

Glory to Jesus Christ!
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01 December 2013: Twenty-Eighth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Prophet Nahum.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov. 30 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+John & Elizabeth Rozinsky requested by Barbara & Jerry Chirdon

Sun. Dec. 01 **10:30 AM: Twenty-Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: pro populo**

Thurs. Dec. 05 **7:00 PM: Vigil of St. Nicholas of Myra, Archbishop: Simple**
For all the Hospitalized, Sick, & Home bound of St. Mary Parish requested by Marge Hulyk

Sat. Dec. 07 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+Joseph & Josephine Krynicky requested by Joanne H. Krynicky

Sun. Dec. 08 **10:30 AM: Twenty-Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:**
Maternity of the Holy Anna: pro populo

✠ Acolytes Readers Ushers ✠

Sat. Nov. 30 ----- B. Chirdon D. Cianciotti, J. Snitzer

Sun. Dec. 01 R. & E. Hess J. Hess D. Hess, B. Knouse

Thurs. Dec. 05 Any Present M. Hulyk ----Any 2 Present----

Sat. Dec. 07 ----- D. Cholock D. Mihalko, R. Garber

Sun. Dec. 08 ----- S. Vacha G. Krynicky, J. Overdorff

Collection: Adult \$890; Holy Days \$225; Student \$10; Candles \$54;

11/24/13: Fuel Oil \$335 Typhoon Haiyan \$380; **Total: \$1894.00**

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This Sunday's epistle develops two ideas. The first is that we must give thanks to the Father because He has saved us from the powers of darkness. This has been a theme from the start of the *Philip Fast*. We see during this holy season how our **Byzantine Tradition** emphasizes:

▪ our **passing** from darkness into light,

- our **passover** from the shadows of evil deeds into the light of all that is good and right and true;
- our **pascha** from winter's cold and unfruitful works to the cornucopia of spiritual wealth filled with the Holy Spirit.

The darkness of Bethlehem's cave will yield to the luminous Theophany in Jordan's river.

AUGUSTINE: Because **in Greek** "to suffer" is πασχειν, for this reason Pascha has been thought of as a passion, as though this name has been derived from "suffering." But in its own language, that is, **in Hebrew**, Pascha means a "passing over." For this reason the people of God celebrated the Pascha for the first time when, fleeing from Egypt, they passed over the Red Sea.... And we effect a most salutary passing over when we pass over from the devil to Christ, and from this tottering world to His most solidly established kingdom. And therefore we pass over to God Who endures so that we may not pass over with the passing world. Concerning this grace conferred upon us, the apostle, praising God, says, "Who has rescued us from the power of darkness and has **brought us over** into the kingdom of the Son of His love." TRACTATES ON JOHN 55.1.



Next Sunday's Readings: Epistle, Colossians 3: 12-16 Spirituality in the Church

Gospel, Luke 17: 12-19 Ten Cleansed Lepers

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~ Announcements ~

➤ **Вичная Память! Please Remember in Your Prayers the soul of the departed servant of God Peter Shultz** who died this past Tuesday, 26 November and was buried from our Church on Saturday morning. Our most sincere Sympathy and Condolences are extended to the Shultz, Cianciotti, and Howard families, their relatives, and friends.

➤ **Please extend a most warm welcome to our new parishioners, the Syphan Family** ~ Arthur and Kathleen, and their children: Olivia, Thomas, Angelina, Mark, Cecilia, and Nicholas. May their love for Christ and His holy Church – as expressed in the Byzantine Catholic Tradition – grow ever more deeply.

➤ **Parishioners may still donate for the disaster victims in the Philippines as a result of Typhoon Haiyan.** Please use one of your "special" envelopes and mark on the front of it: **TYPHOON HAIYAN**. Give as generously as Christ has so generously gifted you.

➤ **✠~Memory Poinsettias~✠** This year we will once again collect for the Christmas Memory Poinsettias in honor of the dearly departed and publish the special list in time for Christmas. Using the special envelope

marked Christmas Trees and Altar Flowers, please write your name on it and the name of your departed loved one. Include \$15 for each flower. Drop it into the collection basket or mail it to the office.

➤ **The Parish Christmas Dinner and ECF Play** is **22 DECEMBER** immediately after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. “*Chef Dato*” will again cater the event with a similar menu. More details next week. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a raffle. Any parishioner may contribute something to the raffle starting next week. The play will be presented **BEFORE** the meal. Children are to dress for the presentation as soon as they arrive. Adults may help themselves to the *hors d’oeuvres* and purchase their tickets. We will pull the numbers for the Raffle after the dinner. Then Saint Nicholas will arrive to distribute gifts.

➤ **The sidewalk between the Church and the rectory** is now complete and we are most appreciative to **Jack Gulisek** and his fellow construction workers who so generously gave of their time and resources to make this long needed improvement possible.

➤ Another long needed facility improvement took place this past week: **a new garage door and garage door opener** was installed by Latrobe Garage Door, Inc. of Latrobe. The cost of this project to the parish was \$1345,00. Thank you to Jim Fullman, Sr. and Robert Knouse for straightening up the interior so that the workmen could do their appointed task.

➤ Another facility management project under way is the winterizing of the church basement.

December Birthdays

*We wish our following parishioners many spiritual blessings
on their birthday and many happy years! Mnohaja L'ita!*

02—James Knouse
04—Mark Syphan
07—Nancy Shultz
10—Nicholas Syphan
Brensinger
15—Theresa Shultz



16—Charles Cianciotti
19—Marlene Harhai
22—Frances Kernicky
29—Hannah

**ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE ON THE BACK
OF THIS WEEK’S BULLETIN INSERT.**