

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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9 December 2018 / 7527 29th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Venerable Father Patapius. Holy Hannah, Mother of the Prophet Samuel.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Dec. 08 17:00 Vigil: 29th Sunday after Pentecost
Sun. Dec. 09 10:30 29th Sunday after Pentecost Suffrages *pro populo*
Wed. Dec. 12 18:30 Emmanuel Moleben

Sat. Dec. 15 17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Forefathers Suffrages for
+Joseph & Josephine Krynicky – Joanne Krynicky
Sun. Dec. 16 10:30 Sunday of the Forefathers Suffrages *pro populo*
Parish Christmas Dinner immediately after Divine Liturgy

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		ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHERS
Sat. Dec. 08		L. Prizzi	M. Harhai	J. Basinger, E. Prizzi
Sun. Dec. 09		M. Syphan	S. Saldanha	G. Krynicky, A. Syphan
Wed. Dec. 12			G. Krynicky (5)	
Sat. Dec. 15		L. Prizzi	J. Kontir	J. Basinger, D. Mihalko
Sun. Dec. 16		E. R. A. Hess	S. Vacha	D. Hess, A. Syphan

12 / 02 / 2018 Adult: \$968 Children: \$6 Candles: \$69 Flowers: \$125
COLLECTION Fuel: \$10 Holy Day: \$25 **TOTAL: \$1203**

✠ GIVING THANKS: «Why does God seek men's thanks, and why do men give Him thanks? It is out of His endless love for mankind that God seeks that men give Him thanks. The thanks of men will not make God greater, more powerful, more glorious, richer or more alive, but they will make men all of these things. Man's gratitude will not add anything to God's peace and contentment, but it will add greatly to man's. Thanksgiving to God will in no way change God's state and being, but it will change these in a grateful man. God has no need of our gratitude, nor are our prayers necessary to Him. But it is this same Lord who said: 'Your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.' who at the same time recommended 'that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.' God may not feel the need of our prayers, but He nevertheless tells us to pray. He may not feel the need of our gratitude, but nevertheless demands it of us – the thanksgiving that is nothing other than a form of prayer, a prayer of thanksgiving.»

Nikolai Velimirović, Bishop of Ochrid

✠ God and Father, the Almighty One, You created the human race in Your image and likeness, and when we fell through disobedience, You promised to send a Savior. When the fullness of time had come, Your favor rested on Your only-begotten Son, and He was born of the Virgin Mary. Thus, what Isaiah the prophet foretold was fulfilled: «Behold, the Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel, which means 'God with us'». His birth filled all creation with light; He gave us the baptism of repentance, and restored our ancient dignity. Now, most compassionate Lord, You bring us to these honored days of the Christmas Fast that we may do battle with the desires of the flesh and draw strength from the hope of

resurrection. Receive us, then, as penitents and forgive our wrongdoing, those done knowingly and unknowingly, through malice and through weakness. And may our prayers, our fasting, and our works of mercy rise up before You as incense, as sweet spiritual fragrance, that in company with the Magi and the shepherds we too, with pure hearts, may be found worthy to bow down before the Nativity of Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son. To Him, together with You and Your all-holy Spirit, belong glory, honor, and worship, now and ever and forever. Amen. Emmanuel Moleben

Next Sunday's Readings: SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

Epistle: Colossians 3:4 – 11 *Spirituality in the Church*

GOSPEL: Luke 14:16 – 24 *Parable of the Great Banquet*



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **\$500 PARISH LOTTERY TICKET** is being sold. Tickets are \$5; winning number taken from the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3 drawing on **SUNDAY, 16 DECEMBER**.
- Our traditional parish **CHRISTMAS DINNER** and **ECF PRESENTATION** will be held on **Sunday, 16 December** at the social hall immediately after the Divine Liturgy. As last year the format will be slightly different. The ECF presentation will be first, followed by a visit from St. Nicholas, and then the luncheon. A **SIGN-UP SHEET** is located in the Narthex. Please indicate (1) the number of people coming, (2) what type of dish you will provide, (3) if you are willing to help decorate the hall on Saturday, 15 December.