Council has approved the posting of additional parish pieces that will need a new home. Pictures of these items that need a new home will be made available. If you have any interest, just let Father Stephan know and give a donation to the Church.

**Make this tradition from years gone by a new family tradition!** The Nativity Eve Veliya (Holy Supper). All are invited to participate in our Parish Holy Supper Covered Dish on Christmas Eve at the Social Hall beginning **promptly at 5:30 pm**. Reader Peter will coordinate the preparation of all dishes. Please remember all food items must be prepared with no meat, dairy (no eggs). (Some of the items traditionally served are: Garlic & Honey, Fish, Sauerkraut Soup, Fruit Compote, Bobalki, Prune Perohi; Keselicha (Fermented Oatmeal), Mashed Potatoes.) Please contact Peter face-to-face or over the phone at 724-787-2031 to confirm your menu assignment. This meal helps us to prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, God and Savor Jesus Christ. Learn centuries old customs of this holy night to re-establish the practice of this traditional meal in your family. Take a few minutes to ask parents, grandparents or great grandparents about traditions that they did on Christmas Eve. Bring a friend and see you there!!

**Christmas Altar Candles:** The following Altar Candle was presented by the following:

Martha Zeli & Family in **Loving Memory of Ronald Anthony Zeli & Soroka Family**

The winter season edging its way in! Use your judgment based on weather conditions. If the services are canceled, it will be announced on WPXI.

**Collection:** December 16<sup>th</sup>: \$2,052