

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

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1 January 2017

28th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday before Theophany

Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Colossians 2:8-12 **Reader:** Andrei Marinich

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8; Luke 2:20-21, 40-52, 6:17-23

UPCOMING FEASTS & SERVICES:

Thursday, January 5	<i>Eve of the Theophany</i> (Strict Fast)
Friday, January 6	<i>Theophany of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ</i>
Sunday, January 8	<i>29th Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Afterfeast of the Theophany/Sunday after Theophany</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water
Sunday, January 15	<i>30th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS (January): Leanna Duh (4), Oleg Marinich (5), Kathleen Marinich (10), Nancy Ratai (22), His Eminence Metropolitan Antony (30), Joyce Pein (31)

IN MEMORIAM (January): Mary Kucharsky, Sam Dachnevitch, Rev. Fedir Tonn, Alexander Grushewsky, Paul Shlanta, Mikita Gonick, Anthony Pawlik, Stephie Pawlik, John Sherby, Sr., Anna Shern, Peter Hetryk, Joseph Machyowsky, Mary Kerencev, Alexander Dziomba, Kathryn Krotchuk, Anna Gonick, Andrew Zwolinsky, John Krotchuk, Stella Jarema, Kathleen Kazlau, Nicholas Huley. *May their memories be eternal!*

*Wishing all our parishioners, guests, friends and family
a blessed and happy New Year in our Lord!*

READER'S LIST: Mike Ratai (1/8), Andy Olear (1/15), Andrei Marinich (1/22)

THEOPHANY: The Great Blessing of Water in observance of the feast of the Theophany will take place on Sunday, January 8th. Feel free to bring your own bottle to fill to take home, or one can be purchased online or at the bookstore at the Consistory.

BLESSING OF HOMES: It is the tradition of Orthodox Christians to have their homes blessed following the Feast of the Theophany, and if you wish to have yours blessed please speak to Fr. Vasyl to arrange a date and time.

THANK YOU to all who prepared the church for the Nativity by cleaning and decorating, for singing and reading responses during Compline and Divine Liturgy, to those who made financial donations to cover the cost of poinsettias, to our volunteers who ran the Pierogie Sales the past year, and to those who brought in pop tabs throughout the year.

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

CAROLING FOR CHRIST: Free concert on Saturday, January 21st at 1 pm at the Ukrainian Cultural Center (135 Davidson Ave.).

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

PIEROGIE SALES: Pierogie Sales have resumed and will be accepted only through the phone (908-561-6366)

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us after Divine Liturgy for coffee hour and fellowship in the parish hall. If you would like to host coffee hour on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the sheet located next to the door.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will take place after Divine Liturgy on the last Sunday of each month.

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 and Maria.

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!*