



CHRIST IS BORN!

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HOLY MYSTERIES

VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM - If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

EMERGENCY CALLS - Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

BAPTISMS - Celebrated by appointment.

CROWNING IN MARRIAGE - Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

BULLETIN DEADLINE - The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS - For the Needs of the Parish; 2nd Youth Ministry

January 10, 2021
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Schedule of Services and Activities
Week of January 10 - 17, 2021
Celebrating our 94th year of Service to the Lord

**ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE STREAMED
ON FACEBOOK & WEBPAGE**

Sunday, January 10 – Sunday after the Nativity – Tone 6

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

Monday, January 11

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Taking pyrohy orders

Tuesday, January 12

9:00 – 11:00 AM – Taking pyrohy orders

Thursday, January 14

7:00 AM - peeling potatoes

Making potato and sauerkraut balls

Saturday, January 16

7:00 AM – Making pyrohy

Sunday, January 17 – Sunday before the Theophany – Tone 7

8:30 – 9:00 AM - Confessions

9:15 AM – Hours

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday after Nativity – Matins: John 20:19-31; Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-23

Monday – James 2:14-26; Mark 10:46-52

Tuesday – James 3:1-10; Mark 11:11-23

Wednesday – James 3:11-4:6; Mark 11:23-26

Thursday – Circumcision of Our Lord – St. Basil the Great – Matins: John 10:9-16; Liturgy Circumcision: Colossians 2:8-12; Luke 2:20-21, 40-52; St. Basil: Hebrews 7:26-8:2; Luke 6:17-23

Friday – 1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12 – 2:6-10; Mark 12:1-12

Saturday before Theophany – 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Matthew 3:1-11; Day: Ephesians 5:14-23; Luke 17:3-10

Sunday before Theophany – Matins: John 21:1-14; Liturgy: 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Mark 1:1-8

Synaxis of the 70 Apostles: Romans 8:8-14; Luke 10:1-15

“I BEHOLD A STRANGE AND WONDERFUL MYSTERY....”

The opening words of the 9th Ode of the Canon of the Nativity of Our Lord conveys the theme for our celebration of Christ’s Birth. On this day, God became Man, coming into the world as we all do; as a helpless child.

The Holy Fathers of the early Church taught that the mystery of the Incarnation be accepted with great piety and humility. St. Basil the Great writes: “Christ’s Nativity must be venerated in silence. We should not allow our minds to even **attempt** to understand it. Do not ask ‘how?’, for there is no answer. **Believe!** That is all that is necessary!”

These words offer profound advice for our skeptical times. Our Savior’s Birth was the fulfillment of centuries of prophesy. All that was foretold came to pass that “holy night” of long ago. God kept His promise to mankind! “*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us*” (John 1:14). Truly, God became *like us*, so that, one day, we might be *like Him!*

The Nativity of Jesus Christ is not meant to be questioned and analyzed. How can we explain the Virgin Birth? What explanation be given for the Star of Bethlehem? How does the Immortal One take on the appearance of a mere mortal? As Orthodox Christians, our response to these points of contention is simple: *It doesn’t matter, for the Nativity is a “Feast of Faith”!*

The mystery of our Lord’s Nativity will never be solved. Still, we can confidently proclaim that *salvation* can be *ours* by virtue of this “*unsolved mystery!*”

CHRISTMAS IS FOR EVERYONE. . . FOR EVER

Much that is artificial has crept into our celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Tinsel and toy and Christmas tree have come to be trademarks of this feastday. There is an aura of sentimentality and sweetness that has seeped into every aspect of our celebration of this awesome event that has split time and calendar in two.

We often hear it said that "Christmas is for children". Of course it is for them, but not for them alone. Christmas is for adults, too. Christmas is for everyone. Christ is God's gift for everyone.

St. Paul, that great Apostle of the Early Church, once exclaimed when he thought about Christ's birth: "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift!" Paul, a well-educated man who could express himself quite articulately, was unable to find adequate words to describe the coming of Christ on Christmas Day. He referred to Jesus as God's "unspeakable" or inexpressible Gift! Yes, Christmas is God's Gift for all.

Christmas is for children. God Himself became a Child. He was an obedient Child, and He grew in wisdom and stature so that everyone came to like Him. There's an old story that whenever the people of Nazareth felt blue or down and out, when they felt lonely and sad and forlorn, they would go and look at Mary's Child. Just looking at Christ made them feel better.

