



# ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

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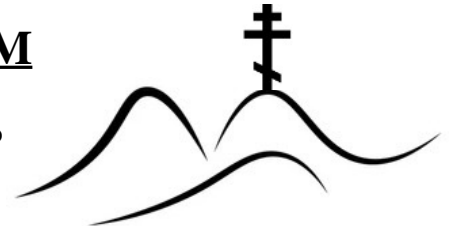
**Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10 AM**

**Pastor: Rev. Fr. William Bennett**

**Cantor & Choir Director: Nicholas Timko**

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## WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

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## JANUARY 7th, 2022: Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

**Epistle:** Galatians 4:4-7 **Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12 **Troparia:** p 109-11



### PARISH PRAYER LIST

**PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR:** Matuska Olga Andrejuk, Anna Benyo, Walter Bubniak, Kim Busel, Jane Cabes, Peter & Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Michal Derevjanik Sr., Pani Kathy Dutko, Cassandra Eddy, Mary & Tommy Fackovec, Charlie & Helen Gaydos, John Geida, Julius Gontkovsky, Olga Gubinski, Diana Hannan, Priest Joseph Hoffmann, Magdalena Ilanovska, Jana Johnson-Plutchok, Helen Karpiak, Michael Kerr, Paul Koehler, Maria Koneval, Betty Kormanik, Donna Larson, Barry Lerner, Ann Mammoliti, Anna Mamrillova, Alex & Holly Marchak, Luboš Matlak, Richard McCullough, Stephanie McNellis, Christine Merriam, Sean Merriam, John Ochlan, Stephen Pezzulich, Deacon Michael Pirich, Fred Polik, Lorraine Polik, Priest Daniel Rentel, Rastislav Salon, John Salony, Mary Seewald, Paul Sikoryak Sr, Toni Sikoryak, George Sipko, Miroslav Strenk, Katherine Tam, Paul Tymus Sr, Teri Upton, Lorraine Vira, Marek Vattek, Bill Vislocky, Catherine Vislocky, Dennis & Cathy Walsh. **For Expectant Parents:** Peter & Maria DiMarco, Daniel & Wren Kindell. For all of those suffering from COVID-19 & for those embattled for the health of others. For requests, please contact Fr. William: [fr.william.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:fr.william.bennett@gmail.com)

**O HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS, WONDERWORKER OF MYRA,**  
**PRAY TO THE LORD GOD FOR US!**



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CHRISTMAS ARCHPASTORAL LETTER

December 25, 2021 / January 7, 2022

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this glorious Feast of the Nativity of Christ we celebrate a truly wondrous event in which God, in His infinite and marvelous grace, became man bringing us enduring hope, newness of life, and eternal salvation. The Son of God, the Lord of Glory and King of Kings who upholds the universe by His word of power, became man so that we human beings might be redeemed, renewed, united with Him, and become fellow citizens with the Saints and members of God's kingdom.

The magnitude and depth of the event of the Nativity of Christ are impossible to grasp, but the message is clear and true. It is a message of grace, hope, and salvation to all humanity and to all the created order. It is a message which we both celebrate and share on this sacred day, an invitation to "come and see" what our loving Creator and God has done for us.

On the night of the Nativity, the angels appeared in the glory of God and announced the birth of Christ to the Shepherds. In response they said, "Let us go...and see this thing that has happened." Accepting the invitation to participate in this glorious event, they came and saw the newborn Christ, and becoming amazed by what God had done for our salvation, went away glorifying and praising Him for all that they had seen and heard (Luke 2:8 – 20).

Following the Nativity, Wise Men in the East saw a mysterious star and following it came seeking the King who was born in Judea. Upon learning of the place of the birth of the Lord, they came and saw the Christ child, offered Him gifts, and worshipped Him. Responding to the invitation presented to them in the sign of the star, they came and encountered the One who would be a great ruler of His people as foretold by the prophets (Matthew 2:1 - 12).

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As the Shepherds and the Wise Men received the invitation to "come and see" the superb miracle of the Incarnation of God, we are also invited to "come and see" Christ and the great work He has done for our salvation. On this day we "come and see" the bright light of truth and life shining through the darkness and despair of our violent and war torn world. On this day we hear a message of hope, grace, and peace. We come to Christ and see justice, holiness, and love.

Today may all of us, Priests, Panis, Deacons, Sub-Deacons, Readers, Parish Officers, Parishioners, Friends, and Supporters of our God-protected American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese experience the joy and wonders of the Shepherds and the awe and respect of the Three Wise Men at the arrival of the Messiah, our new born King. Christ is Born!

Greetings from Johnstown with much love,

+Metropolitan Gregory

+Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa

To be read as the sermon and distributed in all the churches of the Diocese at the Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of the Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ!

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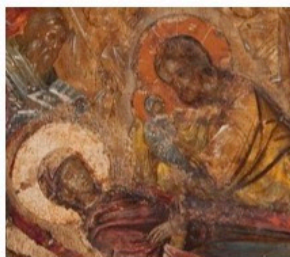
## Christmas Pastoral Letter

January 7, 2022

Dear St. Nicholas Faithful & Friends,

***Christ is Born! Glorify Him!***  
***Christos Raždajetsja! Slavite Jeho!***

A child, newly-born, is comforted by a single act: swaddling. To do this, a mother and a father take a cloth, lay the child onto it, and fold it tightly around them until it is so tight, the child feels as though they have returned to their mother's womb. You will notice in the icon of the Nativity, the Christ Child is swaddled tightly. However, in particular icons, it doesn't look like a simple cloth; it looks more like a burial shroud, like a white bandage wrapped all around Himself. This is a foreshadowing of what would happen to Him, that He came in order to surrender His life.



