

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church

Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

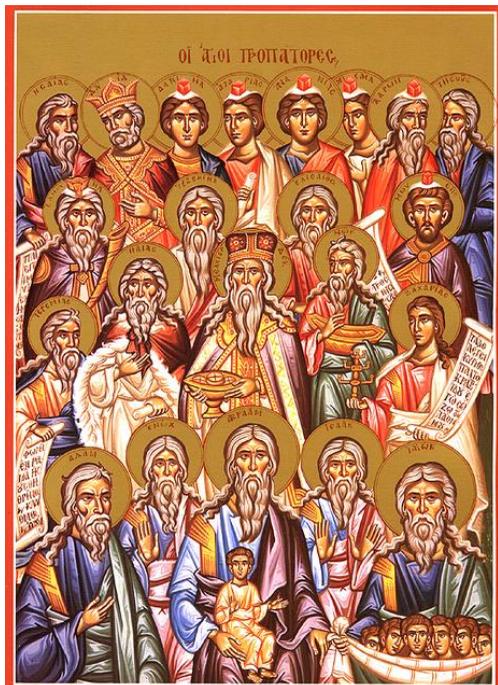
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17 December 2017 / 7526 ~ Sunday of the Forefathers

The Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Holy Children Hananiah, Azariah, Mishael.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Dec. 16** **17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Forefathers** Suffrages for + **David Barlock** – Gregory Kuhar
- Sun. Dec. 17** **10:30 Sunday of the Forefathers** Suffrages *pro populo*
- Wed. Dec. 20** **18:30 Emmanuel Moleben**
- Sat. Dec. 23** **17:00 Vigil: Sunday before Christmas** Suffrages for +**John & Helen Krynicky** – Daughter Joanne
- Sun. Dec. 24AM** **10:30 Sunday before Christmas** Suffrages *pro populo*
- Sun. Dec. 24PM** **20:00 Vigil of Christmas** w/ *Mirovanije*
- Mon. Dec. 25** **10:00 CHRISTMAS** w/ *Mirovanije*

	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHER
Sat. Dec. 16	-----	B. Chirdon	Any two present
Sun. Dec. 17	E.R.A. Hess	G. Krynicky	D. Hess, R. Knouse
Wed. Dec. 20	M. Syphan	J. Krynicky (5)	-----
Sat. Dec. 23	-----	J. Kontir	Any two present
Sun. Dec. 24	M. Syphan	J. Hess	D. Hess, G. Krynicky
Sun. Dec. 24	All Acolytes	J. Kontir, B. Chirdon	Any two present
		S. Vacha, G. Krynicky	Any two present
Mon. Dec. 25	All Acolytes	A. Prizzi	Any two present

12 / 10 / 2017	Adults \$790	Children \$14	Candles \$107	Fuel \$105
Collection	Holy Day \$353	Flowers \$40	Total: \$1409	

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Hear the herald voice resounding: "Christ is near," it seems to say, Cast away the dreams of darkness, Welcome Christ, the light of day!"	Wakened by this solemn warning, Let the earthbound soul arise; Christ her sun, all sloth dispelling, Shines upon the morning skies.
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See the Lamb so long expected, Comes with pardon down from heav'n;	Hasten now, with tears of sorrow One and all to be forgiv'n. <i>vox clara ecce intonat</i>
Your Light will come Jerusalem; the Lord will dawn on you in radiant beauty. You will see His glory within you.	

Like the sun in the morning sky, the Savior of the world will dawn;
like rain on the meadows He will descend to rest in the womb of the Virgin.

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

When the sun rises in the morning sky, you will see the King of kings coming forth
from the Father like a radiant bridegroom from the bridal chamber.

[...] the flame of divine love enkindled human hearts and its intoxication overflowed into men's senses. Wounded by love, they longed to look upon God with their bodily eyes. Yet how could our narrow human vision apprehend God, whom the whole world cannot contain? But the law of love is not concerned with what will be, what ought to be, what can be. Love does not reflect; it is unreasonable and knows no moderation. Love refuses to be consoled when its goal proves impossible, despises all hindrances to the attainment of its object. Love destroys the lover if he cannot obtain what he loves; love follows its own promptings, and does not think of right and wrong. Love inflames desire that impels it toward things that are forbidden. But why continue? It is intolerable for love not to see the object of its longing. That is why whatever reward they merited

was nothing to the saints if they could not see the Lord. Love that desires to see God may not have reasonableness on its side, but it is the evidence of filial love. It gave Moses the temerity to say: *If I have found favor in your eyes, show me your face.* It inspired the psalmist to make the same prayer: *Show me your face.* Even the pagans made their images for this purpose: they wanted actually to see what they mistakenly revered.
Peter Chrysologus, Bishop – Ravenna, Italy

Next Sunday’s Readings ~ Sunday after Christmas: David, Joseph, & James

Epistle: Galatians 1:11 – 19 *Paul becomes an Apostle*

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13 – 23 *Flight into Egypt; Holy Innocents; Return from Egypt*

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~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Thursday, 21 December, at 17:00; bring Christmas music.
- Since Christmas falls on Monday this year, **FRIDAY, 22 DECEMBER,** is a **Day of Strict Fast:** no meat or dairy products.