

St. Michael's Orthodox Church

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THE NATIVITY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Service Schedule:

Monday, Dec. 25: 9 AM Divine Liturgy (3rd Hour at 8:50)
Tuesday, Dec. 26: 7 AM Matins
4 PM Parastas (40th day) for Mary Krenitsky
Wednesday, Dec. 27: 7 AM Matins
Thursday, Dec. 28: 7 AM Matins
Saturday, Dec. 30: 5 PM Great Vespers.
Sunday, Dec. 31: 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy (Hours at 9:10)
6 PM Great Vespers with Litya

Remember in Your Prayers...

Health / General: Stella Krenitsky, Michael Jadick, Helen Chesniak, Marie Buranich, Mary Slenska, Helen Wytovich, Rosemary Kuzmich, Tammy Wytovich, Fr. John Nightingale, Pauline Sevensky, Bernie Elko, Lucille Lezinsky, Danny Pregmon, Sandra Pritchuk, Helen Wirhanowsky, Marie Pasternak, John Pritchuk & Matushka Myra Kovalak.

Memory Eternal: Mary Krenitsky.

Offerings:

Christmas Altar Candles: In Memory of: Charles Sigman, Jr. by Nadia Macheska; William & Rose Macheska by Nadia Macheska; Michael Buday by Ann Buday.

Christmas Vigil Lights: In Memory of: Michael, Mary & John Marko by Helen Wytovich; Deceased members of the Jadick and Krenitsky Families by David Jadick; Theresa, Helen, Steve and Phillip Polanchik by Michael Polanchik; Steve & Julia Hubiak, Harrison Hubiak, Peter Hubiak, John Hubiak, Michael & Nancy Buday, Helen & Millie Krenitsky by Ann Buday.

Christmas Offering: In Memory of: Michael, Eva, Dennis & Diane Pregmon by Daniel & Sandra Pregmon.

Christmas Flowers: In Memory of: Anna Zupko by Tom & Arlette Zupko; William & Rose Macheska by Nadia Macheska; William, Anna & John Yacopchak by Diane Yacopchak; Harold Krenitsky by Rose, Emily & Gregory Krenitsky; Alexandra & Michael Toczko by Marie Pasternak; Ellen, Steve, Stephen & Faye Pasternak by Marie Pasternak; Alice & William Wozniak by Jean Wasko & Family; Condon, Pronovich, Hubiak Families by Sandra Condon; Mike Wasko by Jean Wasko & Family; Mary & John Ezbiansky by Patricia Jones; Paul Jones by Patricia Jones; Alexander & Mary Krenitsky by Grippi – Litman – Osborne Families; Andrew Peregrim Family by Ann Tyrpak; Dr. Natasha Stavisky by Dr. Eli & Paula Stavisky; Mary Oselinsky by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Michael & Mary Marko by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Wasil & Theresa Wytovich by Helen & Tammy Wytovich; Walter, Sonia & Peter Tyrpak by Ann Tyrpak; Peter Tyrpak by Lolita Tyrpak; Lillian and Michael Keslosky Jr. by Sonia & Tom Maciorowski; Sonia, Michael & Ethel Keslosky by Sonia & Tom Maciorowski; Lillian and Michael Keslosky Jr. by Olivia & Julia Keslosky.

Christmas Offering: For the Health of: Ilaria Krenitsky by David Jadick; Michael Jadick by David Jadick; Alexander Horek by David Jadick; Stella Krenitsky by David Jadick; Rose Krenitsky by Gregory & Emily Krenitsky; Condon, Cadden, Franko & Heck Families by Sandra Condon; Tammy Wytovich by Mom & Roman.

Christmas Special Project Fund: In Memory of: Philip, Skip, Helen and Theresa Polanchik by Mia & Nicholas Polanchik.

Announcements:(Please submit any announcements no later than the Thursday before they are to be posted)

St. Michael's Orthodox Church Food Pantry: The food pantry will be open on Thursday, January 4 and Saturday, January 20 from 11 AM – 12 Noon. The following individuals / organizations made donations to the pantry in the last couple of weeks: **Carol Chaykosky, Darlene Chaykosky, Jack & Elaine Ezbiansky, Anonymous (4), Kris Mitchell, Mrs. Walter Callahan, Sandy Pregmon.** We are in need of plastic bags for the Food Pantry. Please place your donation in the tub in the crying room.

Liturgy of St. Basil the Great: The Holy Synod of Bishops has requested one change to the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great that is to be implemented on Christmas day and all subsequent Divine Liturgy's of St. Basil the Great. We are to remove the saying, "Making the change by the Holy Spirit" from the Epiclesis in the Anaphora. A few copies of the Letter from His Eminence Bishop Mark with the explanation of why this change has taken back is in the Narthex. The new way should be as follows:

Priest: And this cup to be the precious Blood of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Deacon: Amen.

Priest: Shed for the life of the world.

Deacon: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Christmas Carols: We will be singing Christmas Carols today after Liturgy.

Fast Free from December 25 until January 5, 2018.

81st Novogodny Ball: Will take place on Sunday 1/14/18 for the benefit of Orthodox Christian & other deserving charities. For info & reservations email novogodnyball@gmail.com or call Andre Cox at 215-290-4542.

Today's Holy Scripture Readings:

Galatians 4:4-7 (Epistle, Nativity)

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Matthew 2:1-12 (Gospel, Nativity)

1 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,

2 saying, "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."

3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And 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.

5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

6 'But 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.'"

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

8 And 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."

9 When 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.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

11 And 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.

12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.