

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

Glory Forever!

Слава Иисусу Христу!

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15 December 2013: Sunday of the Forefathers

The Holy Martyr Eleutherius. Our Venerable Father Paul of Latra.

Our Holy Father Stephen, Archbishop of Surozh.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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Collection: Adult \$1130; Student \$07; Christmas Flowers \$245; Candles \$60; 12/08/13: Fuel Oil \$400; Holy Days \$131 Typhoon Haiyan \$200; Total: \$2173.00.

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Proverbs 25:6 – 7: Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, «Come up here,» than to be put lower in the presence of the prince.

GOD THE FATHER PROVIDES THE SUPPER. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: We understand the man to be God the Father. For similes represent the truth but are not the truth itself. The Creator of the universe and the Father of glory made a great supper, a festival for the whole world, in honor of Christ. In the last times of the world and at our world's setting, the Son rose for us. At this time, He suffered death for our sakes and gave us to eat of His flesh, the Bread from heaven that gives life to the world. Toward evening and by the light of torches, the lamb was also sacrificed according to the Law of Moses. With good reason, the invitation that is by Christ is called a supper. COMMENTARY ON LUKE, HOMILY 104.

TO BESTOW GIFTS ON ALL THE WORLD. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA: What was the nature of the invitation? «Come, for look, all things are ready.» God the Father has prepared in Christ gifts for the inhabitants of the earth. Through Christ, He bestowed the forgiveness of sins, cleansing away of all defilement, communion of the Holy Spirit, glorious adoption as children, and the kingdom of heaven. To these blessings, Christ invited Israel, before all others, by the commandments of the gospel. Somewhere He has even said by the voice of the psalmist, «But I have been sent as a king by Him,» that is, by God the Father, «on Zion His holy mountain to preach the commandment of the Lord.» COMMENTARY ON LUKE, HOMILY 104.

Next Sunday's Readings ~ the Sunday before Christmas ~ of the Ancestors

Epistle, Hebrews 11: 9-10, 17-23, 32-40 Faith of Patriarchs and Prophets
Gospel, Matthew 1: 1-25 The Genealogy of Jesus Christ



~ Announcements ~

PASS THE WORD: with family and relatives returning home for Christmas, who is eligible to receive the Divine Eucharist?

- (1) Any Catholic of any rite who is in good standing with the Church: V. # 3-5 below.
(2) Orthodox who have the permission of their parish priest or bishop.
(3) Those who attend the Divine Liturgy on a regular basis: Sundays and Holy Days.
(4) If married, have celebrated the Mystery of Crowning.
(5) Have received the Mystery of Holy Penance for grave sins, exempli gratia,
a. Knowingly and deliberately do not attend Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies;
b. Have publicly denied the holy Orthodox Catholic Faith;
c. Participate in the occult, new age practices, sorcery, divination, and the like;
d. Engage in theft, shop lifting, embezzlement, fraud of any kind;
e. Engage in drug trafficking;
f. Practice co-habitation, sex outside of marriage, commit adultery, incest, rape, prostitution;
g. Have procured an abortion; have helped one in any way to have an abortion;
h. Euthanasia; assisted suicide; used cremation as a denial of the resurrection of the body;
i. Nota Bene: Just because something is not listed above, does NOT mean that it may not be considered grave and therefore there is no need to go to Confession. If you are unsure of any possibly grave sin, see the priest as soon as possible!

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- NEW Typhoon Haiyan Relief total: \$790!!! God's blessings upon all who were able to give to our Catholic brethren in the Philippines!

- «**Merci beaucoup!**» to **Marlene Harhai, Marge Hulyk & Julie Gonofsky** for donating baked goods to our Bingo.
- «**REMINDER!**» If Bingo is cancelled due to inclement weather, your group gets the week off. You do not work the next week. The crew that is scheduled works.

✂~**Memory Poinsettias**~✂ Using the special envelope marked “Christmas Trees and Altar Flowers”, write your name and that of your departed loved one on it. Include \$15 for each flower. Drop the envelope into the collection basket or mail it to the office. Thank You!

The Parish Christmas Dinner and ECF Play is next Sunday immediately after the Divine Liturgy. “*Chef Dato*” will again cater the event with a menu very similar to last year’s. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a raffle. Any parishioner may contribute something to the raffle. 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. The Raffle will be drawn after the dinner. Then gifts will be distributed. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex. **The cost of the meal is \$20, w/ parishioners 17 and older contributing \$10.00 towards the total cost.** Those ages 16 and under are **Free**. It is imperative that we have an accurate account of how many are attending the dinner by **Tuesday, Dec. 17th**. **SIGN UP ONLY IF YOU ARE POSITIVE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.**