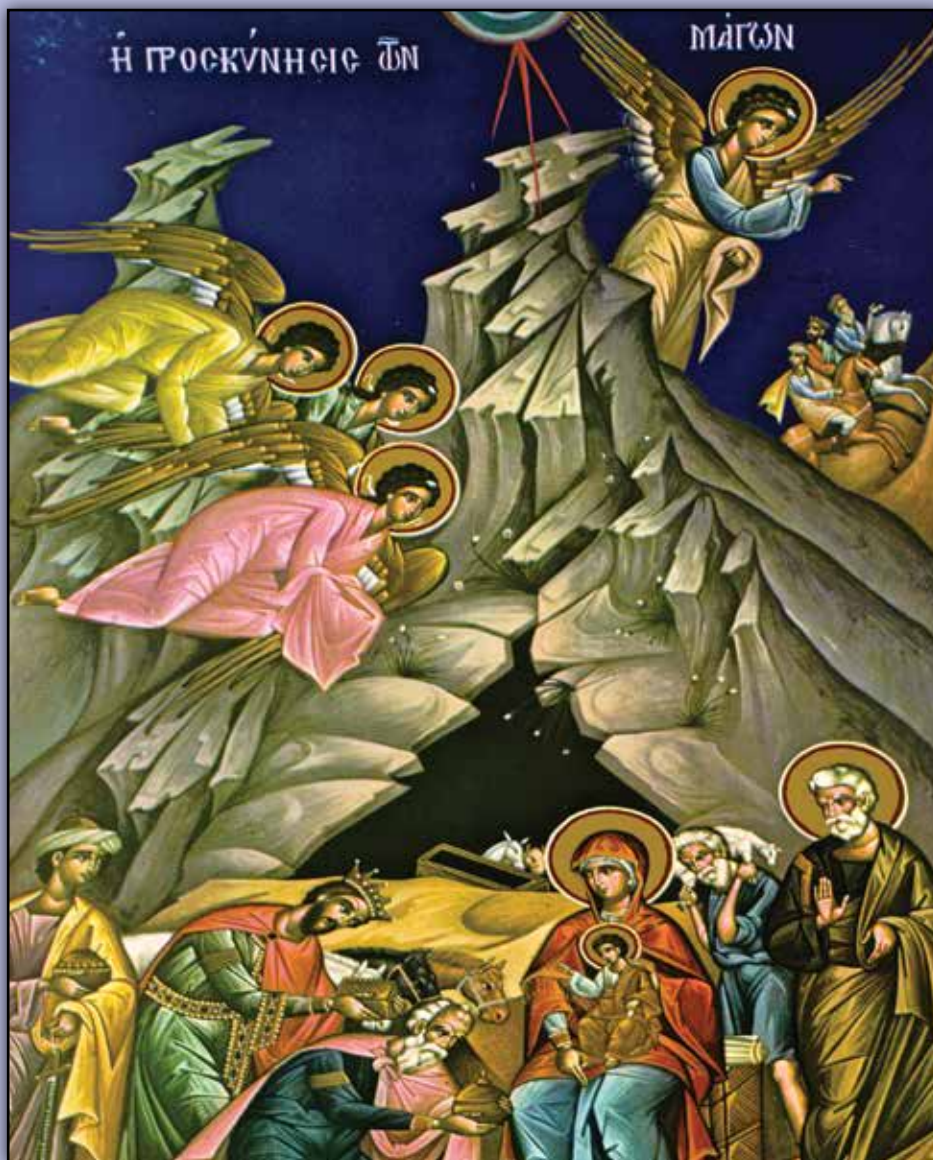


SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY
JOSEPH THE BETROTHED, DAVID THE KING,
JAMES THE BROTHER



Icon of the Visit of the Magi

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



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 2022, most especially with the best of health! Stay safe! And please pray for me too!

Father Nestor

My Dear Friends in Christ,
As we stand today on the threshold of a brand New Year, I offered this

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.

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!

