

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
Слава на вьку!

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7 December 2014: Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Holy Father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 06 **9:30 AM: Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra:** *w/Mirovanije + Suffrages for John & Helen Krynicky by Daughter Joanne*
5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil + Suffrages for John, Harry, Paul, & Michael Brehun by Mary Lezo

Sun. Dec. 07 **10:30 AM: Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost:** *pro populo Dei*
40th Day Memorial for Mary Misch

Wed. Dec. 10 **7:00 PM EMMANUEL MOLEBEN**

Sat. Dec. 13 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+ Suffrages for Anthony Giacobbi by Dolores Zoretich

Sun. Dec. 14 **10:30 AM: Sunday of the Forefathers:** *pro populo Dei*

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Acolytes

Readers

Ushers

Sat. Dec. 06 am	M. & T. Syphan	J. H. Krynicky	Any two Present
Sat. Dec. 06 pm	-----	M. Hulyk	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko
Sun. Dec. 07	D. Cianciotti & E. R. A. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, J. Overdorff
Wed. Dec. 10	M. & T. Syphan	TBA	-----
Sat. Dec. 13	-----	L. Knouse	J. Kontir, R. Garber
Sun. Dec. 14	Ruggieri, Syphan	B. Chirdon	G. Krynicky, R. Garber

11/30/14 Adult \$732.00; Candles \$64.00; Flowers \$85.00 Fuel Oil \$100.00
Collection Total: \$981.00

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BLESS THE HELPER FOR BENEFITS RECEIVED. **ATHANASIUS:** Today, the Lord rebukes those who keep the Passover the way the Jews did, just as He rebuked certain lepers He had cleansed. You recall that **He loved the one who was thankful, but He was angry with the ungrateful ones, because they did not acknowledge their Deliverer.** They thought more highly of their cure from leprosy than of Him who had healed them.... Actually, this one was given much more than the rest. Besides being healed of his leprosy, he was told by the Lord, *“Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.”* You



see, those who give thanks and those who glorify have the same kind of feelings. They bless their helper for the benefits they have received. That is why Paul urged everybody to *“glorify God with your body.”* Isaiah also commanded, *“Give glory to God.”* FESTAL LETTER 6.

WHAT IT MEANS TO GIVE THANKS IN CHRIST'S NAME. **AMBROSIASER:** We are told to give thanks to God for all his gifts. For God has stooped low to adopt us through Christ His own Son, through Whom we know God. We have learned that God, being Spirit, is to be adored in the Spirit. So we submit ourselves to one another out of reverence for Christ, Who commanded us to pursue humility. EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS 5.21.

EXTOL GOD ALWAYS AND IN EVERYTHING. **JEROME:** Paul now calls us to «give thanks always and in everything.» This is to be understood in a double sense, both in adversity and in good times.... In this way the mind rejoices and bursts out in gratitude to God, not only for what we think good but for what troubles us and happens against our will.... It is obvious that generally we are called to give thanks to God for the sun that rises, for the day that goes by and for the night that brings rest ... for the rains that come, for the earth that brings forth fruit and for the elements in their course.... Finally, we are thankful that we are born, that we have being, that our wants are sufficiently taken care of in the world, as if we lived in the house of an extremely powerful family patriarch, knowing that whatever is in the world has been created on our account. In this way we give thanks when we are grateful for the benefits that come to us from God. All these things, however, the heathen also does, and the Jew and the publican and the Gentile. **But the second sense of giving thanks is seen in the special gift of Christians to give thanks to God even in seeming adversity....** Those who are saintly in their own eyes are prone to give thanks to God because they have been released from dangers and afflictions. But according to the apostle **the greater virtue is to give thanks to God precisely amid those very dangers and afflictions.** EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS 3.5.20

Next Sunday's Readings:

Colossians 3: 4 – 11 *New Life in Christ*
Luke 14: 16 – 24 *Parable of the Great Banquet*



~ Parish Announcements ~

- **VOX POPULI DIXIT:** The Christmas Eve Liturgy will be served at 19:00.
- Starting in January, a **new system of scheduling BAKED GOODS for Bingo** will be implemented. Instead of the secretary calling every week, volunteers' names will be printed on the monthly calendar along with the other volunteers. Please keep track of when you are to provide baked goods for a particular week. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to provide something, please find a substitute or let the office know as soon as possible. If you wish your name to be removed from this list, inform the office before the middle of December.



- **THANK YOU** to all who provided baked goods for bingo this past week.
- **Our Parish Christmas Dinner & ECF Play is 21 DECEMBER** immediately after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. “*Chef Dato’s Table*” will again cater the event. As customary, 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. We will pull the numbers for the Raffle after the dinner. To conclude, Saint Nicholas will distribute gifts to the children. **SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN THE NARTHEX. Next week, we will let you know what each parishioner age 17 and older will be asked to contribute towards the meal.**
- **Memory Poinsettias: There is still time to contribute for the Memory Poinsettias!** Using the special envelope marked Christmas Trees and Altar Flowers, please write your name on it and the name of your departed loved one or enclose a list inside. Include \$15 for each flower. Drop it into the collection basket or mail it to the office.
- **11th Annual Cookie Walk – December 13th – 10:00 to 14:00 – Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church** Hall, Mansfield Boulevard, Carnegie, PA. Call 724-348-7326 for more information. Also see poster in Narthex.