Christ the Saviour Cathedral

"CATHEDRAL JOTTINGS"



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Sunday, December 29th, 2024

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



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; ***+Departed Cathedral Pastors: Father Andrew Zapatocky, Protopresbyter Joseph Mihaly, Protopresbyter John Miller, and Protopresbyter John Yurcisin; +John Smider; +John Petrick; and +Alex Stolicza***

Resurrection Tone 2 - Tropar &
Kondak: Pages 84 & 128
Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11
Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers

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Sat. 1/04 … Great Vespers……..……4:00 pm

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Sunday, January 5th, 2024

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; and
+Anastasia, John, and Andrew Podolak by the Podolak 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 29th in memory of ***+Ann Yurcisin by Susan and Nick.***

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THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered on Sunday December 29th in memory of ***Helen Dutko by her daughter Darice and the Tvarozna children.***

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Denise Dzura (1/1), Joe Satkovich (1/2), Ivan Palaski (1/4), Kurtis Dutko (1/4), Mary Ann Savering (1/4).*** You were remembered today in the Proskomedia.

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BANNS OF MARRIAGE – are announced for ***Matthew John Conjelko***, son of the Very Reverend Matthew Conjelko and Mary Margaret (Wiker) Conjelko and ***Erica Renee Goble***, daughter of Mark A. Goble and Kelly Dawn (Marcoux) Goble both Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Parish (Homer City). The Sacrament of Matrimony will be administered at the Christ the Saviour Cathedral Parish, 300 Garfield Street, Johnstown, Pa. 15906 on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at 2:30 pm. This is the first official announcement.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the ***Christ the Saviour Cathedral Parish*** will be held ***Sunday, February 2nd, 2025*** immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Cathedral Auditorium. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. This is the ***first official announcement*** of the meeting. Proposals for the Annual Meeting are being accepted in the Cathedral office in written form until ***Sunday, January 19, 2025.***

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

A lamp cannot be kept burning without oil; nor can the light of spiritual gifts continue to shine unless one inwardly sustains it with actions and thoughts harmonious with it. For every spiritual gift requires a corresponding inner quality in the recipient to feed it spiritually as though with oil, thus preserving its presence. Unless the light of spiritual knowledge present in God's gifts is fed with divine intellections, it will go out.

St. Maximos the Confessor

My Children, work diligently at the spiritual fragrance – I am speaking of prayer – this holy conversation with Jesus, which abundantly provides His blessings. Yes, children of the Spirit, love prayer with your whole heart so that all of you become a fragrance of grace, and that you smell sweet to those near you and make them say, "Truly, prayer makes the true Christian give off an angelic fragrance through spiritual grace." So let the filthy passions be far from you, for they cause a foul smell and make a bad impression.

Elder Ephraim of the Holy Mountain

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

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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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