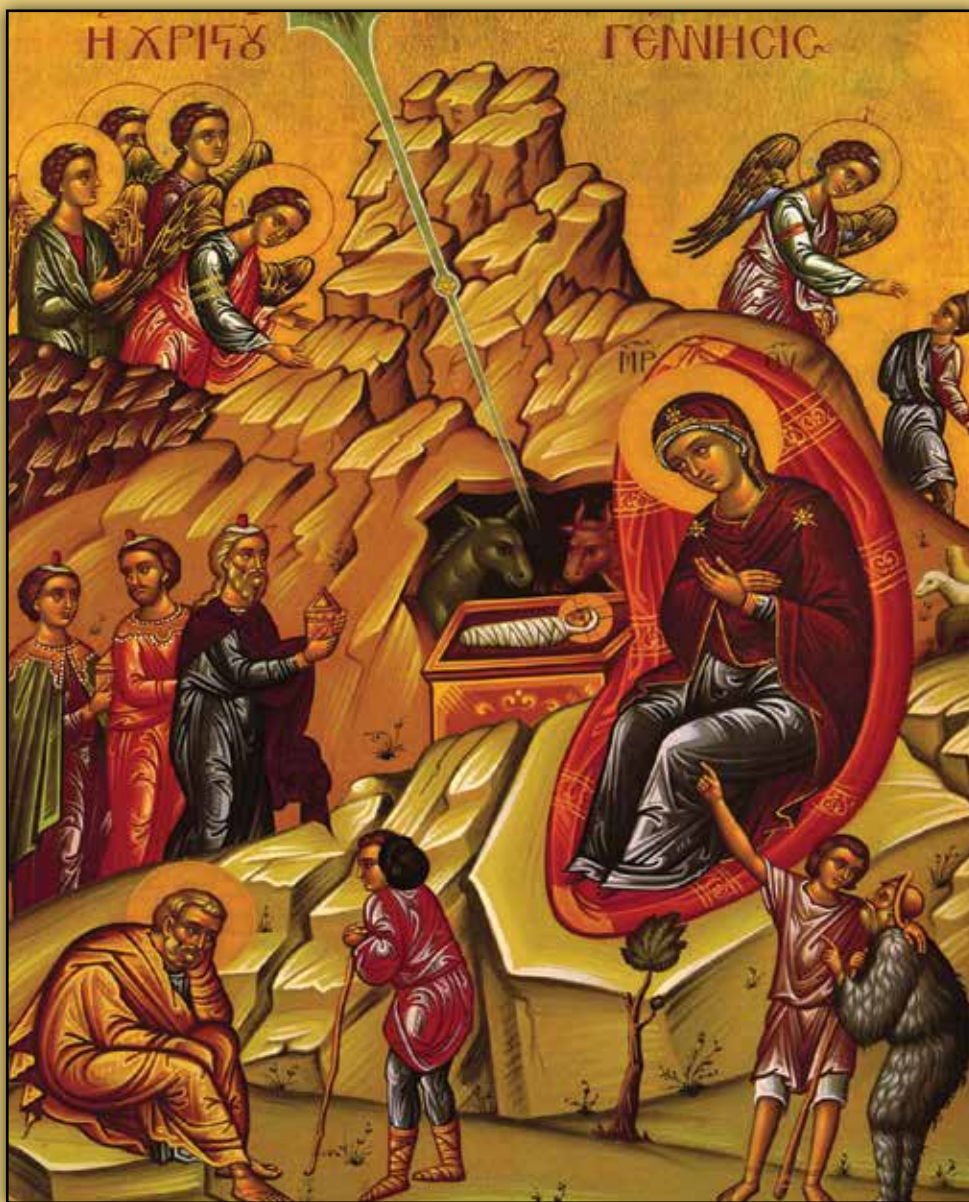


## SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS



*Icon of the Nativity of Our Lord -- December 25th*

## December 25, 2022: Christmas

Epistle: Gal. 4: 4-7

Gospel: Mt. 2: 1-12

<b>Mon., Dec. 26</b>	<b>Synaxis of the Mother of God (Solemn Holy Day)</b> 9:00 + Dorothy A. Chezik (Family)
<b>Tues., Dec. 27</b>	<b>Protomartyr Stephen (Simple Holy Day)</b> 9:00 + Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (Legate Liturgy)
<b>Wed., Dec. 28</b>	9:00 + John Sokirka (Wife, Johanna)
<b>Thurs., Dec. 29</b>	9:00 + Andrew Mitchko (Fr. Walter Wysochansky)
<b>Fri., Dec. 30</b>	9:00 + Debbie Altier (Family)
<b>Sat., Dec. 31</b>	<b>New Year's Eve</b> <b>No Morning Divine Liturgy; No Confessions</b> 4:00 pm + John & Olga Yuhnick (Family)
<b>Sun., January 1</b>	<b>Circumcision of Our Lord; Feast of St. Basil the Great</b> 10:30 + Anne Kawa (St. Cyril's Choir)

### 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.*

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### ANTIPHON 3

*The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet."*

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, made the light of knowledge dawn on the world: through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know that You, the Dawn from on the high. Glory to You, O Lord.

