

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
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Glory Forever!
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13 December 2020 / 7529 ~ SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

*The Holy Armenian Martyrs Eustratius, Auxentius, Eugene, Mardarius and Orestes.
The Holy Virgin Martyr Lucy. Fourth Sunday of the Philip or Christmas Fast.*

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat.	Dec. 12	17:00 Vigil: SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS <i>Suffrages for +Andrew Boytim – Parish Choir</i>
Sun.	Dec. 13	10:30 SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS <i>Suffrages pro populo. Esp. for the health and well being of Christine Roscosky – her mother Dolores</i>
Wed.	Dec. 16	18:30 EMMANUEL MOLEBEN
Sat.	Dec. 19	17:00 Vigil: SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS. <i>Suffrages for the health and well being of Christine Roscosky – her mother Dolores</i>
Sun.	Dec. 20	10:30 SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS <i>Suffrages pro populo: esp for the health and well being of Christine Roscosky – her mother Dolores</i>
Thurs.	Dec. 24	20:00 VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS: Nativity of our Lord
Fri.	Dec. 25	10:00 CHRISTMAS: Nativity of our Lord



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COLLECTION
TOTAL: \$1224

Adults: \$925
Candles: \$68
Arch. Charities: \$5

Children: \$5
Holy Day: \$20
Christmas: \$40

Fuel: \$20
Christmas Flowers: \$141



PHILIP FAST MEDITATIONS: «Come; for all is now ready!»

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Redeemer, come! with us abide; our hearts to Thee we open wide, let us Thy inner presence feel, Thy grace and love in us reveal.

The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks; when beauty gilds the eastern hill and life to joy awakes. The King shall come when morning dawns, and earth's dark night is past; O haste the rising of that morn, the day that aye shall last. The king shall come when morning dawns, and light and beauty brings: Hail Christ the Lord! Thy people pray, come quickly, King of Kings.

The Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs

Today we commemorate the ancestors of Christ. Sing with fervor a hymn of praise to Christ the Savior Who exalted them among all nations. He is the Lord Who does wondrous deeds because He is powerful and mighty. From them He brought forth a royal scepter, the immaculate maiden of God and virgin Mary. From her, Christ our God came forth to give life and eternal salvation for all.

Vespers: at Psalm 140

Come, O lovers of the feast, let us sing a hymn of praise to the assembly of the Forefathers: Adam, the father of the human race, Enoch, Noah, Melchisedek, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Let us also honor those who came after the Law: Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, and David; together with Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, Daniel and the twelve minor Prophets; likewise Elijah, Elisha, and all the others; also Zechariah and the Baptist, and all those who preached Christ, the Life and the Resurrection of our race.



Vespers: Apostichon

Come, let us faithfully celebrate the annual memory of the Fathers who preceded the Law: Abraham and all those with him. Let us worthily venerate the tribe of Judah. With Daniel let us exalt, as a symbol of the Trinity, the youths who extinguished the flame in the furnace. Let us carefully heed the sayings of the Prophets. With Isaiah, let us cry out in a loud voice: Behold, the Virgin shall be with child and give birth to a Son, and they shall call Him Emmanuel, a name which means: God is with us.

Matins: at the Praises



St. Lucy is a virgin and martyr of Syracuse in Sicily, whose feast is celebrated on December 13th. According to tradition, Saint Lucy was born to rich and noble parents in the year 283. Her father was of Roman origin, but his early death left her dependent upon her mother, whose name, Eutychia, seems to indicate that she was of Greek heritage. Like so many of the early martyrs, Lucy had



consecrated her virginity to God, and she hoped to devote all her worldly goods to the service of the poor. Her mother, Eutychia, arranged a marriage for her, but for three years she managed to postpone the marriage. Lucy prayed at the tomb of Saint Agatha to change her mother's mind about her faith. As a result, her mother's long hæmorrhagic illness was cured, and she consented to Lucy's desire to live for God. Saint Lucy's rejected bridegroom, Paschasius, denounced Lucy as a Christian. The governor planned to force her into prostitution, but when guards went to fetch her, they could not move her even when they hitched her to a team of oxen. The governor ordered her to be killed instead. After a gruesome torture which included having her eyes torn out, she was surrounded by bundles of wood which were set afire, but the fire quickly died out. She prophesied against her persecutors, and was then executed by being stabbed to death with a dagger. According to later accounts,

Lucy warned Paschasius he would be punished. When the governor heard this he ordered the guards to gouge out her eyes; however, in another telling, it was Lucy who removed her eyes in an attempt to discourage a persistent suitor who greatly admired them. When her body was being prepared for burial, they discovered her eyes had been restored. This and the meaning of her name ("light" or "lucid") led to her patronage with eyes; the blind, eye trouble, and other eye ailments.

~ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- ❖ The parish's deepest sympathies and prayers are extended to Joyce Regalla and the Keene family at the death of her brother. «In blessed repose, grant O Lord, eternal rest to your departed servant Fredrick and remember him forever. **БѢЧНАА ПАМАТЬ!»**