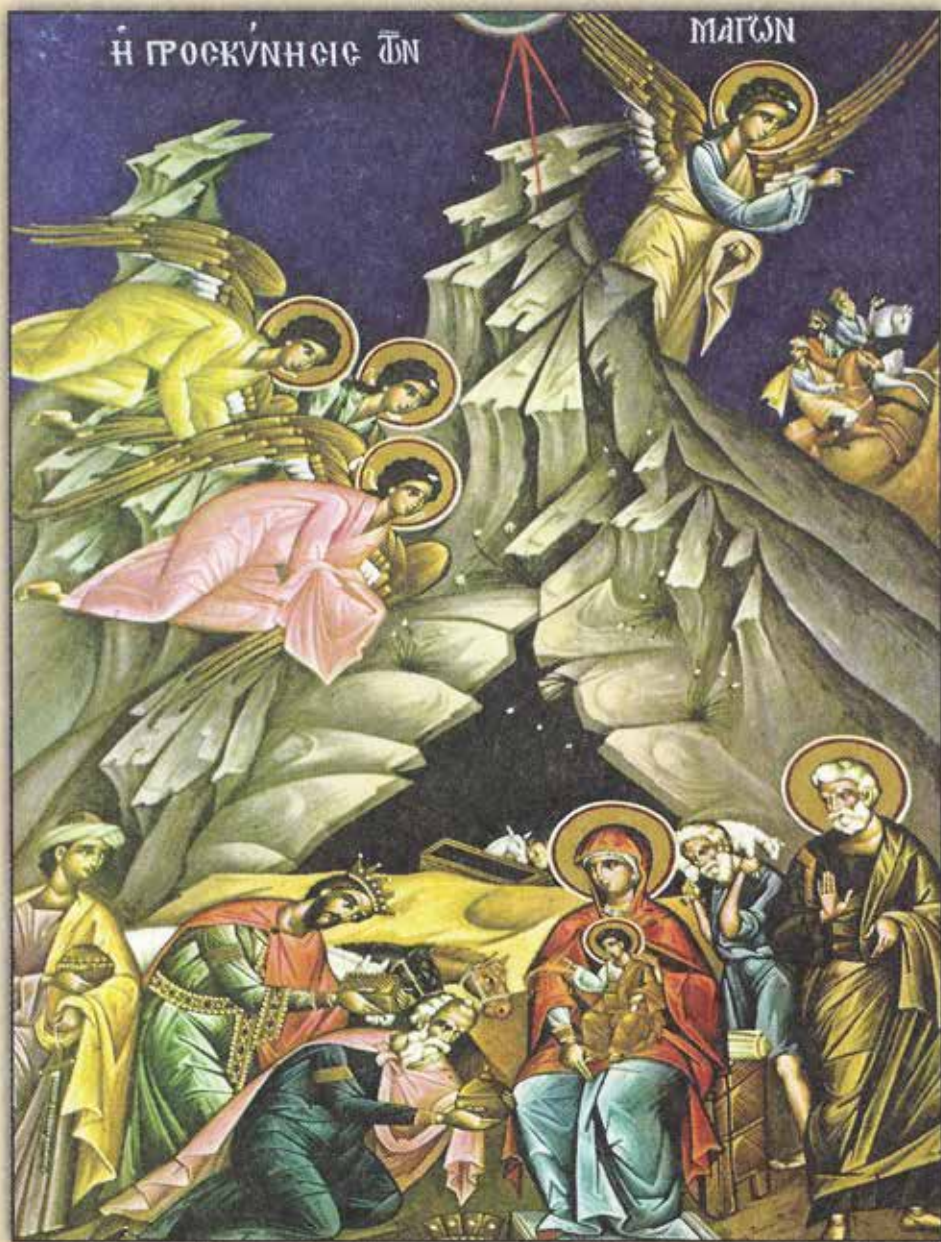


THE SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



*Icon of the Synaxis of the Nativity*

<b>December 29, 2019: Sunday After Christmas</b>		
Epistle: Gal. 1: 11-19		Gospel: Mt. 2: 13-23
<b>Mon., Dec. 30</b>	8:00	+ John Sereditch (Ron & Marlene Roberts)
<b>Tues., Dec. 31</b>	8:00	+ Josef & Wanda Ganchura (Michal Bak)
<b>Wed., Jan. 1</b>	<b>Circumcision of Our Lord: New Year's Day</b>	
	10:00	+ Eugenia Barkofsky (Diane Krenitsky Szewczyk)
<b>Thurs., Jan. 2</b>	8:00	+ Diane Yuhnick (Paul & Lorraine Suche)
<b>Fri., Jan. 3</b>	10:00	Funeral: + Dorothy Chezik
<b>Sat., Jan. 4</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy</b>	
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Mildred Harrigan (Eugene Hughes)
<b>Sun., Jan. 5</b>	9:00	For Our Parishioners
	11:30	+ Brian Westington (Mom, Ilona)

**Antiphon 1**

I will confess You, Lord, with all my heart,\*  
I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.

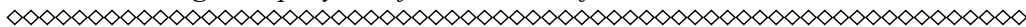
*Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Savior, save us.*

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.*

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**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.*

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**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.

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**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.

So, to all of our parishioners, your families, and your friends: Happy New Year! God bless you all in this New Year 2020, most especially with the best of health! And please pray for me too!

***Father Nestor***



## WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of

me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and spiritual nourishment!

*Author Unknown*

## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Christ is Born! - Glorify Him! So many 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!

## SOME CHRISTMAS HUMOR... AN ANSWERED PRAYER

It was the day after Christmas at a Church in San Francisco. The Pastor of the Church was looking over the creche when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures. He hurried outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the infant Jesus. So he walked up to the boy and said, "Well, where did you get your

passenger, my fine friend?"

The little boy replied, "I got Him at Church.

"And why did you take Him?"

The boy said, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus and I told Him if He would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give Him a ride around the block in it."

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 2019 PARISH DUES

With the end of 2019 quickly approaching, we offer this gentle

reminder to make sure that your 2019 Parish Dues are paid. Also, we remind



our Parish Family Members that as of January 1, 2011, Parish Dues are now \$25.00 per adult per year. There is no increased planned for 2020.

## **2020 CHURCH CALENDARS**

The 2020 Church Calendars are available in the back of the Church. The Calendars are free, but any donations will be appreciated.