*The Lord will send you a sceptre of power out of Sion; reign in the midst of your enemies.*

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*Yours is the dominion on the day you are given power in the splendor of your holy ones.*

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### **Entrance Hymn**

From the womb before the daystar I begot you. the Lord has sworn an oath and will not go back on His word: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

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### **Instead of Holy God**

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia! (3)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

You have put on Christ! Alleluia! All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! 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.

**Communion Hymn**

The Lord has sent deliverance to His people.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Instead of “We have seen the true light...” we sing:**

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.  
Instead of “May our mouths...” and “Blessed be the Name...” we sing: All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin. (3)



**CHRIST IS BORN!  
GLORIFY HIM!  
ХРИСТОС  
РОЖДАЕТСЯ!  
СЛАВИМО ЙОГО!**

Another Christmas is here. Let us reflect on the true meaning of this celebration. We will receive gifts, many will receive more than others. But we will receive one gift equally. That is the gift of the Incarnate God. Let us acknowledge this unique gift by participating in as many of the special Christmas Services as possible and remembering the real reason for the season, and to pray for Peace on Earth!

May the Incarnate Christ, be with each and everyone of



you during this holy day season and throughout the year 2023. My prayers for your continued health and happiness.

Христос Родиться! Славімо Його!

*Father Nestor*

Christ is Born! -- Glorify Him!

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## A WARM WELCOME!

We warmly welcome all our visitors. It's good to have you with us! If you have never been to our Church before, you are about to participate in the Divine Liturgy. The Divine Liturgy is celebrated every Sunday of the year. Liturgy means the work of

the people. That means that we all have special and holy work to do today, and that all of your prayers are necessary! May the light of the newborn Christ shine upon you and may God's blessing be with you all.

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## CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOUR CHURCH

During these days of Philip's Fast (Advent), we travelled with the Holy Family on their way to Bethlehem, where Mary gave birth to the greatest gift in the history of humanity -- the Gift of Jesus Christ, the Only-Begotten Son of God. The Three Wise Men bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Our Newborn Savior. What will be your special gift to Jesus on the occasion of his birth this Christmas? Will you more



generously remember His Church -- Saints Cyril and Methodius, here on River St. in Olyphant?

As Jesus was born in poverty and was dependent on others for His needs, so too is your church dependent on you to help meet its many needs.

It is only through your generous financial support that we are able to plan ministries and programs, and keep ahead with our bills, repairs, maintenance, and

improvements to our buildings and property here at St. Cyril and Methodius Church. With great sensitivity to how difficult the current economic circumstances have been for so many,

we still hope and pray that you will be able to find it in your heart to remember our Parish in your Christmas gift giving this year.

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## PROPERLY RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

When approaching to receive Holy Communion, do not be afraid to approach the Priest. Father's arms are only so long and when you stand too far away, it is difficult to distribute Holy Communion.

For those faithful who are a little unsteady on your feet, please feel free to use the first pew in front of the icon

of the Mother of God. We don't want anybody to get hurt. Father will come up and give you Communion.

Now finally, a little about the red Communion Cloth. Simply lift it up to your chin. The purpose of the Communion Cloth is to help prevent accidents.

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## OUR CONDOLENCES

In your Christian Charity, please remember + **Joseph Smagula** who fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, Decem-

ber 16<sup>th</sup>. + Joseph was buried from St. Cyril's on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. May his memory be eternal!

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## ST. CYRIL'S CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

St. Cyril's Choir will put on a Christmas Carol Concert next Sunday, January 1, 2023. This concert will begin

shortly after the conclusion of the 10:30 am Divine Liturgy.

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## 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 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.

According to the Protocol of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, the "Andrew's Pence" collection is to be taken in all parishes each year in the month of December.

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## **2023 CHURCH CALENDARS**

The 2023 Church Calendars are available in back of the Church. The

Calendars are free, but any donations will be appreciated.

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## **2022 CHURCH DUES**

With the end of 2022 quickly approaching, we offer this gentle reminder to make sure that your 2022 Parish Dues are paid. Also, we remind our Parish Family Members that at a

Parish Meeting in February 2020, it was decided that beginning 2021, Parish Dues would increase to \$50.00 per adult per year. This is less than \$1.00 per week.

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## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Winter sometimes brings stormy weather. We ask our Parishioners to use good judgment and common sense not to drive when conditions are dangerous. As weather varies from

place to place, it may be that services will be held as scheduled, despite the fact that conditions in your area are difficult.

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## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

We ask ALL the Collection Processing teams to gather in the Rectory on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

We also take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who donate their time for the benefit of our Parish.

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## **Sunday Collection for Dec. 17 & 18, 2022: \$**

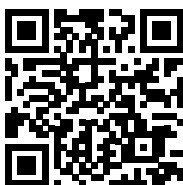
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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### *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*