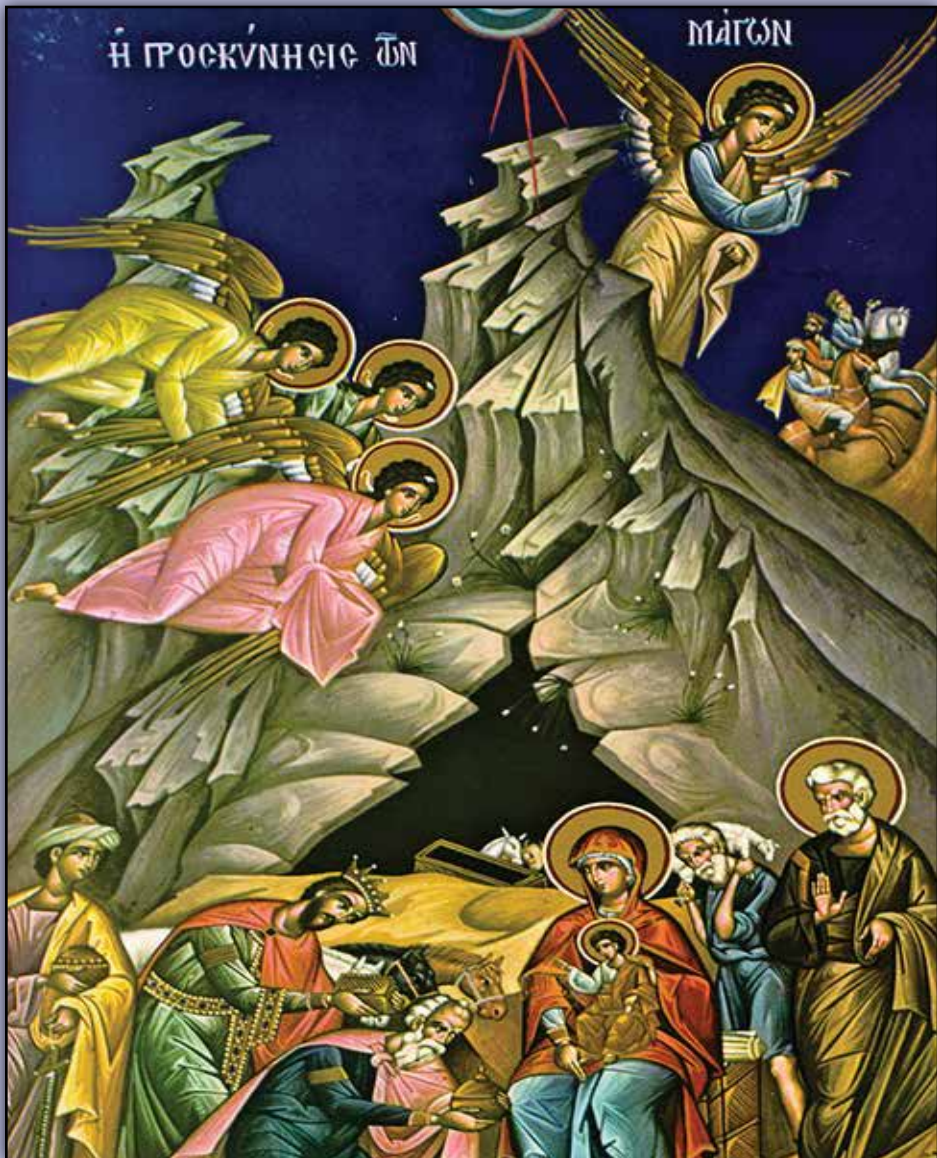


SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY
JOSEPH THE BETROTHED, DAVID THE KING,
JAMES THE BROTHER



Icon of the Visit of the Magi

December 28, 2025: Sunday After Christmas

Epistle: Gal. 1: 11-19

Gospel: Mt. 2: 13-23

This Weekend	4:00 pm + Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (Legate) 10:30 For Our Parishioners
Mon., Dec. 29	9:00 + Mary Patricia Brown (Howard Smith)
Tues., Dec. 30	9:00 + George Danylak (Mary Ann Spryn)
Wed., Dec. 31	9:00 + Mary & Patrick Marcinko (Marlene Zelno)
Thurs., Jan. 1	Circumcision of Our Lord (Solemn Holy Day) 9:00 + Joann Berta (Sandra & Nikki Berta)
Fri., Jan. 2	9:00 + Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (Andrea Novak)
Sat., Jan. 3	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Frank Cole (Carol)
Sun., Jan. 4	10:30 For Our Parishioners



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 too!
New Year! God bless you all in this
New Year 2026, most especially
with the best of health! Stay safe!
And please continue to pray for me

Father Nestor

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

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.

Instead of Blessed is He who comes... we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

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)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we look into 2026 we look at a block of time. We see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchase it. Like the air we breathe, time comes to us as a part of life. The gift of time is not ours alone. It is given equally to each person. Rich and poor, educated and ignorant, strong and weak — every man, woman and child has the same twenty four hours every day. Another important thing about time is that you cannot stop it. There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on. And you cannot bring back time. Once

it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it. Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God. The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count? I would like to wish you, your family and loved ones a Healthy and Blessed New Year!

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, gifts and the delicious food and baked goodies!

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A churchgoer 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 CAROL SING-ALONG

YOU ARE INVITED to join Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish for their 31st Annual Christmas Carol Sing-Along in the church at 635 North River Street in Wilkes-Barre, on Sunday, December 28, 2025 starting at 2:00 pm. Join in the singing of some very sacred,

