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Sunday, December 21st, 2025

The Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Venerable Patapius of Thebes

Divine Liturgy - 9:00 am **Sunday School – 10:20 am**

Panachida for +***Helen Dutko by daughter, Darice and the Tvarozna Family***
+***Joseph Kuzmyak*** (40th Day) offered by Ron and Sharon Kuzmyak and Ben and Jennifer Curtis; +***Nicholas Timko*** offered by the family; +***William (Bill) Ryan*** offered by his family; +***Charles Arendas and +Sandy Able*** (Birthday Remembrance) offered by the Family; +***Mary and George Semancik, Susan Semancik, and Martha Dietzen***; +***Mrs. Caroline Dudak*** offered by Mrs. Howard Klatt; +***Christina Simon; and Becky Slovesko-Ream offered by Janice Yursky and Emilie Sprintz***

Resurrection Tone 3 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 87-89
Epistle: Colossians 1:12-18 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

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Sunday, December 28th, 2025

The Twenty-Nineth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday - 9:00 am
No Sunday School

Panachida for +***Michael Yazvak***; offered by Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy; +***Joseph Kuzmyak*** offered by Bill and Gloria Nacosky; +***Florence Kanuch*** offered by Donald E. Kanuch; +***Anna Lazarak***; +***Nicholas Timko*** offered by the family: and +***Departed Cathedral Pastors: Father Andrew Zapatocky, Protopresbyter Joseph Mihaly, Protopresbyter John Miller, and Protopresbyter John Yurcisin***

Resurrection Tone 4 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 90 & 128

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

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Sat. 1/03 … Great Vespers……4:00 pm

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Sunday, January 4th, 2026

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday before the Feast of the Nativity; of the Genealogy

Divine Liturgy/Choir Sunday – 9:00 am **No Sunday School**

Panachida for ***+Mary Pavlik*** offered by Roger Pavlik;
John, Ruth, Michael, James Horner and Mark DeCoske offered by Rosalie Horner and family;
+Anastasia, John, and Andrew Podolak by the Podolak Family;
+Emily Terchanik, and Mark Bodnar offered by Pani Kathy Buczak;
+John Smider offered by Anna Smider; ***+John Petrick; and +Anna Stolicza*** (Perpetual)

Resurrection Tone 5 - Tropar & Kondak pages 93 & 129

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Chrismation of Jason Donald Jude Leck into the Orthodox Faith

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Tuesday, January 6th, 2026

The Great Compline of the Nativity of Our Lord - 8 pm

Christmas Carols – 8:45 pm

Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord - 9 pm

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Wednesday, January 7th, 2026

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

9:00 am – Divine Liturgy

Tropar & Kondak: pages 132 – 135

Epistle: Galatians 4: 4-7 Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

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Don't forget our Christmas Breakfast on January 7th

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered the week of December 21st in memory of ***+Randy Horbal by his family.***

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THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered on Sunday December 21st in memory of ***+Helen Dutko by daughter, Darice and the Tvarozna Family.***

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered the week of December 28th in memory of ***+Randy Horbal by his family.***

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THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered on Sunday December 28th in memory of 5th Anniversary of the Falling Asleep of ***+William Ryan by Rusty, Kelly, and Lillen Weingard, and Erin and Pat Carey***

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – are offered for ***Christopher Miloro (12/21), Roxanne Miloro (12/25), Richard Miloro) 1/1), and Joe Satkovich (1/2).*** You were remembered today in the Proskomedia.

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FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE ICON OF SAINT NICHOLAS ***are offered in honor of Saint Nicholas by Susan Kalcik, Nick Bocher, and Mitzi Fischbach.***

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ACRY NEWS - "Souper Bowl"

Special Thank you to Dee Tvarozna for organizing the Cookie Sale. Thank you also to all who baked, packaged, and helped sale cookies during the event.

The ACRY will be collecting cans of soup for the West End Food bank starting Sunday, January 11, 2026, thru Super Bowl Sunday, February 8, 2026. Please leave your canned good donation on the stage in the Cathedral auditorium for your donations. Thank-you for your continued support!

The next ACRY Meeting will be held **Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 6:30 pm**. Sixteen gift bags will be distributed the first week of February to our shut-ins and those in assisted living homes. Thank you for your support and generosity this past year to our ACRY Chapter

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We wish a Merry Christmas to our parishioners whose families celebrate December 25th as the Nativity of Our Lord. May God grant you the peace of the new-born Christ-child. Remember to invite your family to our celebration of the Nativity on Tuesday January 6th for the Nativity Eve Compline Service and the Divine Liturgy, or Wednesday January 7th for Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Deacon Peter Sodini, Deacon Maximus Cannaverde, Alex Hurtsellers, Bradley Shaffer, Nicholas Cizin, John Bonnewicz-Coffey, John Fedornock III, Clay Rayburn, and Ignatios Leonardo.

