

The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ – Christmas Різдво Господа Бога I Спаса Нашого Ісуса Христа

Sunday, December 25th, 2022

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Christ is Born! - Glorify Him!

Христос Рождається! - Славіте Його!

Most Holy Trinity Parish – Kamloops

Saturday, Dec. 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE / HABEЧІР'Я PI3ДBA ***** 10:00 a.m. – Royal Hours

**** 3:00 p.m. - Great Compline with Lytia & Div. Lit.



Sunday, Dec. 25th - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish - Grindrod

10:00 a.m. Great Compline with Lytia & Div. Liturgy



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Monday, Dec. 26th - Synaxis of the BVM - 10:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings to godchildren – Leah B.

Tuesday Dec. 27 ** Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen *** 9:00 a.m.

Div. Lit.: God's blessings & good health for Rose Ostapowich

Wednesday, Dec. 28 ** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings & good health for Grandparents – Colette M.

Thursday Dec. 29 *** 9:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings & good health for Eugenia W.

Saturday, Dec. 31 *** Grindrod Parish ***4:00 p.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings to all parishioners

*** Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord, God & Savior Jesus Christ; St. Basil the Great; New Year - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Sunday, Jan. 1 ** 9:30 a.m. ** **Rosary** (Eng.) / Sacrament of Confession ** **10:00 a.m.** *Div. Lit.* (Eng./Ukr.): God's blessings to all parishioners –



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

The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet."

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.

The Lord will send you a sceptre of power out of Sion; reign in the midst of your enemies.

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.

Yours is the dominion on the day you are given power in the splendour of your holy ones.

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Entrance

From the womb before the daystar I begot you, the Lord has sworn an oath and will not go back on His word: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

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.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever 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.

Instead of Holy God:

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia! (3)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

You have put on Christ! Alleluia! All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

Prokeimenon, Tone 8 - Let all the earth worship You and sing to You; let it sing to Your Name, O Most High. **verse:** Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise. (*Psalm 65:4,2*)

Epistle - Galatians 4:4-7

Brethren, when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Alleluia, Tone 1 - The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hands. verse: Day announces its message unto day and night proclaims its knowledge unto night. (Psalm 18:2,3)

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

At that time, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have

come to worship Him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all

Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'"

Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

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

and the 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 - The Lord has sent deliverance* to His people.* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (*Psalm 110:9*

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

Instead of "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)

** ANNOUNCEMENTS **

"Fulfilling the decree of the Roman Emperor that all people in the empire be enrolled, Joseph, who was of the line of David, sets out with Mary to Bethlehem, the home town of King David, to be recorded in the census rolls. There, in a cave in Bethlehem of Judea, Mary gave birth to the Child (see Lk 2:1). Fulfilled are the words of the prophet Micah about the Messiah, the son of David who shall come forth from Bethlehem (see Mi 5:2). Obedient to the word spoken by the angel of the Lord, Joseph names the Child Jesus, which means God saves, "for He will save His people from their sins" (Mt 1:21). The shepherds come to the newborn Child (see Lk 2:15-18), and Magi from the East also arrive (see Mt 2:1-11). The fact that the magi (representatives of all humanity) worship Christ, points to the universal character of salvation. In the Son of God, God the Father offers salvation to all the nations of the earth." Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church - "Christ Our Pascha" #194



"The coming of Jesus at Bethlehem brought joy to the world and to every human heart. May His coming this Christmas bring to each one of us that peace and joy that He desires to give.

We desire to be able to welcome Jesus 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 of Calcutta

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

May the Miracle of Christmas fill your day with wonder, your life with beauty, and your heart with gladness! May you all be healthy and safe! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2023!

Дорогі в Христі Братя і Сестри!

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



Sincerest Thanks — Дякуємо - To everyone for your good wishes, Christmas cards and various kind & generous gifts. Thank you for your support for our parish

community. God bless you all! Fr. Andrzej, Lidia and children

Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus, those wounded in the war in Ukraine and:
Marcia D., Chris & Romeo P., Anne T., Fr J, Rita N., Claude & Eva G., Mary & Dave E., Lawrence & Ping B., Ashley H.; Steven Ch., Jill C., Trinity N., Shelly N., Shane E., Ray S; Jeanette N., Elsie K., Paulette K., Irene M., Sharon & Al L., Wilma C., Rob E., Billie M., Peter O., Rob R., Zbigniew K., Pat B., Anne D., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Bill P., Thomas H., Gladys O., Brian K., Jeanne R., Lisa M., Michael L., Suzanne C., Clay B., Stefanica K., Sarah N., 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.

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.

Prayer for the Afflicted People of Ukraine in Time of War

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all Your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts! I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation. I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.