

Prayer List

Above all, we are a praying community.
Keep this list near your prayer corner, and in your
daily prayers, remember our Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Marlene Buczynski, Resa Ellison, Colleen Kovalchik, the newly married Ivan & Kelly Ann Baldychev; the newly baptized & chrismated Damon Joseph Mazur, Matthew Cohen, Heather Mazur & Victoria Ortalano; Barbara Puhalla, recovering from surgery; Natasha Rutherford, Kyla Lally, Ellen Rucks, and the children to be born of them; Bishop-Elect Fr. Michael Dahulich; Inge Freeman; Natalie Hoyniak; John, Celia, Kelli & Donna Mazziotti, Betty Perechinsky, Douglas Poleshuk, Elizabeth Barbone, William Semon, Debbie Masko, Julia Mislevy, Maria Oles, Ronnie Pearce, Valary Riddle, Tad Robinson, Janice Skolic, Michael Wasacz; the child Mary Wyslutsky; Pearl Beckage, Olga Bednarek, Carol Brooks, Donna Cominsky, Daria & Justin Cunningham, Ann Dahulich, Mat. Dolores Donlick, Dorothy Dzwonczyk, Delores Evonitsky, Gregory Geeza, Fr. Sergei Glagolev, Irene Glowatz, Nellie Hawaka, Liam Hepplewhite, Justine Horhut, Ann Howansky, Dennis Hoyniak, John & Ruth Hudanish, Betty Hunyak, Justin Inks, Cindy Jones, Michael Juliano, Lubov Kopestonsky, Eleanor Krushinski, Mary Kuhar, Irene Kushmanich, Millie Kuzmiak, Anastasia Lisiak, Valerie Lucia, Marion McClure, Pauline Moncinelli, Irene Occhipinti, Vera Paulishak, Fr. Eugene and Mat. Joanne Pianovich, John & Peg Puthorosky, Mary Semon, Eleanor Siniawa, Sandra Stafursky, Dorothy Wansacz, Mary Wasilchak; Allison, Amy, Ann, Anthony, Barbara, Cathy, Christina, Christopher, Dave, David, Denise, Donna, Dorothy, Eleanor, Elena, John, Joseph, Joseph, Karen, Mara, Maria, Martha, Michael, Paul, Rick, Sarah, Thomas; Father Jerome; all those involved in the restoration of our church; the soldiers Anthony, Thomas, Joseph, Gregory, Peter, Michael & Herman; all widows, orphans, and prisoners; all Orthodox seminarians, missionaries, especially Christina, and their families.

For blessed repose for the souls of: His Eminence, Archbishop JOB, Ruth McCoy, Evelyn Jadick, all those remembered in Monthly Sponsorships; and all our brothers and sisters departed this life in the hope of the Resurrection.

Typically, I will keep names on this list for 40 days, unless more or less time is requested.
Those confined to hospitals or homes, or suffering chronic illnesses, remain on the list.

—Fr. David

COFFEE HOUR: Today, John & Annette Schlasta and the Hepplewhites.
Next week: Leftover Special! Bring Your Christmas Leftovers to share!

DECEMBER SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletins – in loving memory of John Naughton.
Shut-In Mailings – in loving memory of John Mazziotti & Rosa Oliva.
May John, John, and Rosa's Memory Be Eternal!
Thank you to all Donors and Sponsors!

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David's cell phone, 878-5074, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Anointing in Sickness: The Sacrament of Anointing is available in Church, in the hospital, or in your home, for anyone who is sick, no matter how severe. It doesn't mean "Last Rites!"

Marriages and Baptisms require early planning, scheduling, and selection of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before setting dates and reserving reception halls!

Funerals are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please see Father for details.

The Orthodox Church totally opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate a funeral service for persons being cremated.

All Saints Orthodox Church Olyphant, Pennsylvania



Sunday, December 20, 2009

28th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday Before the Nativity of Jesus Christ

"...and let Thy saints shout for joy."

(Psalm 132:9)



MEMORY ETERNAL:

ARCHBISHOP JOB OF CHICAGO & THE MIDWEST

His Eminence, Archbishop JOB, fell asleep in the Lord suddenly on Friday morning. Funeral details are still being determined.

May His Eminence, Archbishop JOB's memory be eternal!



