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Vol. 81 No. 1927 **Sunday, December 22nd, 2024**

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Conception of the Theotokos by Anna

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

Panachida for ***+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 Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Pavlik; and ***+Christina Simon***

Resurrection Tone 1 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 81-83

Epistle: Ephesians 5:9-19 Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

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Sat. 12/28 … **No Vespers scheduled**

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Sunday, December 29th, 2024

The Twenty-Seventh 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
+Florence Kanuch offered by Donlad E. Kanuch; ***+Anna Lazarak***; and
+Departed Cathedral Pastors: Father Andrew Zapatocky, Protopresbyter Joseph Mihaly, Protopresbyter John Miller, and Protopresbyter John Yurcisin

Resurrection Tone 2 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 84 & 128

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

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Sat. 1/04 … Great Vespers……4:00 pm

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Sunday, January 5th, 2025

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
Resurrection Tone 3 - Tropar & Kondak pages 85 & 129
Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

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Monday, January 6th, 2025

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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Tuesday, January 7th, 2025

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
Use the sign-up sheet found in the church auditorium

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THE ETERNAL LAMP – is offered the week of December 22nd in memory of ***+Randy Horbal by his family.***

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THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered on Sunday December 22nd in memory of ***Randy Horbal by the Horbal Family.***

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – are offered for ***Roxanne Miloro (12/25).***
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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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL ON-LINE

Did you know that you can make donations to Christ the Saviour Cathedral on-line? Many parishioners and non-parishioners save time and efforts by donating to the Cathedral at: **https://www.acrod.org/directories/cathedral/**

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2024 CATHEDRAL DUES - As the calendar year comes to an end, all are reminded that the 2024 membership dues are due. Please fulfill your financial responsibility!

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PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED

The Cathedral ACRY is volunteering for both Saturdays Kitchen and for the Cambria County Backpack Project. They will be collecting clean, plastic grocery bags (giant eagle, Walmart, Dollar General, etc) to use at these projects. A box will be placed in the Vestibule for your donations. Thank you for your continued support.

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

Imagine if we just went up and took communion without attending any of the prayers to go along with it. It seems that we would be partaking of mere bread and wine. But when I attend the readings and the prayers, and witness that the bread and the wine are consecrated and set apart for the purpose of becoming the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is then that I realize the importance of the Sacrament. Not only are the gifts being made holy, but through prayer and through listening to the readings, I am being made holy as well.

St. Justin Martyr

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS (continued)

He who gives alms in imitation of God does not discriminate between the wicked and the virtuous, the just and the unjust, when providing for men's bodily needs. He gives equally to all according to this need, even though he prefers the virtuous man because of the probity of his intention.

St. Maximos the Confessor

If you guard your tongue, my brother, God will give you the gift of compunction of heart so that you may see your soul, and thereby you will enter into spiritual joy. But if your tongue defeats you,….you will never be able to escape from darkness. If you do not have a pure heart, at least have a pure mouth. ***St. Isaac the Syrian***

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FOR CONSIDERATION

Man is presented with a choice in this life: the kingdom of this world, or the Kingdom of Heaven. God puts no pressure on this choice, but each man chooses freely. When the brothers Marcus and Marcellinus were condemned to death, the pagan judge left them for a month to ponder on whether they would deny Christ and His Kingdom, or to be put to death. Their kinsmen came to the prison with one sort of advice, and Sebastian with another. Their kinsmen wept and implored them to do what the judge wanted and spare their youth. Their tearful father showed them his grey hairs and his infirmity; their mother besought them by the milk of her breasts by which she nourished them; their children wept around them. They all in concert urged them to reject the Heavenly Kingdom for the sake of the earthly, but holy Saint Sebastian counseled them the opposite, saying: 'O courageous of Christ, do you mean to lose the eternal wreath for the sake of the flattery of your kinsmen? Do you mean to lower the banner of victory for the sake of women's tears? This life is transient, and so unworthy and faithless that it cannot save even those who love it. What is this life worth, even if we live a hundred years? When the last day dawns, will not our past years and all earthly delights seem as though they had never been? It is indeed folly to fear the loss of this fleeting life, when one will receive that eternal life in which delight, riches and rejoicing begin, the life that has no end. Remember the Lord's words: "A man's foes shall be those of his own household" (Matthew 10:36). They are no friends of yours, who are trying to turn you from God.' With these and many other words, Sebastian prevailed, and the holy martyrs sought the Kingdom of Heaven rather than the earthly, and joyfully went to their death for Christ.

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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 Monday January 6th for the Nativity Eve Compline Service and the Divine Liturgy, or Tuesday January 7th for Divine Liturgy of the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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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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