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Vol. 80 No. 1884 **Sunday, December 24th, 2023**

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers

Divine Liturgy - 9:00 am **No Sunday School**

Panachida for ***+Bill and Peg Ryan*** offered by the Family; ***+Robert Pringle*** (40th Day)
+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. Rose Kisic; and ***+Christina Simon***;
+Larry Buksa offered by sister, Kathy Feathers and friend Jim Claycomb
+Donna Zizan offered by Kathryn Orevec

Resurrection Tone 4 - Tropar & Kondak: Pages 90 & 128
Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11 Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

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Services for the week of December 24th

Wed. 12/27 … +Christina Simon; + Florence Kanuch offered by Donlad E. Kanuch; and
+ Anna Lazarak (Perpetual)…………………………………….................8:00 am

Sat. 12/30 … **No Vespers scheduled**

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Sunday, December 31st, 2023

The Thirtieth 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, and James Horner***, offered by the Horner family; ***+Anastasia and John and Andrew Podolak*** offered by family; ***+Departed Cathedral Pastors: Father Andrew Zapatocky, Protopresbyter Joseph Mihaly, Protopresbyter John Miller, and Protopresbyter John Yurcisin; +John Smider*** offered by Anna Smider; and ***+Maryann and Daniel Sekerak*** offered by David Sekerak

Resurrection Tone 5 - Tropar & Kondak pages 93 & 129
Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

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Services for the week of December 31st

Wed. 1/03 … ***Moleben for the Nativity Fast with St. Nectarios oil anointing……..…..6:00 pm***

Sat. 1/06 … ***Nativity Eve Vespers & Liturgy of St. Basil the Great*** - +Anastasia & John and Andrew Podolak offered by family; +John Petrick; and + Alex Stolicza (Perpetual)..……9:00 am

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Saturday January 6th, 2024

The Vigil Service of the Nativity of Our Lord

Vigil Service – 8:00 pm **Christmas Carols – 8:45 pm**

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

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Sunday, January 7th, 2024

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

9:00 am – Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Galatians 4: 4-7 Tropar & Kondak: pages 132 – 135 Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

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Monday, January 8th, 2024

The Synaxis of the Theotokos (Birthgiver of God)

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am

Panachida for + ***the Founders and Benefactors of the Cathedral Parish;***
+Departed Kol'adniki of the Cathedral Parish: Andrew Pavlik, Andrew Medvechy Jr., Constantine Mishurda, John Mishurda, John Kurtz, Nicholas Polak, Joseph Evanisko, Andrew Sakmar, Michael Gritzer, John Duray, Stephen Patrick, John P. Duray, Stephen Matolyak, and John Yurosko offered by John and Helen Yurosko (Perpetual)

Tropar and Kondak pages 132-136

Epistle: Hebrews 2:11-18 Gospels: Matthew 2:13-23

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Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Feast of The Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am

Panachida for + ***Stephen Evanisko and the Departed Servicemen of the Cathedral Parish*** offered by the Evanisko Family; + ***Kay Miloro*** offered by the family; +***Mary Radasky Kesselak*** offered by Andrea and Jeff Robel; ***Anna Toth*** offered by the family; and +***Helen Krompak*** (Per.)

Tropar & Kondak: pages 132-137, 138

Epistle: Acts 6: 8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-42

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – are offered for ***Roxanne Miloro (12/25) Richard Miloro (1/1), Denise Dzura (1/1), Joseph Satkovich (1/2), Ivan Palaski (1/4), Kurtis Dutko (1/4), Mary Ann Savering (1/4), and Michael Maticic (1/5).*** You were remembered today in the Proskomedia.

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CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 27 and Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:30 pm

The Choir will sing the responses to the Divine Liturgy Sunday, December 24th, December 31st; Saturday Evening, January 6th, 2024, and Sunday January 7th, 2024

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THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered in memory of ***+Randy Horbal*** by his family.

THE ETERNAL LAMP - is offered this week in memory of ***+Bill Ryan by Rusty, Kelly and Lillen Weingard and Erin Ryan.***

THE ETERNAL LAMP - is offered the week of December 31st in memory of ***+Ann Melanie Yurcisin by Nick Bocher and Susan Kalcik.***

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - Sunday School will resume classes on January 14th

A.C.R.Y. NEWS - January is designated for our "Souper Bowl" collection, Please place cans, dry packages, or packs of noodles on the Cathedral Auditorium Stage. The Sunday School and ACRY wish all parishioners a Blessed Spiritual Christmas.

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CATHEDRAL CHARITY BOX - REMINDER

Did you know that the Cathedral has a charity box for the less fortunate of the parish? On the back of the last pew on the "Virgin's side" of the church is a small wooden box in which you may put your offering to help those in need. Thank you for your stewardship of our parish!

