

December 28th, 2025

Sunday after Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

SUNDAY, 12/28 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention
MONDAY, 12/29 7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention
TUESDAY, 12/30 No Service
WEDNESDAY, 12/31 *New Year Eve and The Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ*
10:30 pm Akathist to the Blessed Virgin Mary
11:00 pm Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for special intention
THURSDAY, 1/1 No Service
FRIDAY, 1/2 7:30 am Divine Liturgy for special intention
SATURDAY, 1/3 4:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention
SUNDAY, 1/4 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-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.

2-Liturgy on Theophany

On January 6th, we will be having bilingual service at 10am with the Great blessing of the Holy water after Divine Liturgy.

CHRISTMAS PASTORAL OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY OF THE USA 2025

“The divine power is revealed today in the great mystery of humility. Almighty God is born as a helpless Infant, so that through His weakness He may show strength.”

— St. Gregory the Theologian, Homily on the Nativity

Christ is Born!

In the mystery of the Nativity, the Lord of the universe, wrapped in swaddling clothes, is laid in a manger in a dark cave so that He may fill the hearts of all who believe with unending light. He, who needed nothing, freely embraced poverty so that we might learn to despise what the world calls great and seek what heaven considers truly precious.

Can we fathom the greatness of the Mystery of God’s Incarnation? He who is incomprehensible to all creation today becomes visible as an Infant. He who is infinite begins life within time. He who holds the universe in His hands lies in a manger.

Today the shadow of ancient sin is scattered, for the light of the New Adam has shone forth. The earth, once cursed because of sin, now receives blessings through the Lord’s Incarnation. He came not to

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

Jan. 1st – *The Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

Jan. 6th – *Theophany*

Feb. 2nd – *Encounter*

Feb. 16th – *Great Lent begins*

judge but to save. Not to punish but to heal. Not to reject but to bring God’s beloved children back into the Father’s house.

The shepherds, who heard the voice of angels in the darkness of night, followed the light of the star—and that light did not remain merely external; it entered their hearts. As Gregory the Great writes: “He who truly finds Christ cannot return as the same person. They went out as shepherds of the flock, but returned as prophets.”

The haste of the shepherds is a sign of a fervent search for truth. What they saw and heard so deeply moved them that, forgetting their flocks, they set out by night for Bethlehem to understand the meaning of that light and to proclaim the Savior to others. Whoever seeks Christ does not delay. Seeing the Infant in the manger and recalling the words of the angels, they united Image and Word and recognized before them Emmanuel, which means “God-with-us” (Isaiah 7:14).

The faithful of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the world celebrate the Holy Nativity of Christ for the fourth consecutive year amid a terrible war. On December 25, 2025, we mark the 1401st day of the heroic struggle of the Ukrainian people following the full-scale Russian invasion. Hundreds of thousands of lives have been lost—soldiers, volunteers, women and children, the elderly; cities and villages have been destroyed; territories occupied; and the blood of the innocent slain by the Russian aggressor cries out to heaven. Above all, we long for true peace—peace that will halt the murderous fury of the red beast, the Herod of our days, who continues to feed on the blood of long-suffering Ukraine. “In these fierce times of War we have so many reasons for sorrow and lamentation that we would leave this world in suffering and without hope—if there were no Savior Christ... But when there is hope, then one can—indeed, must—rejoice in spite of every affliction.” — Venerable Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, Pastoral Letter to the Clergy and Faithful, December 23, 1943

As a Church, we face many challenges. The war in Ukraine has inflicted countless wounds. Therefore, we need the Physician—the Savior—who enters human history to be today with our defenders on the front lines, with the wounded in hospitals, with widows and orphans in their grief, and with the innocent slain in the Heavenly Kingdom.

America, too, needs healing, as it suffers from division, polarization, fragmentation, inequality, and many other trials. Each of us longs for the healing love of God, which alone can mend the fractures in our souls, families, and communities. The Lord is coming!

Let us open wide not only the doors of our hearts but also of our homes: let us welcome the hungry and thirsty, the displaced and those who have lost everything; let us warm the naked with our embrace, and serve the sick with love and patience. Let us pray for those who are in captivity and do all we can to make their voices heard in freedom.

We, too, hasten after the light of the star to find Christ—the Sun of Righteousness. Let us come with pure hearts to the Bethlehem Cave. Let us bring not gold and myrrh but faith, love, and humility. For those who draw near to Christ receive peace, joy, and new life.

May Christ who was born today illumine our souls, purify our hearts, and strengthen us on the path to salvation. To Him be honor, glory, and worship forever.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Sunday collections for the weekend of 12/21/25, including envelope offerings - \$695, donations -\$458, candle -\$31, online - \$240
Weekly budget: \$1250, Income 1424**

Support Mother of God
Ukrainian Catholic Church



**Protection of the Mother of God
Ukrainian Catholic Church
Byzantine Rite**

2880 Highway 138 NE
Conyers, GA 30013

Father Volodymyr Petrytsya
Fr. Deacon Michael Guerrucci
Fr. Deacon Christopher Todd

Parish office phone 770-760-1111
Emergency phone 224-400-0558
Email: parish@mogchurch.com
Website: www.mogchurch.com

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 REMEMBER YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.*