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Glory Forever! Слава на вики!

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## 4 December, 2011: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Great Martyr Barbara. Our Venerable Father John of Damascus.

## **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

Sat.	Dec.	3	<b>5:00 PM,</b> Sunday Vigil + Grandparents Joseph & Josephine Krynicky requested by Joanne H. Krynicky
Sun.	Dec.	4	10:30 AM: 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost: For Our Parishioners
Tues.	Dec.	6	7:00 PM, Nicholas of Myra, Archbishop—Solemn Health of Christine Roscosky requested by mother, Dolores Harhai
Thurs.	Dec.	8	7:00 PM, Maternity of the Holy Anna—Solemn +Ann Buttacovoli requested by David Barlock
Sat.	Dec.	10	<b>5:00 PM,</b> Sunday Vigil w/ Mirovanije + Virginia Barbus requested by Walter & Judy Senoski
Sun.	Dec.	11	10:30 AM: Sunday of the Holy Ancestors: For Our Parishioners w/ Mirovanije

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			<b>Acolytes</b>		<b>Readers</b>		<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat.	Dec.	3	M. Mihalko		M. Hulyk		J. Konti	r, M. Bankovich
Sun.	Dec.	4	D. Cianciotti		B. Chirdon		J. Knou	se, J. Overdorff
Tues.	Dec.	6	Any Present		M. Hulyk		Any 2 P	resent
Thurs.	Dec.	8	Any Present		L. Knouse		Any 2 P	resent
Sat.	Dec.	10	M. Mihalko		J. Kontir		J. Snitze	er, R. Garber
Sun.	Dec.	11	D. Cianciotti		L. Cianciotti		W. Furv	va, G. Krynicky

Collection: 11/27/11: Adult \$ 705; Student \$ 9; Candles \$ 43; Holy Day \$ 108; Fuel \$255;

**Total: \$ 1120** 

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One of the most important obligations that we have as worshippers attending the Divine Liturgy is to **maintain proper decorum** so that all of the members of the congregation may pray <u>sincerely</u>, <u>peacefully</u> and <u>meaningfully</u>. It is with this fact in mind that we restate here the obvious: Upon entering the church and especially during Services, one should remember that he or she is in the *Temple of the Lord*. Reverence and good manners are required so as

not to disturb those who are already engaged in prayer and worship but, even more importantly, as an expression of sincere faith and awareness of the presence of God in this sacred temple. No irrelevant conversations should take place either in the Narthex or in any other part of the Church. And there is to be NO inane socializing or gossiping during the Liturgy. We come to this temple to commune with God by our prayers and worship, not to distract others.



## ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- The *MYSTERY OF HOLY REPENTANCE* will be celebrated **after the Divine Liturgies** beginning on Sunday, **Dec. 4** and again after the Liturgies on the **10**<sup>th</sup>, **11**<sup>th</sup>, and **17**<sup>th</sup>. Booklets for the Mystery of Holy Repentance according to the Byzantine Rite are located on the card table in the Narthex. Copies will also be provided in the Confessional. Confessions will also be heard before the icon of Christ on the Iconostasis for those who wish to do so.
- ➤ We will celebrate the Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord with the Service of Great Compline (8:30 pm) followed by a brief carol fest of traditional Eastern and Western hymns before the celebration of the Divine Liturgy (10:00 pm).

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- > A huge **THANK YOU/Спасибо Волшое** to one of our parishioners, who wishes to remain anonymous, for a donation of \$1000 to help cover the cost of this past week's 700 gallon heating oil purchase.
- ➤ CHILDREN'S LIBRARY: Father is beginning to build a collection of spiritual books for the young children of the parish. Please feel free to stop at the rectory to look at the materials already at hand and see what may be appropriate for the age of your child / children. Books may be signed out for a two week period and may be renewed for an additional week if necessary.
- > To prepare the church for the Christmas Season, we will be giving it a good cleaning on **Saturday, Dec.\_17 at 9:00.** Anyone may help. Bring your supplies & elbow grease.
- The Parish Christmas Dinner & Play will be held Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> immediately after the Divine Liturgy There is NO cost to the parishioners; the parish is footing the entire cost this year. Use the Sign-Up Sheet to list how many from your family are attending. We will again have a 50/50 drawing and a Raffle. Any parishioner may contribute something to the Raffle starting today. As in the past, the play will be presented BEFORE the meal. We, therefore, ask that the children dress for the presentation as soon as they arrive. Adults may serve themselves to the hors d' oeuvres and purchase their tickets. When dinner is over, we will pull the numbers for the Raffle. Then St. Nicholas will distribute the gifts.
- ➤ Thank You Very Much! / Danke Sehr to Jane Matsko & Marge Hulyk for donating cakes to our weekly bingo this week.

➤ The Christmas Memory Poinsettias will be published once again this year in honor of the dearly departed. Using the special envelope marked Christmas Trees & Altar Flowers, please write your name on it & the name of your departed loved one. Include \$15 for each flower. Then just drop it into the collection basket.

## SAVE THE DATES...

- Christmas Open House at the Religious Gift Shop, Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Check the poster for details. See Father for a discount card.
- ❖ St. John Chrysostom in Pittsburgh presents Christmas concerts. On Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Cathasaigh performs and on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30, the Pitt Men's Glee Club sings carols and other Christmas music. See posters.