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CHRISTMAS BRUNCH – January 7, 2024

All are invited to join us for a Christmas Brunch Christmas morning, January 7th, 2024, after the Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Auditorium. Please use the sign-up sheet found in the Cathedral Auditorium.

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The Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

On this Sunday the Church commemorates the Holy Forefathers, i.e. the earthly ancestors of our Lord Jesus Christ, beginning with the first man, Adam, and on through Seth, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, King David, and others. These ancient people, separated from us by millennia, nevertheless have a direct and close bearing upon us, contemporary Orthodox Christians.

What connection is there between them and us? In general, the Church brings them to our attention now, right before Christmas, largely because of their faith – their belief in the promise given by God to Adam during his expulsion from the Garden of Eden, that in the end a Saviour will come into the world and will redeem mankind from original sin. All the forefathers – who lived on earth long before the birth of Christ – lived and burned with this faith, never allowing it to be extinguished. They are a shining example to us, who are living on earth after the incarnation of our Lord. Just like those ancient people we, too, have never actually seen Christ: they only knew that He **would come** into the world, while we know that He **did come** into the world. But they firmly believed in His coming and their faith was justified.

We are expected to have even greater faith. We must believe that the Lord was, and is, and will be; that He lived on earth as a man; that through His Church He remains with us constantly; and that He will again return to earth to judge mankind. But for such a faith the Lord Himself promises us eternal bliss. When Jesus Christ appeared before the doubting Apostle Thomas, who could not believe in the Lord's resurrection unless he actually touched Christ's wounds, and upon touching them cried out: "My Lord and my God!", then the Lord said to the apostle: "Because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed; but blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

But apart from faith there is something else that binds us closely with the ancient forefathers – and that is their faithfulness to the awaited Messiah. They lived surrounded by a pagan world – a world which did not yet know Christ, but which had already rejected God. We too, dear brethren, live in a similar and even worse situation. For nineteen centuries after the birth of Christ the world lived with Christ and the Christian culture, but in the 20th century an abrupt change took place. We now live in a post-Christian era, in a world that has once again become totally immersed in paganism.

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PRAYER CHAIN

Thomas Buczak	Jack Dahl	Taylor Miller	Demetra Mavrophilipos	Lauri LaBuda
Cindy LaBarr	Eva Zeleniak-Whitak	Jennifer Gardenhour	Rose Conjelko	Dorothy and Kathy Bayconish
Steve Martyak	Malcolm Barnes	Valentina and Olga Yaremenko	Cindy Birth	Nicholas and Carole Blitva
Veronica Buczak	Ann Koehnlein	Steve Prieber	Roger Zankey	Lorie Joseph
Jessica McLaughlin	Larry Eisenhauer	Aberdeen Rudge	Jess Ambrose	Mary Frances Dutko
Michael Sakmar	Judith Rowlands	Pat Hanuska	Paul Kalinyak	Clarabella Knight
Joseph Muchesko	Angeline Komara	Dwight Nugle	John Rosiak	Matushka Mary Margaret
Roberta Kovalik	Arianna Risso	Rose and Terry Fyock	Louis Pocchiari	Remona Blunt-Wall
Theresa Milkovich	Charlie Erisman	Rosalia Horner	Ed and Christine Sakmar	Patti Sweeney
Kira Pronin	Rachael Costlow	Beverly Mayo	Julie Locher	Samantha Salway
Alexxa Lowery	Marshall Rosenow	Al Kuzmyak	Denise Stroud	Joan Bost
Romayne Laichak	Shirley Mazurak	Michael Paul Gost	Brianna Thompson	Cheryl Reese
Zachary Rogina	Donna Babble	Brooklyn Balamuto	Elijah Groff	Sheri Smay
Robert J. Gritzer	Richard Barnes	Matushka Helen Jasiukowicz	Lisa Shaffer	Geroge Kuzmiak
Ron Kuzmyak	Michael Logan	Joanne Democko	Stephen Machik	Jackson Enhro
Paul Kalcik	Lloyd Broadwater	Robert and Barbara Stokes	Aniee Himes	Lisa Luterman
Henry Laichak	Nick Timko	Marcia Matthews	Michael Mehalacki	Jeanne Norris
Beverly Tinkle	Erin Demich	Jolene McClain	Matthew Hanak	Jennifer Shrift
Ronald Kmet	Mary Ann Muchesko	Georgene Coulter	Carol Labad	Kristo Burkett
Michael Derby	Joella Hamlin	Tanya Britan	Carter McAuly	Amanda May
Barry Gilchrist	Donna Martyak	Frank Porembka	Michael Yaremenko	Jean Romesburg
Robert Janeway	Michaela Miller	Daniel Porembka	Alex Yarementko	Michael and MaryAnn Savering
Andy Walls	Arianna Jade Miller	Dr. Rose Ann Jordan	Pauline and Margaret Blehi	Marilyn Stolzfus

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