

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
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St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
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Glory Forever!  
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## 21 DECEMBER 2025 / 7534 SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS

*The Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

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| Sat.   | Dec. 20 | 17:00 Vigil: <b>SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS</b>   |
| Sun.   | Dec. 21 | 10:30 <b>SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS</b><br><i>Suffrages pro populo, esp. for +Fr. Cyprian Constantine, OSB</i>                           |
| Wed.   | Dec. 24 | <b>DAY OF STRICT FAST</b><br><b>20:00 VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS</b> w/ Mirovanije. Great Vespers w/ Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great. |
| Thurs. | Dec. 25 | 10:30 <b>CHRISTMAS – DAY OF PASCHA – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST</b> w/ Mirovanije.                         |
| Sat.   | Dec. 27 | 17:00 Vigil: <b>SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b><br><i>Suffrages for +John &amp; Susan Dusecina – Rev. Regis Dusecina</i>                   |
| Sun.   | Dec. 28 | 10:30 <b>SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b> <i>Suffrages pro populo</i>   |

**THERE IS NO FASTING**  
**FROM DECEMBER 25 THROUGH JANUARY 4**



**AMBON PRAYER OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS:** O God of the holy and blessed Fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You are the Holy of Holies, the Savior of the Martyrs, the Boast of the righteous, and the Crown of those who have been pleasing to You from the beginning of time. Grant that we may remember all Your saints and take part in their struggles. You allowed Your holy athletes, the martyrs, to fight the good fight, to finish the race of right belief, and to keep the faith they confessed. Grant us a part and an inheritance in imitating them, that we may become worthy to share in the good things You have in store for them. Have mercy on us and be our helper, through the prayers and intercession of the pure and holy Mother of God, of the holy and glorious three children – Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael – of the most blessed prophet Daniel and of all Your saints. After purifying us, make us worthy, by the working of Your life-creating Spirit, to venerate the feast of the birth of Christ our God. For to You is due all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

**O Cave**, prepare yourself to receive the Mother who bears Christ within her womb. **O Manger**, receive 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** ~

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- **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 parish, 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.
- **2025 CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir invites all to join them this Sunday, December 21, as they present "Joyfully We Sing!" a choral program of beloved music of the Nativity season, at 2:00 pm at St Elias Byzantine Catholic Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road in Munhall. Immediately following the program, the Choir welcomes all to gather in the parish social hall for some holiday goodies and refreshments. **Can't come in person? Watch and listen online at:**  
[www.steliasmunhallpa.weebly.com](http://www.steliasmunhallpa.weebly.com)