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NEW BOILER FURNACE DONATIONS

Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak – $100.00
Ronald and Joan Bost - $50.00
Rich and Harriet Mirilovich - $100.00
Lynne Hood - $100.00
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Pani Betty Jean Baranik - $100.00
Michael and Jenifer Dzvonik - $100.00
Diana and Bernie Smith - $200.00
Darice Tvarozna - $100.00
Roger Pavlik - $100.00
Darby and Emilie Sprintz - $40.00

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ETERNAL MEMORY FUND

Thank you for your kind donations to our Eternal Memory Fund in Memory of +Stephen Martyak

Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak-$25.00
Pani Betty Jean Baranik - $25.00
Matolyak Family - $20.00
A.C.R.Y. Chapter #20 - $100.00
Roger Pavlik - $25.00
Thomas Fultz - $25.00
Nicholas and Anita Teplica - $50

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You have never really lived
until you have done something for someone who cannot possibly pay you back

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THE HOLY PROPHET DANIEL

The Holy Prophet Daniel is the fourth of the major prophets.

In the years following 600 B.C. Jerusalem was conquered by the Babylonians, the Temple built by Solomon was destroyed, and many of the Israelite people were led away into the Babylonian Captivity. Among the captives were also the illustrious youths Daniel, Ananias, Azarias and Misael.

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon ordered that they be instructed in the Chaldean language and wisdom, and dressed them in finery. Handsome children of princely lineage were often chosen to serve as pages in the palace. For three years, they would be fed from food from the king's table. After this they would be allowed to stand before his throne. Daniel was renamed Baltasar, Ananias was called Shadrach, Misael was called Mishach, and Azarias was known as Abednego. But they, cleaving to their faith, disdained the extravagance of court, refusing to defile themselves by eating from the king's table and drinking his wine. Instead, they lived on vegetables and water.

The Lord granted them wisdom, and to Prophet Daniel the gift of insight and the interpretation of dreams. The holy Prophet Daniel preserved his faith in the one God and trusted in His almighty help. He surpassed all the Chaldean astrologers and sorcerers in his wisdom, and was made a confidant to King Nebuchadnezzar.

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Once, Nebuchadnezzar had a strange dream which terrified him (Daniel 2:1-6). He summoned magicians, sorcerers, and Chaldeans before him to interpret the dream. When they asked him what he had dreamt, the king refused to tell them. He said, “If you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins.” The Babylonian wise men protested that no magician or sorcerer could be expected to do this. Only the gods could reveal the dream and its meaning, they told him.

The king ordered all the wise men of Babylon to be executed. When they sought Daniel and his companions to put them to death, Daniel asked that the king’s sentence not be carried out. He said that he could tell the king what he dreamt, for it had been revealed to him in a vision. Daniel was brought before the king and was able to reveal not only the content of the dream, but also its prophetic significance. After this, the king elevated Daniel to be ruler of the whole province of Babylon, and the chief of all the wise men.

During these times King Nebuchadnezzar ordered a huge statue to be made in his likeness. It was decreed that when people heard the sound of trumpets and other instruments, they should fall down and worship the golden idol. Because they refused to do this, the three holy youths Ananias, Azarias and Misael were cast into a fiery furnace. The flames shot out over the furnace forty-nine cubits, felling the Chaldeans standing about, but the holy youths walked in the midst of the flames, offering prayer and psalmody to the Lord (Daniel 3:26-90).

The Angel of the Lord appeared in the furnace and cooled the flames, and the young men remained unharmed. This “Angel of Great Counsel,” as he is called in iconography, is identified with the Son of God (Daniel 3:25, Isaiah 9:6). In the first Canon for the Nativity of the Lord (Ode 5), the Church sings: “Thou hast sent us Thine Angel of Great Counsel.” The emperor, upon seeing this, commanded them to come out, and was converted to the true God.

While interpreting the dream of King Nebuchadnezzar, the holy, glorious Prophet Daniel spoke of a great and final kingdom, the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ (Dan 2:44). The prophetic vision about the seventy weeks (Dan 9:24-27) speaks about the signs of the First and the Second Comings of the Lord Jesus Christ, and is connected with those events (Daniel 12:1-12).

Prophet Daniel interceded for his people before King Cyrus, who esteemed him highly, and who decreed freedom for the Israelite people. Daniel himself and his fellows Ananias, Azarias and Misael, all survived into old age, but died in captivity.

Prophet Daniel and the three holy youths are also commemorated on the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, and on the Sunday of the Holy Fathers (Sunday before the Nativity).