

Glory to Jesus Christ! *St. Mary ~ Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church* Glory Forever!  
 Слава Исусу Христу! *4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650* Слава на вики!

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## 13 December 2015 / 7524: Sunday of the Patriarchs

Holy Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius and Orestes  
 Holy Virgin Martyr Lucy

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat. Dec. 12 **17:00 Vigil of the Sunday of the Patriarchs.** Suffrages for the health and salvation of the sick and homebound of the parish.  
 Sun. Dec. 13 **10:30 The Sunday of the Patriarchs** Suffrages *pro populo*.  
 Wed. Dec. 16 **19:00 Emmanuel Moleben**  
 Sat. Dec. 19 **17:00 Vigil of the Sunday of the Ancestors.** Suffrages for the victims of recent terrorist attacks, and their families.  
 Sun. Dec. 20 **10:30 The Sunday of the Ancestors.** Suffrages *pro populo*.

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat. Dec. 12	-----	J. H. Krynicky	R. Garber, J. Kontir	
Sun. Dec. 13	T. & M. Syphan	K. Syphan	J. Overdorff, J. Knouse	
Wed. Dec. 16	T. & M. Syphan	A. & K. Syphan		
Sat. Dec. 19	-----	M. Harhai	J. Kontir, D. Milhalko	
Sun. Dec. 20	E. R. A. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, G. Krynicky	

**12/06/15:** Adult: \$835 Student: \$9 Candles: \$66  
**Collection** Flowers: \$25 **Total: \$935**

**Attendance:** Saturday: 20 + 3 Sunday: 49 + 5 Holy Day: 8

To herald the start of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh will open the doors of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist **this Sunday, 13 December.** The *Emmanuel Moleben* will be celebrated at **15:00** by Cathedral Rector Very Rev. Archpriest Dennis M. Bogda with responses led by Cathedral cantors; Archbishop William will be the homilist. A fellowship reception will follow the service. All parishes are warmly invited and urged to attend and participate in this prayerful event.



God's abundant, super-generous mercy, His loving and steadfast kindness is predicated on an honest, heartfelt admission that we have grievously missed the mark, *i.e.*, we have sinned. Like the Prodigal Son, we must be honest with ourselves and say: «*Father I have sinned against heaven and in Your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called Your son.*» Then like the woman taken in adultery, we hear Christ's words of mercy and consolation: «*Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.*» In light of this, with family and relatives returning home for Christmas, who may approach to receive the Eucharist?

Any Catholic of any rite who is in good standing with the Church, namely...

- (1) Those who attend on a **regular** basis the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days.
- (2) If married, have celebrated the Mystery of Crowning.
- (3) Have received the Mystery of Holy Penance for **grave sins** committed, *exempli gratia*,
  - a. Knowingly and intentionally do not attend Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies;
  - b. Publicly deny 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 see the priest as soon as possible!

### Next Sunday's Readings: Sunday of the Ancestors

**Hebrews 11: 9 – 10, 17 – 23, 32 – 40** Faith  
**Matthew 1: 1 – 25** The Genealogy of Jesus Christ

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### ~ Announcements ~

**Ευχαριστω** to my confrère Fr. Cyprian for serving the Liturgies during my incapacity. May his time praying w/ us bring him many spiritual blessings.

**PIROHI CHRISTMAS SPECIAL:** \$5 for parishioners; for the public \$6. See Jen, Marlene, or David.

**MANY THANKS** to two of Santa's merry little elves who were in church this past week to clean and polish the chandelier that hangs above the Tetrapod. Hopefully more elves will appear so that the entire church may sparkle and glisten for Christmas.



**2016 LITURGICAL CALENDARS** are available in the Narthex. Please take only one per family. The theme of this year's calendar is the saints and martyrs of Carpatho-Rus'. Read about their lives on the back of the calendar.