There is another icon, balanced in almost exactly the same way: the Dormition of the Mother of God. In the icon of her death, she is laid out peacefully and, above her, her Son is holding what appears to be the same child: small, swaddled tightly in a white bandage; this time, the child is Mary, newly-born to eternity. At her death, Jesus Christ receives personally the soul of the one who received Him. This is an icon of our own destiny, that Jesus Christ was Born to this life in order that we, like Mary, might be born to eternal life, comforted as though it were our mother's womb.

Thank you to one and all, the Church officers, the Board of Trustees, the St. Nicholas Altar Society, and all St. Nicholas Faithful & Friends, for your continued love, sacrifice, & endurance as we join in celebration once again in our true purpose: the worship of our newly-Incarnate Lord. Let us glorify Him!

Wishing you many more peaceful and joy-filled years in Christ,

Rev. Fr. William Bennett



# WITH GRATITUDE FOR ALL YOUR NATIVITY DONATIONS



<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>DONATED BY:</b>	<b>FOR:</b>
Decorated Candles on Altar	<b>Evelyn &amp; Michael Kormanik</b>	For the Newborn Child Davian Leon Spontak
6 Main Altar Candles	<b>Kathy Matlak</b>	For the Health of the Matlak, Rusinak, & Petrik Families
Triple Bar Cross of Votives (Lord's Side)	<b>Zizik &amp; Fornazor Families</b>	In Memory of Grandparents M/M Peter Ceselka
Triple Bar Cross of Votives (Theotokos Side)	<b>Bob &amp; Debbie Zizik</b>	In Memory of Parents Frank & Mary Zizik, Uncle John & Aunt Helen Fornazor
2 Large Side Altar Candles (Christ in Garden)	<b>M/M George Chobor</b>	For the Health of Family
2 Large Side Altar Candles (Baptism of Christ)	<b>Lillian Benc</b>	In Memory of the Benc, Bulko, & Kramer Families
2 Red Vigil Light, Side Altar (Christ in the Garden)	<b>Lillian Benc</b>	In Memory of Husband Andrey Benc
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Charcoal	<b>Debbie Derevjanik</b>	In Memory of Parents Ignac & Anna Derevjanik
Altar Boy Candles	<b>John, Tanya, Andrew, &amp; Michael McAusland</b>	For the Health of all Altar Boys, Young & Old
Incense	<b>John, Tanya, Andrew, &amp; Michael McAusland</b>	In Memory of Benc & Bulko Families



## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9th:**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita! Let us all wish many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially to John Rosina, Debbie Derevjanik, Matthew Stack, Andrew Righetti, Peter Salony, Michael McAusland, & Jessica Kormanik!



**COFFEE HOUR** will take place after Divine Liturgy in the Main Hall, all are invited downstairs. Join us! And a special thank you to the coffee hour teams who make it possible. *If you are not part of a coffee hour team and would like to be, please contact Debbie at [debbiedev@verizon.net](mailto:debbiedev@verizon.net)*

## **DURING THE WEEK:**

**FRIDAY, JAN. 14th - Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM, Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord/St. Basil the Great**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 15th - Great Vespers @ 6 PM**

## **ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**NORTH ROCKLAND FOOD PANTRY:** Please continue to bring in canned vegetables, pastas, pasta sauce, rice, beans, cereals, etc., these are all most welcome and will be much appreciated. Money is appreciated as well to buy as needed, please give any donations to Bob Zizik. Do a little extra shopping on your next trip!

**HOME BLESSINGS 2022:** Fr. William is scheduling home blessing visitations this year. Contact Fr. William directly with your schedule to arrange a time for when he can visit and bless your home, beginning with the Feast of Theophany, January 19th.

**LOOKING FOR DONORS FOR 4 NEW ICONS!** An order has been placed at Holy Protection (Hagia Skepi) Monastery in White Haven, PA for 4 custom new icons to venerate in the parish:

- 1) *Zacchaeus Sunday (Celebrated on Feb. 6th)*
- 2) *Publican & Pharisee (Celebrated on Feb. 13th)*
- 3) *Prodigal Son (Celebrated on Feb. 20th)*
- 4) *Judgment Day (Celebrated on Feb. 27th)*



These are for the four Sundays and their respective icons leading up to Great & Holy Lent. Each new icon will cost

\$75. If you would like to help sponsor these beautiful new icons for the church, please contact Fr. William.




# CHURCH SERVICE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

**Note from Fr. William:** If you would like anyone remembered or prayed for during the course of the week or would like someone remembered in a memorial service, please see Fr. William or simply email: [fr.william.bennett@gmail.com](mailto:fr.william.bennett@gmail.com)

## JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2022

\*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
JAN 9 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i>	10	11	12	13	14 <b>FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD</b> <i>Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great @ 10 am</i>	15 <i>Great Vespers @ 6 pm</i>
16 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i>	17	18 <i>Theophany Eve Vigil @ 7 pm, w/ the Great Blessing of Water</i>	19 <b>FEAST OF THEOPHANY</b> <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 am</i> - <i>The Blessing of Homes Begins!</i>	20	21	22 <i>*No Services (Home Blessings)</i>
23 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i> - <i>Panachida for +John &amp; Anna Strenk</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>*No Services (Home Blessings)</i>
30 <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i>	31	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>FROM FR., PANI, &amp; THE KIDS:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thank you to everyone who joined us for our family's Holy Night Supper the Church on the 6th. We love you all! Christ is Born! Christos Raždajetsja!</i></p> </div> <div style="flex: 1; text-align: center;">  </div> </div>		5 <i>*No Services (Home Blessings)</i>		
6 <b>ZACCHAEUS SUNDAY</b> <i>Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM</i>	7			12 <i>*No Services (Home Blessings)</i>		

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