joyful and inspiring Christmas Carols. Afterwards, please join us in the lower church hall for a Christmas Fellowship Social. Please bring a friend or family member, and share the joy of Christmas with them, as we all welcome the Newborn Son of God into our hearts and homes.”

COMING SOON: BINGO AT THE MANOR ON MAIN

Bingo at the Manor on Main on Sunday, January 25, 2026. Bingo starts at 1:00 p.m., with doors opening at noon. We’re hoping that this will become one of our main annual fundraisers. To those generous parishioners who have pledged to sponsor BINGO games, please submit your pledge as soon as possible. (If you’ve forgotten what you pledged, call Mary Ann 570- 489-4648 or 570-313-1989. Checks payable to “St.



Cyril’s Church” can be dropped in the donation bin in an envelope marked “BINGO”. Donations of gift baskets are welcomed. Bake-sale items will be welcomed the day before the bingo, with details to follow. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE. Tickets are \$20 for advance purchase or \$25 at the door. It’s possible to reserve tables of ten for a group of friends. Call: Jule (570) 357-6171 or Michaelene (570) 209-2026.

2025 PARISH DUES

With the end of 2025 here, we offer this gentle reminder to make

sure that your 2025 Parish Dues are paid. Also, we remind our Parish

Family Members that Parish Dues are now \$50.00 per adult per year.

2026 CHURCH CALENDARS

The 2026 Church Calendars are available in back 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 11, 2026 at 3:00 pm at our Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. All are invited to attend this annual celebration to praise our newborn King and our Lord Jesus Christ at this Christmas time.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

We kindly ask ALL Collection Processing Teams to gather on Monday, December 29th. As this includes all the Christmas donations, we need more team members to process it. Also, we thank all the team members for your dedication throughout the year.

Sunday Collection for Dec. 20 & 21, 2025: \$

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity.

A TIME TO CELEBRATE...

Happy Birthday and Mnohaya Leeta to the following Parishioners who celebrate their birthdays in November:

Bill Granza

Eileen Kushner

Janet Melnick

James Jablonski

Cheryl Matuszewski

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed, and you would like it listed, please drop us a note indicating when your Birthday or Anniversary is. We only publish this information by request. If you do not provide this information, it will not be published.

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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.