

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

Olyphant, Pennsylvania



Sunday, December 25, 2011
The Nativity of Our Lord,
God, and Savior, Jesus Christ

~CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!~

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:

The newly baptized and chrismated Michael, Joan and Christian Nibbling; recovering Mat. Tamara, Linda Stuchlak, Mat. Johanna Pianovich; Stefan Hudanish; Irene Glowatz; Robert Hepplewhite, Eva Hudanish, Betty Perechinsky, Olga Paulishak; Donna Witek and the child to be born to her; the newborn Andrew David Schlasta, his mother Karen, and their family; Jelena Lalovic and the child to be born to her; Fr. Paul White; Dennis Davis; Peg Puthorosky; Milly Kuzmiak; Barbara Puhalla; Joseph Klimachefsky; Claudia Mikulak; Jessica Stafursky; Mary Walczak; Marion McClure; Pat; Marie; Dominick; John; Frances Terrinoni, Harry, Anna; Fr. Alexander Atty; Bob Bryer; Fr. Timothy Holowatch; Irene Zarnoski; Fr. Nilus Lerro; Colleen Kovalchik; Anne Peregrin; Maria Strubel; Annette Schlasta; Barbara, Barbara and Alexis Teddick; Ruth Huber; Karen Naughton, Janice Skolic; Elizabeth Generotti, Sonia Lopatofsky, William Semon; Elizabeth Barbone, Matthew Brown, Allen Generotti; John, Celia, Kelli, infant John Mazziotti; Debbie Masko, Justin Strubel, Mariha Telford, Fr. Claude Vinyard; the child Mary Wyslutsky; Olga Bednarek, Carol Brooks, Daria & Justin Cunningham, Ann Dahulich, Sofia Delosky, Mat. Dolores Donlick, Delores Evonitsky, Gregory Geeza, Fr. Sergei Glagolev, Olga Harvilchuck; Liam Hepplewhite, Ann Howansky, John & Ruth Hudanish, Betty Hunyak, Cindy Jones, Mary Kuhar, Irene Kushmanich, Anastasia Lisiak, Valerie Lucia, Willy Moskwa, Irene Occhipinti, Vera Paulishak, Helen Priblo, John Puthorosky, Eleanor Siniawa, Sandra Stafursky, Barbara Teddick, Sr.; Dorothy Wansacz; Allison, Amy, Ann, Anthony, Barbara, Cathy, Christina, Christopher, David, Denise, Donna, Dorothy, Eleanor, Elena, John, Joseph, Joseph, Karen, Kevin, Mara, Maria, Martha, Michael, Natasha, Paul, Rick, Sarah, Thomas, Tom; the soldiers Anthony, Thomas, Joseph, Gregory, Peter, Michael, Herman, and Christina; for all widows, orphans, prisoners, and refugees, all those suffering chronic illness, financial hardship and worry; all Orthodox seminarians and their families; all Orthodox monks, nuns and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries, especially Christina, and their families. ...**And for blessed repose for the souls of:** Newly departed Eleanor Krushinski; Barbara (Matichak) Shekitka; Dennis Hoyniak; Susanna White; Stephen Schlasta; and all those departed this life in the hope of the Resurrection.

Typically, names remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Those confined to hospitals or homes, or suffering chronic illnesses, remain on the list.

COFFEE HOUR: Today—No Coffee Hour—Joyous Nativity!
 Next Week (New Year's Day)—Scochin & Skorupka Families.

DECEMBER SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletins (\$30) – in memory of John Naughton. Web Site (\$25) –with prayers for good health for Nicholas Stuchlak, and for all the Nicholases of All Saints! Shut-In Mailings (\$25) – with prayers for all the faithful of All Saints! 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.



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Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Services & Activities

Today 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy The Nativity of Christ – Christmas Day!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

The period from Dec. 25 (after Liturgy) through Wed., Jan. 4, is *Fast Free!* Meat and dairy are permitted throughout this period except when you fast before Holy Communion.

Mon. 12/26 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Synaxis of the Theotokos; Saints Joseph, David, and James

After Liturgy: Christmas Caroling Visitation by the Youth of All Saints

Sat. 12/31 3:30 PM Private Confession Available

4:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya – Circumcision of the Lord; Feast of St. Basil

Remember to have your New Year's toast before midnight

in order to prepare to receive Holy Communion on Sun., Jan. 1.

Better to greet the New Year the Lord's way, not just the world's way!

Sun. 1/1/2012 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy –Circumcision of the Lord; Feast of St. Basil the Great

Thursday, Jan. 5 is a Strict Fast Day. We eat nothing until after the Vigil, or as little as possible if your health requires you eat something.

Thurs. 1/5 7:00 PM Vigil and Great Blessing of Water – Great Feast of Theophany, The Baptism of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in the Jordan
Bring your Holy Water containers!

Fri. 1/6 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of Water – Great Feast of Theophany
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Sat. 1/7 3:30 PM Private Confession Available

4:00 PM Great Vespers

Sat. 1/8 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – Sunday After Theophany; followed by Yolka Youth Christmas Pageant, featuring the play, “A Charlie Brown Christmas”; and St. Nicholas Visit! ~ Fr. David & Family's Last Sunday

WELCOME NEWCOMERS & VISITORS:

It is our joy to have you with us today! Please introduce yourself to Fr. David at the end of the Liturgy, and join us for Coffee Hour down in the Hall!

TODAY'S EPISTLE – Galatians 4:4-7 [Brethren:] When the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,⁵to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.⁶And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"⁷Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

TODAY'S GOSPEL – Matthew 2:1-12 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,²saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.⁴And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.⁵So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:⁶But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" ⁷Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."⁹When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.¹¹And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.¹²Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

NEW WHITE ALTAR COVERS NEEDED... Donations are beginning to roll in... See Father if you'd like to contribute.

COMING UP AT ALL SAINTS:

-Monday 12/26, Kids' Christmas Caroling Visit to Nursing Home. After the Divine Liturgy for Saints Joseph, David & James, we will meet at the Lackawanna Health & Rehab Center and the kids will “deck the halls” and bring smiles, songs, and presents to the residents there! Don't miss it! **And, please sign up on the sheet in the lower vestibule! Thanks!**

-Sunday 1/8/12, Coffee Hour: Christmas Yolka & Visit from St. Nicholas! Our youth will present the play, “A Charlie Brown Christmas!” Come and cheer them on!

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT UP \$2.00 FOR 2012. The Diocesan Assembly approved a \$2.00 increase for 2012. Please put an extra \$2.00 in your Assessment envelope sometime. Thank you!

SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Don't forget to turn one in! So far we have “raised” nearly \$24,000 in this “trial run”... from just 16 respondents! That is almost \$1500, voluntarily pledged, per member – three times the “minimum obligation” under the old Dues system!

CONTRIBUTIONS: Church Donation \$50 in memory of Pearl Beckage from son Gene. Bread & Wine Donation \$20 in memory of George & Verna Dzuba from daughter Rose Marie Wallinger. Weekly Contributions: 11/20 Weekly / Tithe / Loose \$787.00; Charity Fund \$177.00. 11/27 Weekly / Loose \$1,011.00; OCMC Chrissy Semon Missionary Support \$107.00. 12/4 Weekly / Loose \$1,697.34; Pierogi Expenses \$60.00. 12/11 Weekly / Loose \$1,092.00; Church Supplies \$56.00. 12/18 Weekly / Loose / Tithe \$1,031.50; Church Supplies \$73.00.