

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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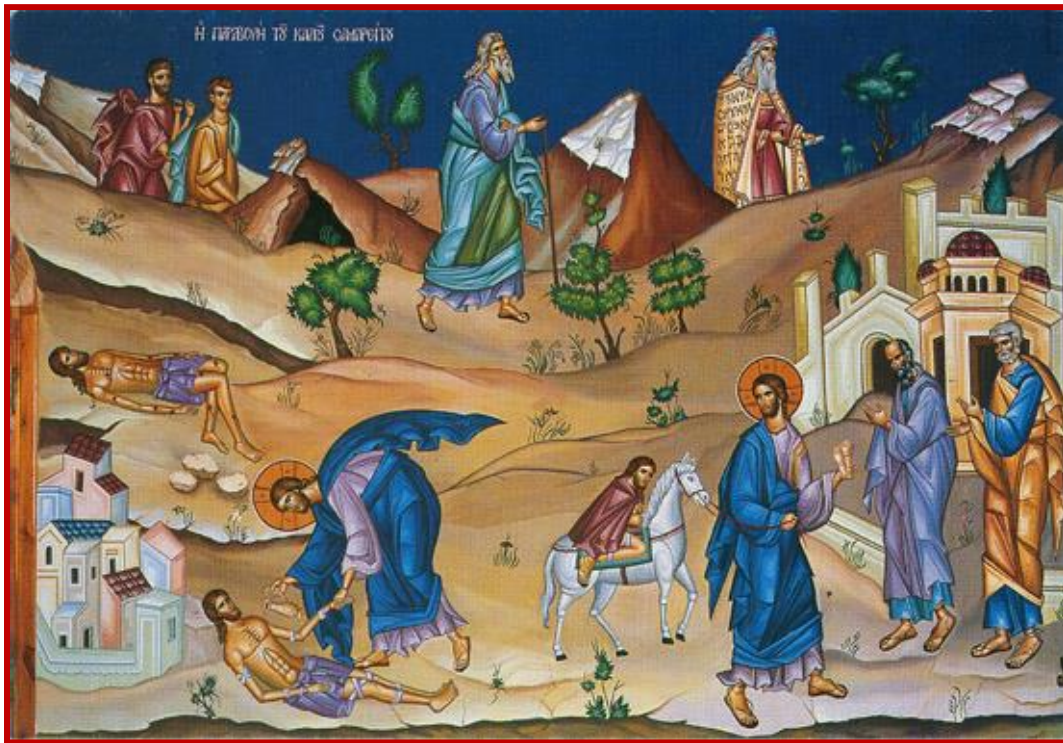
Glory Forever!
Слава на вѣки!

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12 NOVEMBER 2023 / 7532 ~ 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Venerable Father John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria. Our Venerable Father Nilus. The Holy Martyr Josaphat, Archbishop of Polotsk



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Nov. 11 17:00 VIGIL: 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Suffrages pro populo; esp. for +Lloyd & Helen Basinger – children: Anna, Michael, and James. PANACHIDA for parish veterans*
- Sun. Nov. 12 10:30 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST *Suffrages for +Patricia Krynicky – Kenneth Kowash. PANACHIDA for parish veterans*
- Sat. Nov. 18 17:00 VIGIL: 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Suffrages pro populo
- Sun. Nov. 19 10:30 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Suffrages for +Patricia Krynicky – The Fullman Family

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11 / 05 / 2023	Adults: \$1406	Candles: \$72	Arch. Charities: \$275		
COLLECTION	Holy Days: \$65	Fuel: \$45	TOTAL: \$1863		



LITURGICAL CHANGES DURING THE NATIVITY FAST. In lieu of the Sunday Resurrection Antiphons, we will sing the Typical Psalms and the Beatitudes.

THE 40 DAY NATIVITY FAST begins this Wednesday, November 15th in preparation for Christmas. This time is also often called the Philip Fast as it begins the day after the feast of the Apostle Philip on November 14th. The Gospel used that day includes Philip's invitation to his friend Nathanael to «Come and see» the One Whom Moses in the Law and the prophets wrote about! During this coming season we prepare for Christ's Incarnation and Manifestation in the flesh. It is a time in which we too are called to «come and see» Jesus more fully so as to arrive at a deeper faith in Him. These 40 days of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving** mirror the Great Fast and provide us with the opportunity to voluntarily use these ascetic disciplines to rekindle the faith we have received in Holy Baptism. The various church services, starting with the **Presentation of the Virgin in the Temple**, already prepare us for the Incarnation. At Matins we sing «*Christ is born – Glorify Him! Christ has descended from heaven – Receive Him! Christ is on earth – Be uplifted!*» On the **Feast of St. Andrew** (Nov. 30): «*Rejoice O Isaiah! Receive the Word of God and prophesy to us of the Virgin Mary...Bethlehem, rise up! Eden, open your gates! Magi, take the road to see your Salvation resting in the manger Who is proclaimed by the star shining in the height of heaven.*» On **St Nicholas Day**, «*Make ready, O Zion! The Lamb is coming bearing the Infant Jesus under her heart. Be glad, O Zion! Rejoice, O Jerusalem! Open your gates to me that I may enter and see the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes...*» Sadly too many Christians are much more aware of the preparations made by stores and shopping malls for Christmas than they are of those made by the Church. Let us make every effort to start our spiritual preparations 40 days prior to that great and holy day – the Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ!

How to begin the Nativity Fast! Romans 12:9 – 12 offers excellent counsel: «Your love must be sincere. Detest what is evil, cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of brothers. Anticipate each other in showing respect. Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit; He Whom you serve is the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer.»



~ Announcements ~

- The annual **ARCHDIOCESAN CHARITIES COLLECTION** appeal provides funding for foreign and home missions, the Holy Land, retired religious, and various other worthy causes sponsored by our Archeparchy. Please give as generously as you can! Contributions can still be made throughout the month of November.
- The parishioners of our Archeparchy are invited to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall for the celebration of the **Moleben to Blessed Bishop-Martyr Theodore Romzha** on Sunday, **November 19, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.** Bishop Nil Lushchak, the present Apostolic Administrator of our Mother-Eparchy in Mukachevo, Sub-Carpathia, Ukraine, will be the guest homilist. A reception with light refreshments will follow the prayer service.