

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
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Glory Forever!  
Слава на вики!

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## 18 DECEMBER 2022 / 7531 SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS

*The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Dec. 17 17:00 Vigil: **SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS**  
*Suffrages for +David Overdorff – Mary Bezbiaty*
- Sun. Dec. 18 10:30 **SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS** *Suffrages pro populo, esp. for Martin Osif – James Knouse & grandchildren*
- Wed. Dec. 21 18:30 **EMMANUEL MOLEBEN**
- Sat. Dec. 24 **20:00 VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS** w/ Mirovanije. Great Vespers w/  
Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great.  
**Carols will be sung 15 minutes before the start of the Liturgy.**
- Sun. Dec. 25 10:30 **CHRISTMAS – DAY OF PASCHA. THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST** w/ Mirovanije.  
*Suffrages pro populo*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> IS A DAY OF STRICT FAST!**



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**COLLECTION**

**TOTAL: \$1862**

Adults: \$1303

Candles: \$52

Flowers: \$25

Children: \$2

Holy Days: \$225

Maintenance: \$10

Fuel: \$80

Mem. Donations: \$160

Arch. Charities: \$5



**T**he Holy Fathers are adorned by the glory of the divine sharing of our nature. **Adam** rejoices today since he is the foundation and the strength of the wise Forefathers; **Abel** leaps for joy as well. **Enoch** is glad; **Seth** and **Noah** dance together. The praiseworthy **Abraham** sings with the Patriarchs. **Melchizedek** now sees from on high the birth without a father.

**T**he faithful and God-wise youths are radiant with joy in the furnace. They herald the nativity of Christ on earth. As the precious dew which the Lord sent down, He now preserves the Virgin without stain and enriches her with sublime gifts. Therefore, **Daniel**, inspired by God, is also happy and full of joy because he had a clear vision of the unhewn stone from the mountain. He now zealously prays for our souls.

**G**reat are the deeds formed with faith: **three youths** rejoiced in the flaming furnace as if they stood in refreshing waters, and **Daniel** the Prophet faced lions as though they were sheep. Through their prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

**Z**ion, City of God, raise up your voice and herald the honored memory of the Fathers. Salute them, as well as the ever-glorious **Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**. Behold, we extol great **Moses**, as well as **Judah, Levi**, and the marvelous **Aaron**. We honor **Joshua**, as well as **David** and **Samuel**. With inspiring hymns we praise the glorious fore-feast of the birth of Christ. We entreat them to obtain grace from Him that He grant great mercy to the world.

**T**he Virgin Theotokos, who was spoken of for ages by the Prophets, has appeared on earth. The wise Patriarchs and assemblies of the righteous acclaim her. The beautiful women: **Sarah, Rebecca**, and **Rachel, Anna**, and **Miriam** the glorious sister of Moses, leap for joy together with them. All creation pays homage because the God and Creator of all is coming to be born in the flesh and to grant great mercy to us.

**C**ave, prepare yourself to receive the Mother who bears Christ within her womb. **O Manger**, receiver the Word Who destroyed the sins of all. **O Shepherds**, keep watch and then bear witness to the awesome wonder. **O Magi**, come from Persia, and bring your gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the King. For the Lord has appeared from a Virgin Mother; yet she bowed to Him as a servant and spoke to Him within her bosom, saying: How were You conceived in me? How did You grow in me, my God and Savior?



## ~ Announcements ~

- **A PARISH CHRISTMAS COVERED DISH LUNCHEON** will be held in the parish hall on **Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** after the Sunday Divine Liturgy. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Please indicate how many in your family will be attending and the dish you will be providing and if you are available to help decorate.
- The parish is very grateful for a **MEMORIAL DONATION** given to our church in memory of **Edmond Davis** by John & Esther Hunter. May Edmond's memory be eternal! **Бѣчнаа памать!**