Christmas is for Mothers. We see the Mother of the Lord in all humility and simplicity giving birth to her Son in a cave because there was no room elsewhere. She was satisfied with the manger. As long as there is love and caring, nothing else really matters.

Christmas is for Fathers. Joseph was not Jesus' father, but he was His guardian. He took good care of Him, protecting Him and His Mother on the journey to Egypt and back. This is still a father's role: to protect his child from all physical and spiritual harm.

Christmas is for workers. Joseph was a carpenter. The first people to worship the Christ-Child were shepherds from the fields. God loves the man who works faithfully and honestly, offering up his toil as worship.

Christmas is for the poor. Imagine God being born in a cave. From the stars to the stable! Wealth is far from man's richest blessing. The Lord told us that a man cannot live on bread alone, and Christmas tells us so.

Christmas is for the wealthy. The wise men from the East brought precious gifts. They were men of some means. But they knelt at the Lord's crib and they laid their wealth at His feet.

Christmas is for the wise. The best-educated men of the time were probably the wise men who studied the Scriptures and the stars. They were wise enough to seek the Lord and worship Him.

Christmas is for the sorrowful and the sick. This Feast day tells us that God has not forgotten us nor forsaken us. He still loves us. He cares, He remembers.

Yes, Christmas is for everyone. But it is also for every time. As we put away our tree, the symbols and signs of this feast, let us keep Christ with us all the year through. "Behold, I am with you always," the Lord once said. Let us keep Him with us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of my wife, Pani Matka Elizabeth and our family, Betsy and Mark, Sarah and Anastasia, we would like to thank all of our faithful parishioners for their kind greetings, cards, Christmas wishes, gifts and prayers; most especially as I am recuperating from the corona virus. Your prayers and well wishes made a difficult time easier. May God bless you and keep you, may He always shower you with His tender loving care and may you always grow in His love!

Love and Prayers,
Father Stephen, Pani Matka Elizabeth,
Betsy, Mark, Sarah and Anastasia

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY - is expressed to the following: Nancy Hlywiak, 1/10. May God grant her a very happy birthday and keep her for many, happy and blessed years!

MEETINGS

****PARISH BOARD MEETING** – Tues., January 19 @ 6:30 PM (Zoom & In- Person Meeting)

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS (CREDIT CARDS) ACCEPTED – for those who are interested, we can accept donations to the Church through credit cards. See Michael Tilson or Lorraine Neff for details.

SPECIAL THANKS - are expressed to those who helped make this year's celebration of the Nativity so special:

- ❖ To Protospresbyter, Father Emmanuel Pratsinakis, for substituting for me during my recent illness. His kindness and loving support made being ill a lot easier knowing that the people I serve were in such great and gentle care.
- ❖ To Protospresbyter, Father Mitrat Gerald Ozlanski, for coming in and changing the altar clothes for the Nativity of Our Lord
- ❖ To Mark Andreas for being here and opening the Church and making sure that the Bulletins, and the Prospora were available for the Liturgy
- ❖ To our good friends at McCreary – Harra Funeral Home for once again donating our annual calendars and this year's wreaths that decorate our Church doors.
- ❖ To our good friends at Belak's Flowers for once again donating some of the pointsettias
- ❖ To Irene Maskaly and Vasiliki Kromedes for baking the Prospora for the Divine Liturgies today and throughout the year.
- ❖ To Sandy Cramer, Chairperson, Linda Hnatow, Nancy Hlywiak and Jean Roeth for decorating the Church and making it into a Nativity wonderland!
- ❖ To Nancy Hlywiak and our Parish Choir for singing like the angels!
- ❖ To our Altar Boys for serving and helping at the Altar.
- ❖ To all who helped in the cleaning of the Church!

May God grant all of you many, happy and blessed years!

READER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 10 - Jean Roeth

January 17 - John Plachuta

January 24 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

January 31 - Andrew Duncan

February 7 - Linda Hnatow

DO YOU SHOP ON AMAZON? – Did you know that if you would get on Smile Amazon and choose our Parish as your beneficiary that Amazon would donate a percentage of your purchase to us? Search on Orthodox Wilmington and choose SS Peter & Paul Ukrainiaan (yes it is misspelled and we've tried to correct it). Try it and help our Parish Family benefit from your shopping experience!

GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

January 10 - David & Eve Lazaration

January 17 - Lorraine Neff, Sonya Patronik & Alexander Smith

January 24 - Nancy Tur, Zina Twardus

January 31 - John and Sandy Cramer

“PATRONS PATH”: A Tribute to the Faithful Founders, Families, Stewards and Supporters of this Holy Temple and All Who Worship Here. - Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church has created, **PATRONS PATH**, a lasting remembrance to all who have generously built, supported and sustained our little Parish in Wilmington, Delaware over the years. This tribute will be placed in front of the Holodomor Memorial and surrounding area to be admired and added to for generations. The funds generated from the sale of pavers will be used to offset operational and capital improvement costs. These pavers may be imprinted with special messages, dates, names or combination of such. A special presentation may be seen on our Facebook page (SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church) and Website (www.sspeterandpauluoc.org). Please look at the website for the Patron’s Path:

<http://polarengraving.com/saintspeterandpaulukrainianorthodoxchurch> It is our hope that you join us and be part of this new foundation on which to build for ages to come.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Pease find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

January 10 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

January 17 – Linda Hnatow and Ann Duncan

January 24 – Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

January 31 - Victor Kaliakin and Lorraine Neff

February 7 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

February 14 – Thomas Bringle and Linda Hnatow

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of January 11 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly

Week of January 18 - Mark & Laura Andreas

Week of January 25 – John Plachuta and David Lazaration

Week of February 1 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson

Week of February 8 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus

PYROHY SCHEDULE

ORDERS TAKEN

January 11 & 12

February 15 & 16

March 8 & 9

In order to fill the orders, we will be making pyrohy on the following dates: Wednesday, December 16; Saturday, January 16; Friday, February 19; Friday, March 12

PICK UP

Friday, January 22

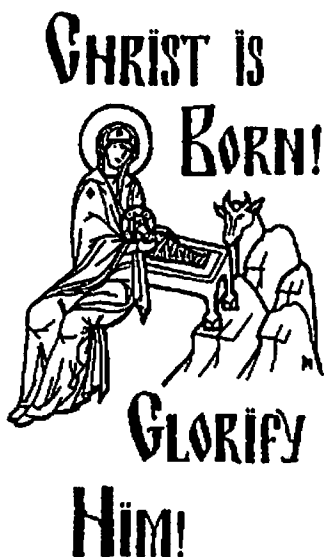
Friday, February 26

Friday, March 26

RULES FOR ATTENDING ALL SERVICES: *

Masks **MUST** be worn during the service – if you do not have one, a mask will be provided. * **PLEASE:** It is crucial for the safety and health of all participants that if you have a fever of over 100°, or have any symptoms **PLEASE STAY HOME!!** For everyone's safety, contact information will be taken at every service so that if someone who attends develops the virus, all attendees will be notified and then would quarantine themselves for 14 days. We shall continue to stream all services until the pandemic is over. **HOLY COMMUNION** – It is imperative that you understand that **YOU CANNOT GET DISEASE FROM HOLY COMMUNION!!!** This is the Body and Blood of Christ. The Communion Cloth is not to be touched. **PLEASE – listen to the instructions.** * After the Liturgy, each person **MUST** sanitize the area in which he/she is using. * **AFTER HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE DIVINE SERVICES AND YOU BECOME SYMPTOMATIC – YOU MUST NOTIFY FATHER STEPHEN AT ONCE SO THAT ALL WHO PARTICIPATED COULD QUARENTINE THEMSELVES!!**

