

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

December 17, 2017

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

Next Week: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 **Next Week:** Matthew 1:1-25

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

Services	Sun., Dec. 17 th	Sacrament of Confession	1-3 pm
	Sun., Dec. 24 th	Martyr Eugenia Church School Hours Divine Liturgy Holy Supper (in Parish Social Hall) Vigil of the Holy Nativity (Compline and Matins)	9:15 am 9:45 am 10 am 5:30 pm 8 pm
	Mon., Dec. 25 th	Feast of the Nativity of the Lord Carols Divine Liturgy	9:45 am 10 am
	Sun., Dec. 31 st	Venerable Melania Church School Hours Divine Liturgy	Christmas Break 9:45 am 10 am
	Mon., Jan. 1 st	Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord, Jesus Christ/St. Basil the Great Divine Liturgy Moleben of the New Year	10 am After Liturgy

Announcements:

TODAY is our *Christmas Yolka* – Come see our church school children perform in the annual Yolka program immediately following Divine Liturgy. Grab a cup of coffee and join the festivities. Come help receive our “Special Visitor”! Hope you brought your camera. “*Oh, who loves, Nicholas the saintly*”...

Fr. Stephan has made his Advent visitations to Rose Janus, Margaret Gnora and Jack/Jean Fayak and they all extend their greetings for a blessed Nativity and a Happy Healthy New Year!

Fr. Stephan will be away Tuesday, December 19th to be with his son, Jacob, who is having eye surgery in Erie. While away, Father can be reached on his cell at (937) 869-8037 and is planning on being back on Wednesday. Please keep Jacob in your prayers.

Please see today's bulletin insert for an **UPDATED** listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. They would really appreciate a card or visit during the Advent Season. 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 know.

TODAY is the deadline for sponsorship of our own Slippery Rock Freshman, **Victoria Cooper**, to participate in the MEDLIFE Service Learning Trip to Ecuador taking place January 13-21, 2018. . Victoria has participated in fundraising efforts, but is still a little short. Could you help make this wonderful opportunity a reality for Victoria? If interested, please make your check payable to “Amy Cooper” and leave at the candlestand. All sponsorships will be deposited directly into Victoria's account to defray trip expenses. All sponsors are to keep a copy of the enclosed letter as your receipt with the amount of your sponsorship noted for a tax deductible donation. Thank you HROC for your consideration and prayers!

A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION . . . 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.

Continuing a tradition that Fr. Sam had brought back from years gone by ~~ 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 for the birth of our Lord and 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: 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.

Thinking ahead: Any interest in attending the annual “March for Life” being held on Friday, January 26th in Washington, DC?

Please remember your **December 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 10th: \$1,439

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.

See the reverse side of the Candlelist for MORE announcements!

*Please see the back of this week's candlelist for additional
announcements*

