

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

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11 December 2016

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Holy Ancestors (2nd Sunday before Nativity)

Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, & Eugephus

Martyr Gemellus of Paphlagonia

Venerable Thomas of Bithynia

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Reader: Mike Ratai

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Propers: Tone 8 & Menaion

UPCOMING FEASTS & SERVICES:

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| Sunday, December 18 | <i>Sunday before Nativity</i> <i>Sunday of the Holy Fathers</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday, December 24 | <i>Eve of the Nativity of Christ</i> 6:30 p.m. Holy Confession 7:00 p.m. Grand Compline |
| Sunday, December 25 | <i>Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy |
| Monday, December 26 | <i>Second Day of the Feast of the Nativity</i> <i>Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos</i> |
| Tuesday, December 27 | <i>Third Day of the Feast of the Nativity</i> <i>Holy Protomartyr & Archdeacon Stephen</i> |

READER'S LIST: Andy Olear (12/18), Anita Anderson (12/25)

PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS: Monday at 7 pm at St. Andrew's Memorial Church.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS: Please fill out the donations forms and return the form and donation to Joyce Pein by Sunday, December 18th.

CHRISTMAS AT THE SEMINARY: The 2nd annual fundraiser will take place on Saturday, December 17th from 1-5 pm at St. Sophia Seminary. More information and gift list available on the posted flyer.

ST. NICHOLAS WORKSHOP & FUNDRAISER: Sunday, December 18th (noon to 3 pm). Visit the historic Fisher House (1960 Easton Ave.) decorated for the Nativity season, take a picture with St. Nicholas, and make a traditional Ukrainian ornament. Admission (\$15) to support the Ukrainian History and Education Center. Christmas cookies available for purchase.

CAROLING FOR CHRIST: Free concert on Saturday, January 21st at 1 pm at the Ukrainian Cultural Center (135 Davidson Ave.). Choirs and school groups can perform 3 songs or a 15 minute play (must preregister with Fr. Vasyl).

FREE 2017 CALENDARS are now available for pick-up in the Church Hall.

PIEROGIE SALES: Order by phone (908-561-6366) or by e-mail (nbvocpierogi@gmail.com). Last day to order for the year will be on December 17th. Pierogie Sales will resume on January 1, 2017.

THANK YOU to all who donated food items to the South Plainfield Food Pantry, to the anonymous donor of 3 grocery bags of food left at the church door and to Metro Kopchak for delivering the food to the Pantry this past week. Thank you to all who stayed last week to decorate the tree in Church.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH! Don't forget to support your parish financially by utilizing the HELP and/or BUILDING FUND envelopes in your weekly donations. Besides the usual donations that are asked to support the physical building and maintenance of it, support is needed to maintain our web presence. Donations can be made specifically earmarked towards any of these needs.

PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers this week Fr. Vasyl, Fr. Victor, Fr. Ivan, Dobrodijka Ivanka, Lyudmila, Steffie Tybor, Nettie Sherby, Maryanne Quartuccio, Kathie Thomas, Natalia, Taissa, Andy Olear, Gleb, Oleksandra, Natalia and child Dmytro.

If you or your loved ones are sick or in the hospital, please let Fr. Vasyl know.

Out of respect for God's House, please keep all communication to a minimum.

Please join us in the church hall after Liturgy for food and fellowship.

Attend Church as a Family!