

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

Icon of the Flight into Egypt -- Matthew 2:13-23

| December 30, 2018: | | Sunday After Christmas | |
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| Epistle: Gal. 1: 11-19 | | Gospel: Mt. 2: 13-23 | |
| Mon., Dec. 31 | 8:00 | + Ann Marie Chelak (Ron & Marlene Roberts) | |
| Tues., Jan. 1 | | Circumcision of Our Lord: New Year's Day | |
| | 10:00 | + Fr. Edward Levandusky (Matt Beckage) | |
| Wed., Jan. 2 | 8:00 | Health of Andre Marcinko (Andrea Novak) | |
| Thurs., Jan. 3 | 8:00 | + Dolores Spryn (Leo Danylak) | |
| Fri., Jan. 4 | 8:00 | + Eugenia Barkofsky (Matt Beckage & Family) | |
| Sat., Jan. 5 | | No Morning Divine Liturgy | |
| | 10:30 | Confessions | |
| | 2:00 | Confessions | |
| | 4:00 pm | + Gene Turko (Bob & Joan Yeck) | |
| | | Solemn Blessing of Water | |
| Sun., Jan. 6 | | Theophany of Our Lord | |
| | 9:00 | Health & God's Blessings on Mariah Addis (Grandfather) | |
| | 11:30 | For Our Parishioners | |

Antiphon 1

I will confess You, Lord, with all my heart,*

I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

In the council of the just and the congregation,* great are the works of
the Lord, conforming to His will in every way.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

His work is filled with praise and majesty,*
and His righteousness endures forever.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.*

Antiphon 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord, and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger. A strange and glorious mystery do I behold:* the cave is heaven;* the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim;* the manger, a dwelling place* in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain.* Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.

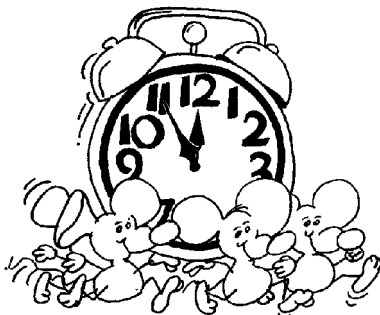
Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

New Year's Greetings

My Dear Friends in Christ,

As we stand today on the threshold of a brand New Year, I offered this prayer of faith and anticipation for all of you. A New Year always stands before us like a gift not yet unwrapped - we wonder what's inside, what will come our way with this New Year. No matter what: happy, sad, easy, difficult, challenging - we can handle it all by holding fast to our faith in God and in His love for us.



**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

So, to all of our parishioners, your families, and your friends: Happy New Year! God bless you all in this New Year 2019, most especially with

the best of health! And please pray for me too!

Father Nestor

Christmas Spirit

Christ is Born! - Glorify Him! So much thanks - so little space!

Our beloved Church and the surroundings were breathtaking to behold with the glorious decorations. I wish to say a very heartfelt THANK YOU, GOD BLESS YOU to all the angels who helped to decorate the Church. All of you demonstrate the true spirit of Christmas. Everything was perfect.

To all the Altar Boys of St. Cyril's - a big thank you! You are the best Altar Boys around. You have made my life

much easier during Divine Services.

I thank the cantors and St. Cyril's Choir for gifting us with "heavenly music" throughout this Christmas Season. And, as we all know, "He who sings, prays twice!"

To the "heavenly bakers" who provided all the bread for the services (and some goodies for the rectory), our sincerest thanks.

I also wish to thank all of you who sent cards, remembrances and the delicious baked goodies!

Keep Greeting One Another

A reminder to all: just as we prepared for Christmas with a 40 day preparation and fasting period, so now we celebrate the bright days of Christmas, New Year's, and Theophany for 40 days. Please continue to sing our beautiful Christmas carols, and to greet one another with our traditional

Christos Razhdayetsia! Slavite Yeho!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

During the darkness of the Winter months, do all you can to keep the bright light of Christ burning brightly! Let Christ shine through you!

Note: according to tradition, we continue to sing Christmas carols up until the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord on February 2nd.

