

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
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16 December 2018 / 7527 Sunday of the Forefathers

The Holy Prophet Haggai



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

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* St. Nicholas Dinner immediately after Divine Liturgy

Wed. Dec. 19 18:30 Emmanuel Moleben

Sat. Dec. 22 17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Holy Ancestors

Sun. Dec. 23 10:30 Sunday of the Holy Ancestors Suffrages *pro populo*

		ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHERS
Sat.	Dec. 15	L. Prizzi	J. Kontir	J. Basinger, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Dec. 16	E. R. A. Hess	S. Vacha	D. Hess, A. Syphan
Wed.	Dec. 19		J. Kontir (7)	
Sat.	Dec. 22	L. Prizzi	A. Prizzi	J. Basinger, J. Snitzer
Sun.	Dec. 23	M. Syphan	G. Krynicky	D. Hess, R. Knouse
12 / 09 / 2018	Adult: \$1479	Children: \$17	Candles: \$88	Flowers: \$90
COLLECTION	Christmas: \$470	Holy Day: \$230	Fuel: \$200	TOTAL: \$2574

VISITATION OF THE SICK! It is very important that a family member contact Father whenever a family member is sick, or who is now confined to their home or a nursing care facility. They are still members of our Church, remaining one with us through the Mysteries of Holy Anointing and the Divine Eucharist. Also, if any parishioner is to undergo a surgical or medical procedure, the Mystery of Holy Anointing should be celebrated, ideally in Church the Sunday before having the procedure.

BEHOLD, I HAVE PREPARED MY DINNER. «All that is needful for the soul’s nourishment and refreshment has been prepared. Truth nourishes the soul; truth is fully revealed as the King’s most rich banquet. Victory over evil spirits, victory over sickness and cares, victory over nature – all these victories, that nourish and refresh the despairing human soul are here, so come! Heaven had earlier seemed as though closed with iron bars to mankind, and men’s souls were as miserable brides shut in a dank prison; now heaven is wide open: God Himself has appeared on earth, angels have come down to earth, the dead have been seen alive and man’s dignity has been raised up to God. Oh how sweet the food! How abundant the table! Come! [...] The body and blood of the crucified Lord, incomparably sweeter than fatlings, are brought to the King’s table. Come and communicate of the sweetness that is the envy of the angels! The grace-filled streams of the Holy Spirit, the almighty and life giving Spirit, are open wide. «All things are ready.» - all things! All that is necessary for the defiled bride to be purified, for the hungry to be fed, the wounded to be healed, the naked to be clothed, the bewitched brought to their senses, the drunken sobered, the dead raised. Here is baptism with water; here is baptism with fire and the spirit; here is ease from fasting; here are the wings of prayer; here is oil; here is bread and wine; here is the royal priesthood to be the guide; here is the Church of holiness and love. All these gifts are brought by the Bridegroom to His Bride, and He places them all on the King’s table. Come then; come to the wedding.» Nikolai Velimirović, Bishop of Ochrid

Bethlehem, make ready, for Eden has been opened for all. Ephrata, be alert, for the Tree of Life has blossomed forth from the Virgin in the cave. Her womb has become a spiritual paradise wherein the Divine Fruit was planted, and if we eat of it, we shall live and not die like Adam. Christ is coming forth to bring back to life the likeness that had been lost in the beginning.

Byzantine Vespers, 20 December

Next Sunday's Readings: **SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS**

Epistle: Hebrews: 11:9–10 & 32–40 *Faith of the Holy Ancestors*

Gospel: Matthew: 1:1–25 *The Genealogy of Jesus Christ*



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

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- **THANK YOU** to those who set up the crèche and to those who cleaned the Church this past week in preparation for Christmas!