

December 21st, 2025

Sunday before Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

SUNDAY, 12/21 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention
MONDAY, 12/22 7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention
TUESDAY, 12/23 8:00 am No Service
WEDNESDAY, 12/24 4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Divine Liturgy
THURSDAY, 12/25 *Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*
9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention
FRIDAY, 12/26 *Synaxis of the Mother of God*
9:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention
SATURDAY, 12/27 *St. Stephen the First Martyr and Archdeacon*
8:00 am Divine Liturgy for special intention
4:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention
SUNDAY, 12/28 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1- Divine Liturgy on Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy on the day of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ will be at 9am. Vigil Divine Liturgy will be at 4pm.

2-New Year Divine Liturgy and St. Basil the Great

On December 31st, we will have New Year Divine Liturgy at **11:00 pm** for the blessings received during the year and to be blessed in the coming year and at **10:30 pm** we will have also Akaphist service to the Holy Mother of God.

An Excerpt from the Christmas Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Part-1

*Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitanans,
God-loving Bishops, Very Reverend Clergy, Venerable Monastics,
Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters,
in Ukraine and throughout the world*

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. (Luke 2:12).

***Upcoming Events
in Parish & Eparchy***

Dec. 25th – *Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*
Dec. 26th – *Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God*
Dec. 27th – *St. Stephen the First Martyr and Archdeacon*
Jan. 1st – *The Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Beloved in Christ!

Today the whole universe welcomes the Savior born among us: angels sing, shepherds worship, kings travel with a star. The peace of God descends upon a confused and troubled humanity, which receives the light of hope that shines over the whole world from lowly Bethlehem! Christmas is the feast of God—Jesus the Creator, “through whom all things were made”—approaching man, his creation. What an incomprehensible mystery! The Word of God becomes incarnate in his own image: God becomes man, created in his image and likeness. He becomes one of us, lives next to us, shares all that we have, takes on human weaknesses and suffering, so that we can feel His unwavering closeness and live in the joyful awareness that at every moment “God is with us!”

In the Nativity of Christ, the infinite God limits Himself, the Almighty enters into the frailty of a newborn child “Though he was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men” (Phil. 2:6–7). God the Father, through His Son in human flesh, offers Himself to humankind by the power of grace of the Holy Spirit. Indeed, it is this Divine self-limitation that opens the door for us to God’s limitlessness in love and power. Through Him, man is granted access to the fullness of life in Christ: both to the fullness of human dignity and greatness, and to the fullness of communion with eternity. For, as the Apostle Paul teaches, our loving Father, in giving us Jesus, willed “that in Him all the fullness should dwell” (Col. 1:19).

Coming to us in the form of a servant, the Lord plunges into the darkness of human indifference and hatred, into each person’s pain and suffering: the child and old man held captive under torture, the father and mother who weep over a lost child. As a Child, He weeps with the families who have lost loved ones from Russian missiles and wipes away the tears of those who have lost everything—their relatives, property, city, or village.

However, He plunges into our darkness to become our Light and, where evil sows death, to open up heaven, so that those who weep can, together with the shepherds, receive the tidings of joy from the angel who proclaims this Christmas night: “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger” (Lk 2:10-12).

Celebrating Christmas means accepting the joy that comes not from men but from God; not from earth but from heaven; not from human success but from divine self-sacrifice for our salvation.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Sunday collections for the weekend of 12/14/25, including envelope offerings - \$700, donations -\$272, candle -\$38
Weekly budget: \$1250, Income 1010**

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Confession before or after Divine Liturgy.

Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

*THE CHURCH WAS A MOTHER TO YOU IN LIFE, PROVIDING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS;
PLEASE REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.*