Merry Christmas From Heaven

I still hear the songs
I still see the lights
I still feel your love
on cold wintery nights.

I still share your hopes
and all of your cares
I'll even remind you
to please say your prayers.

I just want to tell you
you still make me proud
You stand head and shoulders
above all the crowd.

Keep trying each moment
to stay in His grace
I came here before you

to help set your place.

You don't have to be
perfect all of the time
He forgives you the slip
If you continue the climb.

To my family and friends
please be thankful today
I'm still close beside you
In a new special way.

I love you all dearly
now don't shed a tear
Cause I'm spending my
Christmas with Jesus this year.

-- by *John William Mooney, Jr.*

The Safest Place On Earth

How to stay safe in the world today.

1. Avoid riding in automobiles, because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home, because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks, because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water, because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transporta-

tion.

5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals. So, above all else, avoid hospitals.

BUT...

You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur during Church services and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is in church!

Holy Name Society Raffle

Once again St. Cyril's Holy Name Society mailed raffle tickets to our Parishioners. Please support the work of St. Cyril's Holy Name Society by dropping

your returns into the Sunday Collection Basket as soon as possible. Additional tickets may be obtained from any Holy Name Society member.

Christmas Stewardship

Christmas is the birth of our Savior. Take some time out of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to prepare yourself spiritually for the great gift of God's love and presence. Confessions are heard weekly and offered especially during the holidays. Confession of our sins humbles us to admit we are not God. Rather we are human beings striving to find the path to a relationship with our God. Confession helps us to stop and evaluate how well we are holding up our end of the relationship.

Any love relationship takes work and

effort, but when we truly love, the effort is a joy rather than a burden. The same is true with our relationship with God. If we do things to damage or weaken our human relationships, we gather our desire to mend the hurt or misunderstanding. It's humbling but we do it, to own our failings and the love and forgiveness we offer or receive strengthens the bond. Make use of this wonderful sacrament of reconciliation: it heals us and renews our loving relationship with the one who loves us the most and the best: God!

Festival of Christmas Carols

The annual festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 3:00 pm at our Ukrai-



nian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. All are invited to attend this annual celebration to

praise our new-born King and our Lord Jesus Christ at this Christmas time.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of December 2018 is Team #4: Ed Stecco, Joe Smagula and Ron Bar-

kofsky. We also thank all those volunteers who helped throughout the year!

Sunday Collection for December 22 - 26, 2018: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for January 5 & 6, 2019

| | Altar Boys | Lectors |
|----------|--|-----------------|
| 4:00 pm | Nicholas Borowski -- Samuel Szczesniak | John Sakson |
| 9:00 am | Patrick Marcinko -- Nicholas Chylak | Pat Marcinko |
| 11:30 am | Thomas Radle -- Brian Radle | Frank Lesnefsky |

House Blessing Request

Fr. Nestor:

I (we) would like you to come and bless my (our) home, if possible, this year during the Theophany Season (2019).

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **TELEPHONE:** _____

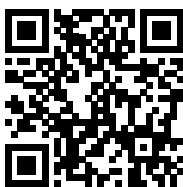
Father Nestor will call to arrange a convenient time.

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The Flight into Egypt of the Holy Family

Egypt is situated to the southwest of Judea, and is distant from Bethlehem perhaps about 60 miles. It was at this time a Roman province. There were many Jews there, who had a temple and synagogues (see the notes at Isaiah 19:18), and Joseph, therefore, would be among his own countrymen, and yet beyond the reach of Herod.

The jurisdiction of Herod extended only to the River Sihon, or "river of Egypt," and, of course, beyond that Joseph was safe from his designs. For a description

of Egypt, see the notes at Isaiah 19. It is remarkable that this is the only time in which our Saviour was out of Palestine, and that this was in the land where the children of Israel had suffered so much and so long under the oppression of the Egyptian kings. The very land which was the land of bondage and groaning for the Jews, became now the land of refuge and safety for the new-born King of Judea.

God can overturn nations and kingdoms, so that those whom he loves shall be safe anywhere.