

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

December 9, 2018

Epistle Reading: Colossians 1:12-18 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 17:12-19

Next Week: Colossians 3:4-11 **Gospel Reading:** Luke 14:16-24

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

Services: Sat., Dec. 15th **Great Vespers**
(Sacrament of Confession to follow) **7 pm**

Sun., Dec. 16th **Sunday of the Forefathers**
Sunday School **9:15 am**
Divine Liturgy **10 am**

Announcements:

Fr. Stephan will be having Vespers with the Sacrament of Confession on:

Saturday, December 15th at 7 pm,

or **at 8:30 am** Sundays *before* Divine Liturgy, or by Appointment.

Please consider coming 'sooner than later' for your Advent Confession to avoid long lines before Christmas.

The Nativity Fast is in progress, don't forget to pick up some of Baba's homemade Perohi (potato & cheese, hot pepper cheese and cabbage fillings are available) to help keep the fast!

Cal U Connection from Fr. Stephan: Its FINALS WEEK (December 10th - 16th)! Say prayers to help them focus during finals and to keep their spirits up.

There is a Parish Council Meeting **Tuesday, December 11th at 7 pm.**

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

Mom, Dad, Jacob in *Loving Memory of Jereme Joseph Dudzinski*

Christmas Altar Candles: Gifts are now being accepted for the Christmas Altar Candles. If you would like to make a gift in memory of loved ones or in honor of loved ones – place your offering in an envelope marking it "Christmas Candles" and leave it at the Candle Stand.

Get into the Holiday Spirit with the Belle Vernon Area Ministerium Choir's presentation of "A Service of Lessons and Carols" at St. Sebastian's Church on **Sunday, December 16th starting at 6:30 pm.** There will be a social afterwards in the Parish Hall.

Make someone's Christmas special! Locally there is so much need! Fr. Stephan has some local Angels who have simple wishes for clothing for a warm Christmas:

- ❖ Maria, 11 years old, clothing size 12
- ❖ Sophia, 8 years old, clothing size 7-8
- ❖ Kimberly, 7 years old, clothing size 10-12
- ❖ Benny, 5 years old, clothing size 7-8
- ❖ Daniel, 10 months old, clothing size 12-18 months; diapers Stage 3-4, 20 pounds
- ❖ Charles, 5 months old, clothing size 12-18 months; diapers Stage 3-4, 24 pounds

Let's continue to spread the goodwill of the Christmas spirit by helping our neighbors! Adopt an Angel! If you would like to fulfill an Angel's wish, please bring your wrapped gift with the Angel's name attached to Church by **Sunday, December 16th**. Each of the above Angels has been blessed by one of our parishioners with a gift of a handmade hat which they were so very happy and excited to receive. Daniel will not take his off!

This Year's Christmas Yolka is scheduled for **Sunday, December 16th**. Don't forget to bring your cameras, as we will have a "Special Visitor" arrive that day! Please help make our Yolka a festive occasion for all – please see either Marie Dudzinski or Wendy Mica if you are able to help lend a hand with some goodies for Coffee Hour to welcome St. Nicholas! *"Oh, who loves, Nicholas the saintly"...*

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!!

Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners especially over the holiday season! See today's bulletin insert for an **UPDATED** listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC. If you know of a person who needs to be added to it, please let Father Stephan know.

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 2nd: \$2,151