## **FROM PENNSYLVANIANS FOR HUMAN LIFE**

On behalf of the Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Life, I want to sincerely thank you for participating in our Baby Bottle campaign. The amount received from your Parish was: \$151.15.

The support from you and your Parishioners will go a long way to advance the work of our organization in offering education on important life

issues such as abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia as well as providing information, support and referrals to women in crisis pregnancies.

For over forty years, we have been privileged to serve the community in defense of all human life. Again, our thanks for your support and your generosity.

/s/ Anne Domin

## **KANZ FOR KIDS 2.0**

Just a little reminder to all of us soda-guzzling individuals: When you are finished with the soda can, or other aluminum can (such as V8), please rinse out the can, and put in into a plastic store bag. When you have accumulated a few cans, please bring them to Church. Sandra Berta has been very generous with her time and energy, and picks up these cans. In turn, they are sold, and all the proceeds go to purchasing supplies for the children

enrolled in our Religious Education Program. This is a wonderful project, and not exactly a walk in the park.

We truly appreciate Sandra's continuing efforts, not only with collecting the cans, but also being completely involved in our Religious Education Program. We thank you Sandra, and thank our Parish Family Members for helping fund our program!

## 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.

## FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The annual Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 3:00 pm at our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. 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

We ask ALL the Collection Processing Teams to help out processing the Holy Day and Sunday Collections. We also

thank all those volunteers who helped throughout the year!

## Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for January 4 & 5, 2020

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Hunter Wegforth	John Sakson
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Jordan Radle -- Samuel Sczesniak	Frank Lesnefsky

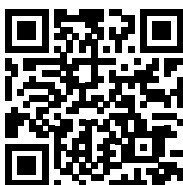
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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### *The Twofold Coming of Christ*

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom.

In general, whatever relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

At the first coming He was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At His second coming He will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming He

endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming He will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels.

We look then beyond the first coming and await the second. At the first coming we said: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. At the second we shall say it again; we shall go out with the angels to meet the Lord and cry out in adoration: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

*St. Cyril of Jerusalem*