* If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to **CALL ME** (302) 798-4455. I will be happy to assist you in any way that I can.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan Antony, Archimandrite Raphael, Father Vasili Andrejuk, Father Paul Bigelow, Father John Bohush, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Mark Leisure, Father Andrew Molewski, Father John Nakonechney, Father James Norton, Father Victor Wronskyj, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Pani Dobrodyka Lisa Weremedic, Alicia, Nerry, Mykola, Brennan, Deborah, Charles, Galina, Dolores, Julian, Madison, Michele, Mykola, Rita, Ryan, Randy Allen, Paul Andreas, Carolyn Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Stephania Bacha, Joyce Belles, Neil Belles, Ethel Bernhard, Yaroslav Bilinsky, Maria Borowenski Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, Thomas Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, George Burns, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Betty Charney, Mildred (Myrophora) Christo, Erik Colazo, Patricia Crystal, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, David Dalldorf, Peter DiVirgilio, John Dmytryk, James Dudrick, Mary Eagleton, Rose Eldridge, Thomas Fagan, James Garrett, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovnirov, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Rick Hastings, Celeste Heiser, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Anthony Hnatow, Robert Hnatow, Daniel Holoviak, Caroline Humphrey, Richard Humphrey, Sally Hutnick, Joette Jago, Stephen Johnson, Linda Josepinson, Rosalie Ann Kane, Sandra Kasch, Thomas Kasprzak, Charles Kaszytski, Julia Kaszytski, Diane Keyser, Barbara Kirylic, Wendy Klinedinst, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Ludmyla Krawchenko, Mykola Krawchenko, Emma Krasnopera, Volodymyr Krasnopera, Sue Kreisa-Christian, Marlene Kuhar, Karen Livick, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Paul Markow, Frederick McCarthy, Victor Melnychenko, Ronald Michel, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Michael Moroz, Linda Muldoon, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Laurie Newman, Ivan Otamas, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Ryan Pinkowicz, Valentina Plachuta, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Alla Rudawsky, John Ruczhak, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Maria Russak, Anthony Saldutti, Dana Sargent, Isaac Schmidt, Doris Scully, Joella Seale, Clay Seman, Larissa Serth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Kimberly Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Rich Steinman, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Tatiana Szewc, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Lydia Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Anna Tur, Richard Twardus, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Michael Wardigo, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Peter Weremedic, Stephen Wienkowitz, Laura Worley, & James Zook.

NATIVITY

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ADVENT – St. Philip's Fast; 40 days of fasting in preparation for the Nativity

ANGELS – Angels sang "Peace on earth" the first Christmas morn.

BABY – The Infant Jesus, the Son of God.

BETHLEHEM – The City of David where the Messiah was born.

BIRTH – Mary gave birth to Jesus the Christ, the Son of God.

CAVE – The place where Jesus was born.

CHRIST – The Messiah, the Savior of the world, born on Christmas day.

CHRISTMAS – The holy day of glory and joy because Christ is born.

FRANKINCENSE – One of the gifts of the Wise Men to Jesus the newborn King.

GIFTS – The offerings given to Jesus on Christmas day.

GOLD – One of the gifts of the wise Men to Jesus, the newborn King.

INCARNATION – God became man by taking on our human flesh.

JESUS – Born on Christmas Day, the Messiah, the Son of God.

JOSEPH – Husband of Mary, guardian and protector of Jesus.

KINGS – They were the Wise Men who came to honor Jesus with their gifts.

MANGER – The Crib for the infant Jesus.

MARY – The Virgin Mother of Jesus.

MYRRH – expensive oil: One of the gifts of the wise Men to Jesus, the newborn King.

NATIVITY – Means "birth"

SAVIOUR – Jesus, the Messiah, the Redeemer of the People.

SHEPHERD – came to worship the infant Jesus.

STAR – The Wise men followed the star to the place where Jesus was born.

VISIT – The Angels, Shepherds and Wise Men came to spend time with Jesus.

ASK GOD TO RESTORE THE WONDER

Christmas is a season of **WONDERS**. Our hearts and minds are filled with the wonder of the Birth of Jesus. We are surrounded by colorful decorations, beautiful music and children with happy faces. We both give and receive gifts from family and friends. However, some of us have lost this wonder. Has this happened to you? Has our current situation cost you the wonder? Let us attempt to bring it back by exploring several characters involved with Christmas.

The wonder of the **ANGELS** moved them to **GLORY**. Angels played an important role in the Birth of our Lord. The appearance of Gabriel to the Virgin Mary announced the good news. An angel came to Joseph in a dream, telling of Mary's miraculous conception. Angels proclaimed to the shepherds the arrival of the eternal Son of God. These "good tidings" are meant for all of us.

The wonder of the **SHEPHERDS** moved them to **GO SEE**. Imagine being one of these humble men. You just finished another difficult day and are settling down for the night. You sit and talk about common things, yet something uncommon is about to happen. An angel gets their attention with a wonderful message: "Christ is Born!" After finding the Baby Jesus, they went to tell others and spread the wonder.

Finally, the wonder of the **WISE MEN** moved them to **GIVE**. They are mysterious characters. We are not exactly sure where they came from, how many there were or even when they arrived. But what we do know is that they gave treasures to the New Born Lord. We are asked to do the same.

What has the wonder of Christ's arrival moved you to do? Has Christ's arrival given you hope and peace during these uncertain times? The answer is clear . . .
JESUS IS THE TRUE WONDER OF THE SEASON!