Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Исусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic Church 4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

Glory Forever! Слава на вики!

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10 NOVEMBER 2024 / 7533 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Holy Apostles Erastus, Olympas, Rhodion and their Companions.



LITURGY SCHEDUE:

Sat. Nov. 09		17:00 Vigil: 25 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Suffrages for +George Sliz – Fr. Regis Dusecina				
Sun.	Nov. 10	10:30 25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Suffrages pro populo				
Sat.	Sat. Nov. 16 17:00 Vigil: 26 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Suffrages for +Christal Milliron – Marlene Harhai 1 Year Memorial Service for +James Kontir.					
Sun.	Nov. 17	10:30 26 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Suffrages pro populo				
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11 / 03 / 2024 COLLECTION ATTENDANCE:		Adults: \$1607 Arch. Charities: \$290 Sat. 14 + 2	Fuel: \$35 Holy Days: \$80 Sun. 35	Candles: \$93 TOTAL: \$2105		
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LITURGICAL CHANGES DURING THE NATIVITY FAST. In lieu of the Sunday Resurrection Antiphons, we will sing the Typical Psalms (Setting A) and the Beatitudes (see the hymn boards for the page numbers). There are also two special hymns that the cantor will sing during the great incensation before the start of the Divine Liturgy: «Come, O come now, our Redeemer» and «Drop down dew, you heavens». Please feel free to join in.

THE 40 DAY NATIVITY FAST begins this Friday, 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 heigth 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 and e-commerice for Christmas than they are of those made by the Church. Let us make every effort to start our spiritual prepartions 40 days prior to that great and holy day: The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ!



~ Announcements ~

- The annual «ARCHDIOCESAN CHARITIES» Collection 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 may be made throughout the month of November.
- THANK YOU to all who helped to support our Byzantine Catholic Seminary of Saints Cyril and Methodius by purchasing lottery tickets. We sold all of the remaining tickets after last Sunday's liturgy!