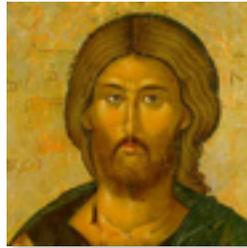


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Sunday, January 1, 2017-The Feasts of the Circumcision of Our Lord
& St. Basil the Great

Schedule of Services:

Sunday, January 1; 10:00 AM-Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 4; 7:00 PM-Monthly Unction Service

Thursday, January 5; 7:00 PM-Vigil Service for the Feast of Theophany with the Great
Blessing of Water

Friday, January 6; 10:00 AM-Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Theophany

Sunday, January 8; 10:00 AM-Divine Liturgy

Upcoming Events

December 25-Nativity of Our Lord

January 4-Monthly Unction Service

January 15-Visit of His Grace, Bishop Gregory

February 6-First Adult Catechism Class

With the blessing of His Grace, Bishop Gregory, we will be having monthly unction services. Unction is one of the seven sacraments of the Orthodox Church. It is not reserved exclusively for the dying or for Holy Wednesday. Rather, it is a healing sacrament which can be performed at any time of the year. It is open to all Orthodox Christians who require healing of both the body and the soul. Please come and experience this healing sacrament.

Our parish and diocese have chosen Zoe for Life as an Advent Mission Project. We will be collecting diapers to deliver to Zoe for Life at the end of the Advent and Christmas Season. They are in desperate need of diapers sizes New Born thru 4. Please bring your diaper donations to Church and place them in our collection bin in the vestibule. Zoe for Life is always in need of baby items; i.e. clothing, car seats & pack and plays. To help in this manner, the diocese has put together a baby registry. Please visit <http://www.acrod.org/news/7283/2016adventmissionproject> to search and purchase items from the Diocesan Baby Registry. In addition, a baby bottle will be placed in the vestibule for monetary donations to Zoe for Life. THANK YOU for your help!

Our Parish has teamed up with Royal Oak Recycling to help take care of our environment and our church. For every ton of paper that we collect, Royal Oak Recycling will give us \$30.00. We will be keeping the earth green and saving green for our church! Please collect your paper products from home and place them in the recycling bin in the corner of the church parking lot. For a list of acceptable items, please see Fr. Nick.

The weekend of January 15, His Grace, Bishop Gregory, will visit our parish. The full schedule of the weekend will be available shortly. We all should be here to welcome His Grace to our parish.

Beginning in February, Fr. Nick will be holding adult catechism classes at the church. Classes will be open to the public. The first class will be Monday, February 6 at 7:00 PM. Please bring your friends, neighbors and yourselves to learn more about the Orthodox Faith!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Jan	
6	Ethel Rusyniak
7	Joseph Hollis



Prayer List

Living

Pani Donna (Smoley)	Thomas (Royko)	Kathryn (Royko)
Fr. James (Gleason)	Fr. Ronald (Hazuda)	Ethel (Rusyniak)
Fr. John (Zboyovski)	Angela (Hubiak)	Emerson (Sirilla)
Theodore (Bunevich)	John (Bazilewich)	Fr. George (Hutnyan)
Tiana (Hosta)	Virginia (Shymske)	Fr. George (Havrila)

Departed

Virgilia (Nicula)	Peter (Tatsis)	Infant Nazareth (Mihaly)
Fr. Paul (Herbert)	Marion (Fallon)	Pani Martha (Zeleniak)

“Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.” James 5:16

If you have someone you would like to be added to the prayer list, please see Fr. Nick

SOME WORDS ON THE NEW YEAR

Again I stand on the threshold of a New Year. Again I stand on the crest of a mountain, where I may make a halt and review, before I walk again on the path I have trod. I shall halt, I shall rest, I shall hush my troubled heart, be it only for this short moment, I shall hide from the blizzard, which had followed me ever since I set out, and will meet me again the moment I leave my seclusion. Oh, Lord! help me calmly examine my soul and Thy creation.

I gaze at God's creation, at everything which He had sent to me, which has been placed close to me, which, through His will, has come together in my life, and, with my hand on my heart, from the depth of my heart and conscience, I say: all this is very good! Yonder is my happy childhood — how brightly it shines, diffusing its aroma from the distant long ago, how it lights up my path before me, how it freshens my soul, during spells of exhaustion! Yonder is my ardent youth and with it all that brought to my soul the first raptures of feeling. Here are my lessons, my joys, my bitter losses, here are the people to like with whom is my happiness, here are others, whom I have buried in the damp earth, almost unconscious with grief; here are all in whose company I grew up, with whom I worried, from whom I have received gifts of love and of wrath, from whom have I accepted honour and dishonour; here is Nature, which, at times, appeared to me more alive and more responsive, which had more power to energize my spirit, than living beings themselves; here are my pleasures, my connections, my illnesses. All, all this is very good. All was good, that God's Providence sent into my life. Nothing was in vain. Everything was for good.

My past! How far it stretches back in the wondrous country, whence come to me a glad sound, or a beloved image, consolation, and hope, and bitter remorse. I gaze at it and I smile for joy, I gaze at it and I cover my face with my hands for shame. Yet I know: it is mine, it is myself, it is a part of my life, and no power can take it from me or erase what is written in it. And that which is written in it is the future, it is the fate of man. Many are the lives in it, whose mysterious meaning will be disclosed

at some future time, at the time when the seed that was sown, will come to ripeness, when, in letters of fire, it will bring forward the word, traced on it by eternal wisdom, unrevealed as yet to mind and conscience, but not to be separated from life. Whilst man lived his days, whilst he worked and slept, whilst he laughed and cried, whilst he moved and rested — eternal Wisdom traced this word on his life and sealed it with a seal of its own, putting a magic spell on it, until the time comes for the seal to be broken, and for a dark corner of a man's life to be lit up by the light of God's understanding, which lies hidden in life. It is an agony to read some of these words, but once you have read them, your heart will know, that those are words of God's love, of God's solicitude for man. And with every new word, a mystery is revealed, a veil is drawn away and man is made able to understand the thoughts and longings of his own heart.

All is very good. Yet, even now, my restless heart is throbbing with unknown longing and straining to see into the distant future.

Oh Lord! let Thy blessing rest on us.

+the words of Archpriest Alexander Hotovitsky, New Martyr of the Orthodox Faith (1937)