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

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."

THE GOLD SLIPPERS

It was only four days before Christmas. The spirit of the season hadn't yet caught up with me, even though cars packed the parking lot of our local discount store.

Inside the store, it was worse. Shopping carts and last minute shoppers jammed the aisles. Why did I come today? I wondered.

My feet ached almost as much as my head. My list contained names

of several people who claimed they wanted nothing but I knew their feelings would be hurt if didn't buy them anything.

Buying for someone who had everything and deploring the high cost of items, I considered gift-buying anything but fun. Hurriedly, I filled my shopping cart with last minute items and proceeded to the long checkout lines. I picked the shortest but it looked

as if it would mean at least a 20 minute wait.

In front of me were two small children - a boy of about 5 and a younger girl. The boy wore a ragged coat. Enormously large, tattered tennis shoes jutted far out in front of his much too short jeans. He clutched several crumpled dollar bills in his grimy hands. The girl's clothing resembled her brother's. Her head was a matted mass of curly hair. Reminders of an evening meal showed on her small face.

She carried a beautiful pair of shiny, gold house slippers. As the Christmas music sounded in the store's stereo system, the girl hummed along, off-key but happily.

When we finally approached the checkout register, the girl carefully placed the shoes on the counter. She treated them as though they were a treasure.

The clerk rang up the bill. "That will be \$6.09," she said. The boy laid his crumpled dollars atop the stand while he searched his pockets. He finally came up with \$3.12. "I guess we will have to put them back," he bravely said.

"We will come back some other time, maybe tomorrow." With that

statement, a soft sob broke from the little girl. "But Jesus would have loved these shoes," she cried. "Well, we'll go home and work some more. Don't cry. We'll come back," he said.

Quickly I handed \$3.00 to the cashier. These children had waited in line for a long time. And, after all, it was Christmas. Suddenly a pair of arms came around me and a small voice said, "Thank you lady."

"What did you mean when you said Jesus would like the shoes?" I asked.

The boy answered, "Our mommy is sick and going to heaven. Daddy said she might go before Christmas to be with Jesus." The girl spoke, "My Sunday school teacher said the streets in heaven are shiny gold, just like these shoes."

"Won't mommy be beautiful walking on those streets to match these shoes?"

My eyes flooded as I looked into her tear streaked face. "Yes" I answered, "I am sure she will."

Silently I thanked God for using these children to remind me of the true spirit of giving. 'Tis the Season!! Remember that it's better to give than receive

2021 PARISH DUES

With the end of 2021 quickly approaching, we offer this gentle reminder to make sure that your 2021 Parish Dues are paid. Also, we remind

our Parish Family Members that Parish Dues are now \$50.00 per adult per year. There is no increased planned for 2022.

ANDREW'S PENCE

The Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) has decided to hold a collection, called Andrew's Pence, to support faithful of the UGCC abroad where there is no permanent ecclesiastical structure.

More than 100 years ago Ukrainians started to leave their native land in search of a better life, material welfare, and freedom. Many settled on another

continent, where church buildings of the UGCC are not everywhere, so that the faithful could not attend services in their native Church. Wishing to provide all faithful of the UGCC with spiritual care, the bishops call upon all to support the faithful of the UGCC abroad in prayer and financially, collecting the so-called Andrew's Pence.

2022 CHURCH CALENDARS

The 2022 Church Calendars are available in the Vestibule of the Church. The

Calendars are free, but any donations will be appreciated.

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The annual Festival of Ukrainian Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 16, 2022 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...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of December 2021 is Team #4:

Ron Barkofsky and Joe Smagula.

Sunday Collection for Dec. 18 & 19, 2021: \$

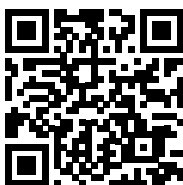
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The Lord Has Made His Salvation Known to the Whole World

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days He would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ. A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations. He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith.

In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judea only, but in the whole world. ... As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you. ...

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

St. Leo the Great