

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:

all of the parishioners of All Saints, their families, neighbors, and friends, Especially, Dorothy, William, William, Veronica, Claudia, Barbara, Dorothy, Barbara, George, Martha, Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew,	Allen, Cory, Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, Vera, Joseph, Andrew, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (Michael & Loreen), all missionaries (Christina), All clergy, monastic's, and seminarians, and their families the sick and	suffering, among them, Debbie, Clarise, Johanna, Veronica, Mary, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, and all the departed members and family members and friends of All Saints, among the newly departed,	especially John Buckla. Michael Miller, and all those departed this life in the hope of the Resurrection. <i>If you would like the living or the departed remembered at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Father to remember at the Proskomedia.</i>
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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.

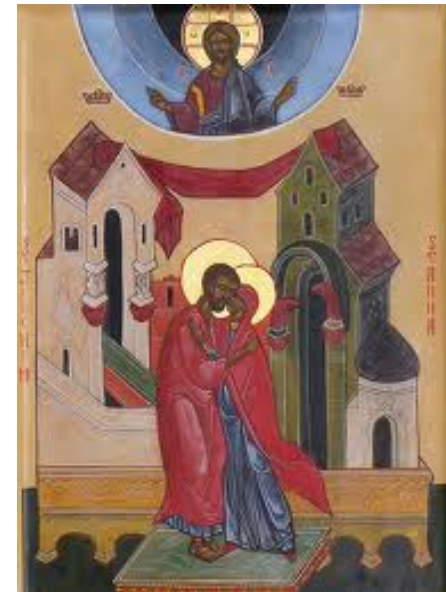
St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, was the youngest daughter of the priest Nathan from Bethlehem, descended from the tribe of Levi. She married St Joachim (September 9), who was a native of Galilee.

For a long time St Anna was childless, but after twenty years, through the fervent prayer of both spouses, an angel of the Lord announced to them that they would be the parents of a daughter, Who would bring blessings to the whole human race.

The Orthodox Church does not accept the teaching that the Mother of God was exempted from the consequences of ancestral sin (death, corruption, sin, etc.) at the moment of her conception by virtue of the future merits of Her Son. Only Christ was born perfectly holy and sinless, as St Ambrose of Milan teaches in Chapter Two of his Commentary on Luke. The Holy Virgin was like everyone else in Her mortality, and in being subject to temptation, although She committed no personal sins. She was not a deified creature removed from the rest of humanity. If this were the case, She would not have been truly human, and the nature that Christ took from Her would not have been truly human either. If Christ does not truly share our human nature, then the possibility of our salvation is in doubt.

The Conception of the Virgin Mary by St Anna took place at Jerusalem. There are many icons depicting the Conception by St Anna showing the Most Holy Theotokos trampling the serpent underfoot.

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH Olyphant, Pennsylvania



Sunday, December 9th, 2012
27th Sunday After Pentecost
Conception by the Righteous Anna
of the Most Holy Theotokos



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Epistles: Galatians 4:22-31; Ephesians 6:10-17; Gospels: Luke 8:16-2; Luke 17:12-19

Services and Activities

Today	9:00 A.M.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> - followed by Coffee Hour in the Hall.
Sat. 12/15	3:30 P.M.	Private Confession Available
Sat. 12/15	4:00 P.M.	<u>Great Vespers</u>
Sun. 12/16	9:00 A.M.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> - followed by Coffee Hour in the Hall <u>Children's Church School Nativity Program</u>
Sat. 12/22	3:30 P.M.	Private Confession Available
Sat. 12/22	4:00 P.M.	<u>Great Vespers</u>
Sun. 12/23	9:00 A.M.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> - followed by Coffee Hour in the Hall
Mon. 12/24	3:30 P.M.	Private Confession Available
Mon. 12/24		<u>Great Compline/Matins</u>
Tues. 12/25	9:00 A.M.	<u>Divine Liturgy</u> – Feast of the Nativity of our Lord!

WELCOME NEWCOMERS & VISITORS!
**It is our joy to have you with us today! Please join us for
 Coffee Hour down in the Hall!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Children's Church School Christmas Program – **December 16th** immediately following Liturgy and coffee hour. Please mark you calendars. Dress rehearsal on **December 15th** following Vespers. More details to come.

-Thanks to all of our families who host our coffee hour. We are in need of more families to help in this way in the new year. Food can include: only dessert and/or light fare such as cheese, crackers, fruit, salads, etc. Hot food is not necessary. Please see Julie Cohen or call her at 570-862-6611. Coffee hour potluck dates: Please bring something to share.
December 16th – Sunday school families potluck.
December 30th - Nativity treats potluck.

-Bulletin sponsorships are needed beginning January 2013. Also sponsors for shut-in mailings and the website are needed beginning today. Please see Ken Stafursky.

December Bulletin Sponsorship: In memory of John Naughton

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One of the Gospels for today, Luke 17:12-19

“Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.”