Sunday after Nativity of Christ

Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, Brother of the Lord

The Holy Children who were murdered by Herod in Bethlehem.



Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Sleepless Ones – Marcellus was abbot of the famous Monastery of Perpetual Prayer in Constantinople, where the monks were called "akimiti" or "sleepless ones" since they took turns praying ceaselessly day and night. He died in 470.

** <u>Sunday, Dec. 29th, 2019</u> **

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> Christ is Born! – Glorify Him! Христос Рождається! – Славіте Його!

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Parish Liturgical Services

Sunday, Dec. 29th ** 9:30 a.m. ** Rosary (Eng.) *** 10:00 a.m. *** *Divine Liturgy* (Eng./Ukr.):

God's blessings to all parishioners

Monday, Dec 30 *** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings and good health for Elsie Zachary

Tuesday, Jan. 31 9:00 a.m.** Div. Lit.: Thanksgiving for received blessings in the year 2019

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 - The Circumcision of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ; Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop of *Caesarea in Cappadocia* *** 10:00 a.m. – Div. Lit. of St. Basil the Great

Thursday, Jan. 2** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: Health of Matthew – Manda H.

Friday, Jan. 3 *** 10:00 a.m. Moleben to St. Teresa of Culcatta & Bible Study

Sunday, Jan 5th *** THEOPHANY EVE ***9:30 a.m. ** Rosary (Eng.) *** 10:00 a.m. *** Divine Liturgy followed by Great Sanctification of Water *** (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners

Monday, Jan. 6th - Feast of the Theophany / БОГОЯВЛЕННЯ (ЙОРДАН) - 10:00 а.m. – Div. Lit.



Antiphon 1

I will confess You, Lord, with all my heart, * I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * O Saviour, save us.

In the council of the just and the congregation, * great are the works of the Lord, conforming to His will in every way.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * O Saviour, save us.

His work is filled with praise and majesty, * and His righteousness endures forever.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * O Saviour, save us.

Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...

Antiphon 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion, Tone 4: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel * the glorious news of the resurrection * and cast off the ancestral condemnation, * they proudly told the apostles: * "Death has been plundered! * Christ our God is risen, * granting to the world great mercy."

Troparion, Tone 4: Your Nativity, O Christ our God, * made the light of knowledge dawn on the world: * through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star * to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, * and to know You, the Dawn from on high. * Glory to You, O Lord.

Troparion, Tone 2: O Joseph, announce to David, the ancestor of God, the news of the miracle: * You saw a virgin giving birth. * With the shepherds, you gave praise and with the Magi you worshipped; * they too were warned by an angel. * Pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 3: Today the divine David is filled with gladness; * Joseph along with James offers praises * for having received a crown through their kinship with Christ they rejoice * and sing of the One who inexpressibly was born on earth, * crying out, "O Gracious One, save those who worship You."

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 3: The Virgin today gives birth to Him who is above all being; * the earth offers the cave to Him whom no one can approach. * Angels with shepherds give Him glory, * while Magi make their way with a star, * for to us is born a little Child – the pre-eternal God.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4 - God is wonderful in His saints, * the God of Israel.

verse: In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. (Psalm 67:36,27)

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19



Brothers and Sisters, I want you to know that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my peers, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, so that I might proclaim Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James, the Lord's brother.

Alleluia, Tone 4 - Lord, remember David and all his meekness. *verse:* How he swore an oath to the Lord, and vowed to the God of Jacob. (Psalm 131:1,2)

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.' When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.' When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazarean.'

Hymn to the Mother of God - O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger.

Irmos: A strange and glorious mystery do I behold: * the cave is heaven; * the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim; * the manger, a dwelling place * in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain.* Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest (Psalm 148:1).* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous (Psalm 32:1).* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of "Blessed is He who comes...", "We have seen the true light..." we sing: "All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin."

Instead of "May our mouths..." and "Blessed be the Name..." we sing:

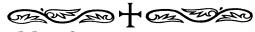
All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin. (3)

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** ANNOUNCEMENTS **



A warm welcome - to all parishioners, your families, visitors and guests. Thank you for joining us in this Divine Liturgy. Have a blessed week!



Please Pray for health of ... Mary W., Bill Ch., Piotr & Jadwiga W., Sam D., Ray O., Mary E., Sharon L., Joe S., Jeanne R.,

Emily N., Lawrence & Ping B., Lisa M., Michael L., Greg H., Melynda S., Dorothy N., Jayne P., Gloria N., Jessie P., Louise M, Elsie K., Ann D., Joyce K., Suzanne C., Clay B., Maria W., Anne D., Rose K., Maria S., all sick brothers and sisters in our families



and 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.



Thank you – Дякуємо – we would like to express our sincerest gratitude to everyone for your Christmas greetings, prayers and lovely gifts. May God bless you for your generosity! – **Fr. Andrzej**,

Lidia & children

Thank you to all our Volunteers – Дякуємо – Many thanks to everyone for work done in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Nativity, for your support of our parish community and all other work done at the church property this past week. God bless you all!

Mnohaya Lita! – very special God's blessings to anyone among our parishioners and their families who celebrated their birthday, name-day, wedding anniversary and any other special anniversary during **the month of December** (Dec. 8th – Myron & Myrna Wizniak (57th Wedding Anniversary); BD 23rd – Shauna Flodstrom; Name-Days: Juliana W. (Dec. 21st) & Anastasia W. (Dec. 22nd); Dec. 27th (feast of St. Stephen) Name-Day – Stella Black & Steve Usipuik.



Happy New Year! – this coming Wednesday we enter 2020, and we would like to wish all parishioners and their families strong faith, good health,

joy, peace, prosperity and happiness! On Tuesday, Jan. 31st we will

celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. in order to express our gratitude for the passing year and to liturgically prepare to welcome the New Year 2020!

Bible Study – will continue this coming **Friday**, **Jan. 3**rd after Moleben at 10:00 a.m. Now we are studying the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. Come and join us!

Theophany Eve Meal and Caroling (Shchedrij Vechir) – will take place next **Sunday, Jan. 5th, 2020** after the Divine Liturgy & Water Blessing at 10:00 a.m.

Links to Christmas Greetings & Interview with Bishop Ken

- Interview - <u>https://www.shalomworld.org/episode/exploring-the-ukranian-catholic-</u> <u>church-rev-ken-nowakowski-heart-talk</u>

Christmas Wish - <u>https://www.shalomworld.org/episode/bishop-ken-nowakowski-</u> christmas-wish-the-light-has-dawned



Knights of Columbus the 4th Degree Monthly Meeting – will take place on Thursday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m.

Catechetical Presentation – will take place on, **Sunday, Jan. 19th** after the Divine Liturgy.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, OLPH, Kamloops – will hold their next monthly meeting on **Monday, January 20th** at 1:00 p.m. in SSVP Dining room on Briar St.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting – will take place on **Tuesday, January 21st, 2020** at 2:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

Nominating Committee – on the last Sunday of January we are planning to hold our 2019-2020 AGM. As usual at the meeting we will elect new parish council members. For your suggestions of candidates, please call one of the members of the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Zonia Rurka at 250-377-5517.

Annual Parish General Meeting – is planned to take place on Sunday, January 26th, 2020.

DIOCESE OF KAMLOOPS 75th ANNIVERSARY: MAY 30, 2020 at Thompson Rivers University Grand Hall. Mass at 1 pm; reception at 6 pm; and Gala Banquet at 7 pm, Banquet tickets (\$50 each) can now be purchased from: St. Joseph's Christian Book and Gift Store 778-471-6100, Bianca Cinel - 250-374-7004.

The Most Holy Trinity Parish Stewardship: Sunday, Sunday Dec. 22nd - \$351.75 **** May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support.

Special Petition 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.

The Gospel of Luke	From	То	Psalm(s)
14:25-35	Dec. 29, 2019	Jan. 4, 2020	Pss 102-103
15:1-10	Jan 5, 2020	Jan. 11, 2020	Pss 104-105
15:11-32	Jan. 12, 2020	Jan. 18, 2020	Pss 106-107

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.

Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

Baptisms: by appointment.

Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to meet with parish priest, please call or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.