

Christ is Born!
Христос Рождается!

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
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Let us glorify Him!
Славим Его!

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25 December, 2011: Christmas

The Birth of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Dec.	24	8:30 PM, Great Compline 9:45 PM, Christmas Carols 10:00 PM, Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom w/ Mirovanije
Sun.	Dec.	25	<u>10:00 AM: Christmas: Birth of Our Lord, God & Savior Jesus Christ</u> Divine Liturgy of St. Basil w/ Mirovanije
Sat.	Dec.	31	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil <i>+Steve & Margaret Muchoney requested by Friends and Family</i>
Sun.	Jan.	01	<u>10:30 AM: Sunday before Theophany: Feast of the Circumcision:</u> Feast of St. Basil: For Our Parishioners

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Acolytes

Readers

Ushers

Sat.	Dec.	24	All Servers	J. Hess	J. Snitzer, R. Garber
Sun.	Dec.	25	All Servers	D. Cholock	D. Hess, J. Knouse
Sat.	Dec.	31	Matt Mihalko	B. Chirdon	J. Kontir, M. Bankovich
Sun.	Jan.	01	All Servers	M. Hulyk	J. Overdorff, W. Furwa

Collection: 12/18/11: Adult \$ 712; Student \$ 13; Candles \$ 41; Fuel \$ 20;
Christmas Flowers \$ 165; **Total: \$ 951**

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You bear the form of Adam, yet You are all perfect, being in the form of God. Of your own will You are held in humans hands, even though in your own power You uphold all things. The pure and undefiled Virgin spoke aloud: How shall I wrap You in swaddling clothes like an infant? How shall I nurse the One who gives nourishment to the world? How shall I not wonder in amazement at your poverty beyond understanding? How shall I, who am your handmaiden, call You my Son? I sing your praises and I bless You, for You grant great mercy to the world.

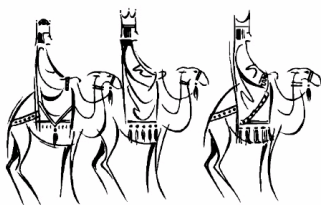
At Psalm 140 at the Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

Although Adam was formed from the clay of the earth, he shared in God's life; yet through the tempting of a woman, he sunk and fell into corruption. But now when he sees Christ born of a woman, he cries aloud: For my sake, You have become as I am; glory to You, O Lord.!

Glory to Your Holy Nativity, O Lord!

You made yourself, O Christ, a creature in the form of clay, and even took our flesh, thereby making us partakers in your divine nature. You have become a mortal, yet still remain God. You are our strength; glory to You, O Lord!

From Ode 3 of the Canon of Matins on Christmas Day



Today Christ is born of the Virgin in Bethlehem. Today the Eternal One has a beginning; today the Word becomes incarnate. All the heavenly powers rejoice, and all who dwell on earth are happy. The Magi offer gifts to the Master; the shepherds proclaim the marvel; and we cry aloud unceasingly: Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and good will to all.

At the "Praises" of Christmas Matins



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~



A ROUND OF SPECIAL THANK YOUs TO THE FOLLOWING:

- **TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED IN ANY WAY TO MAKE OUR 2011 PARISH DINNER & PLAY SUCH A MEMORABLE OCCASION!** Once again the ECF students who performed and their teachers who directed did an excellent job. Thank you to everyone who helped decorate & prepare the Hall, donated raffle items, helped sell tickets, and then helped in the clean-up afterwards. The meal prepared by Chef Dato's Catering was fabulous! St. Nicholas with his bag of presents added the finishing touch to this festive occasion.
- To *Mary Ann Kontir* for previously donating a cake to our Friday bingo.
- To *Ron Garber* and *Rick Povlik* for being "handy men" around the church. They are always ready and willing to help set up (the tree), take down (the flowers), fix this, move that, etc. May God grant them many blessed years!
- To *Aimee and Michael Kakos* for their most generous Christmas donation of \$2000 to our church.
- To our parish **Youth Group** who kindly paid for our first pallet of rock salt for this winter season.



- Be sure to check out our parish web site for photos of our recent Parish Christmas play and dinner: **www.stmarybyzantinecatholic.org**

- **ECF CLASSES resume on January 22, 2012.**
- The Memory Poinsettia List is available in the Narthex. There are also a few calendars and boxes of envelopes left for parishioners to take.
- Kick off the New Year with family and friends with a Free New Year's Day Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner held January 1st at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 108 Dutch Hill Road, Latrobe, PA from 11:30 am until 3:30 pm. See Poster for details.
- **BINGO IS CANCELLED UNTIL JANUARY 6TH DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS!** The crews can relax and enjoy a well-deserved break. New volunteers are always welcome!!!
- ATTENTION ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS: As the year of 2011 draws to a close and 2012 dawns on the horizon, it is time to think about the collection of dues. Dues are returning to \$12.00 per year. **Some members still owe from previous years.** Please seal your money in an envelope, write your name on it, and throw it in the collection basket. It will be given to Virginia Schachte.
- Please Remember in Your Prayers the soul of Margaret (Christie) Molchan, sister of Joann Overdorff, who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto your servant Margaret, O Lord, and remember her forever. Our prayers and condolences are extended to the Overdorff family and friends. **Вичная Память**