

Nativity of Our Lord Christmas

****Monday, December 25th, 2017 ****

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Liturgical Services this Week

**Sunday, December 24th -
CHRISTMAS EVE / НАВЕЧІР'Я
РІЗДВА**

3:00 p.m. - Great Compline with Lytia

4:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

**Monday, Dec. 25th - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD /
РІЗДВО ХРИСТОВЕ**

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

**Tuesday, December 26th - Synaxis of the BVM /
Собор Богородиці**

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, December 27th - First Martyr Stephen /
Первомученика Стефана**

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Dec. 31 * 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.) *** 10:00 a.m.
Div. Lit.: God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)**

4:00 p.m. Vespers

**** Christmas' Propers - pg. 147 in Parish
Song Book ****

Epistle: Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians: 4:4-7



When the designed time had come, God sent forth his Son born of a woman, born under the law, to deliver from the law those who were subjected to it, so that we might receive our status as adopted sons. The proof that you are sons is the fact that God has sent forth into our hearts the Spirit of his Son, which cries out “Abba!” (“Father!”) You are no longer a slave but a son! And the fact that you are a son makes you an heir, by God's design.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the time of King Herod, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”’ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where

the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



Instead of “Blessed is He..,” “We have seen...,” “May our mouths...”, Blessed be the name...”: we sing:

“All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.”

“Всесвіт днесь радістю сповняється, Христос родився від Діви.”

**** ANNOUNCEMENTS ****

Christ is Born! - Glorify Him!

Христос Родиться! - Славте Його!

“We desire to be able to welcome Jesus Christ at Christmas time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so warm with love for one another.” St. Mother Teresa

Dear Brothers & Sisters In Christ!

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” John 1:14

May the limitless love of Jesus Christ be the light and warmth of your Christmas celebrations and fill each day of the New Year!

Дорогі в Христі Братя і Сестри!

“І Слово стало тілом і оселилось між нами.” Йоан 1:14

Хай Христова любов, ласка і милосердя наповняє Ваші серця і дім під час Різдвяних Свят і Нового Року! ***

A Sincerest Thanks – Дякуємо - To everyone for your good wishes, Christmas cards and various kind & generous gifts. God bless you all!



Fr. Andrzej, Lidia and children

A warm welcome - to all parishioners, your families, visitors and guests. Thank you for joining us in this Christmas Service. Have a blessed, healthy & joyful Christmas Season!



Please Pray for health of ... Maria R., John H., Maria Z., Clay B., Mike B., Ann W., Lawrence S., Fr. Jeffery S., Lawrence & Ping B., all the sick brothers and sisters in our families and our parish community.

Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

Christmas Day Blessing - At the end of our Christmas Liturgy, all parishioners and guests are invited to approach for anointing with blessed oil and to share in blessed bread and wine.

Zahalnytsia – Due to the festive Christmas season, the Friday after Christmas (**December 29th, 2017**) is **not** a fasting day. Let us feast & rejoice!

Ukrainian Catholic Church interactive map: as Christmas season is approaching some of you will be travelling and visiting your friends and families not only in Canada. So we want to ensure that you can find a Ukrainian Catholic parish in different parts of the world. Please check out this interactive map of our parishes

throughout the world where you can find a parish near you:
<http://map.ugcc.ua>

The Theophany Eve Supper and Caroling (Shchedryi Vecheer) – will take place on Friday, Jan. 5th, 2018 after the service at 5:00 p.m.



“Christmas Candle” - “Різдвяна свічка” – Since



2012 our Eparchy has been collecting funds to help underprivileged and orphaned children in Ukraine through our Christmas Candle appeal. As in previous years candles are available for a minimum donation of \$5 per candle. For more information, please contact Fr. Andrzej



Special Petitions for Divine Liturgy:

* We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

* We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop’s initiatives and programmes, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy.



Christmas/Theophany Schedule:

Sunday, December 31st – Sunday after Christmas
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy
4:00 p.m. Vespers

Monday, January 1st - The Circumcision of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ;

Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia; New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

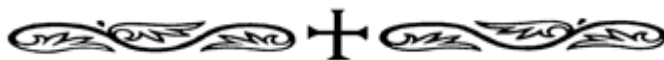
Friday, January 5th - THEOPHANY EVE / НАВЕЧИР'Я БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ

10:00 a.m. – The Royal Hours

5:00 p.m. - Great Compline with Lytia; Great Sanctification of Water followed by the Theophany/Epiphany Eve Supper and Caroling (Shchedryi Vecheer)

Saturday, January 6th - FEAST OF THE THEOPHANY / БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ (ЙОРДАН)

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy



Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

1. You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.

If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.