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Sunday, December 20, 2009: 28th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday Before the Nativity of Jesus Christ; Sunday of the Holy Fathers;
St. Ignatius the God-Bearer of Antioch; St. John of Kronstadt
 Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40; Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Today: *Baptism* of Damon Mazur—8:00 AM; *Divine Liturgy*—9:00 AM,
 with *Litya* for His Eminence, Archbishop JOB of Chicago and the Midwest

No Adult Study Class on Wednesday, Dec. 23, Dec. 30, or Jan. 6.

Thursday, December 24: *Compline & Matins*—7:00 PM, Great Feast of the Nativity of Christ

Friday, December 25: CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM! Merry Christmas!

Divine Liturgy—9:00 AM, Great Feast of the Nativity of Christ

Saturday, December 26: *Great Vespers*—4:00 PM (Private Confession available 3:30 PM)

Sunday, December 27: *Divine Liturgy*—9:00 AM, St. Stephen the First Martyr for Christ;
 with *Litya* for John Mazziotti

Christmas Leftovers Pot Luck at Coffee Hour, followed by
 Children's Caroling Visit to Allied Skilled Nursing Center

Thursday, December 31: *Vesperal Divine Liturgy*—6:00 PM,

Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord and Feast of St. Basil the Great. **Happy New Year!**

Saturday, January 2: *Great Vespers*—4:00 PM (Private Confession available 3:30 PM)

Sunday, January 3: *Divine Liturgy*—9:00 AM;

Christmas Yolka & Visit from "St. Nicholas" During Coffee Hour!

Tuesday, January 5: *Compline & Matins*—7:00 PM, with Blessing of Water,
 Great Feast of the Theophany (Baptism) of Jesus Christ

Wednesday, January 6: *Divine Liturgy*—9:00 AM, with Blessing of Water,
 Great Feast of the Theophany (Baptism) of Jesus Christ

Saturday, January 9: *Great Vespers*—4:00 PM (Private Confession available 3:30 PM)

Sunday, January 10: *Divine Liturgy*—9:00 AM, with *Litya* for Helen Bryer

HYMN FOR THE DAY: Kontakion—Tone 1 (Sunday Before the Nativity)

Rejoice, Bethlehem! Prepare yourself, O Ephratha!

The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb.

The God-bearing forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him,
 and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS & VISITORS:

We are very glad to have you with us today. Please introduce yourself
 to Fr. David after the Liturgy, and stay for Coffee Hour!

GET ON THE BUS! MARCH FOR LIFE, FRIDAY 1/22/2010

The Wilkes-Barre Deanery has booked a tour bus to go to Washington, DC, for the 37th Annual March for Life to end abortion. We board the bus in Wilkes Barre at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, at 6:45 am, and head to D.C. for the March for Life. Leave D.C. at approximately 4:15 pm. See Fr. David or Mat. Tamara for details.

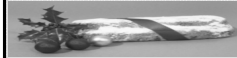


FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL READING—Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT—in Waymart, January 16-18, 2010

- **Who It's For:** Orthodox kids, ages 10-17
- **Where:** Ladore Retreat Center, 398 South St., Waymart—a 1500 acre facility with a lake, gym, game rooms, hiking and sledding, and more!
- **When:** Saturday, Jan. 16, 11:00 AM – Monday, Jan. 18, 3:00 PM
- **Cost:** \$60 per person (includes overnight lodging & meals)
- **What's Happening:** Hiking, sledding, skating, movie night, talks on topics important to our kids; and church services at St. Tikhon's
- **For More Info:** See flyer in the vestibule, or ask Fr. David or Mat. Tamara.



Thanks to all who helped make our Christmas Roll & Bread Sale a success!

COMING UP THIS NATIVITY SEASON:

Sunday, 12/27:

• **Christmas Leftovers Coffee Hour** – Everyone bring your leftovers to share!

• **After Coffee Hour: Children's Caroling Visit to Allied Skilled Nursing.**

The kids will be the "stars," but all are welcome to come & sing!
 Sign up sheet is in the vestibule.

Sunday, 1/3:

• **Christmas Yolka, Pot Luck Lunch, and Visit from "St Nicholas!"**

A sign up sheet for pot luck dishes is in the vestibule.



WYOMING VALLEY ORTHODOX CHOIR NATIVITY CONCERT:

The choral group welcomes all to its Nativity Concert, **today, at 2:00 pm**, at Holy Resurrection Cathedral, 591 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. Price of admission: canned food, for St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen.