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An Abbreviated Bulletin

Please view last week's bulletin (found online or in the vestibule) for more information & articles.

Sunday, December 29, 2019 Volume V

28th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, the Patriarchs
Prophet Haggai (*Aggaeus*) (500 B.C.)

9:20 - Nativity Canon & Carols; 9:30 - Liturgy

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11;

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

Additional Collection for our Community

Outreach / Church School

Thursday, January 2

9:30 Prefestive Moleben of the Nativity

Saturday, January 4

11a-1p Mystery of Holy Confession offered

Sunday, January 5

29th Sunday after Pentecost

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

Sunday of the Holy Fathers

St. Theoctistus of Novgorod (1310)

9:20 - Nativity Canon & Carols; 9:30 - Liturgy

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 32-40

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

Tone 4; Liturgical Color: **Purple**

Church School

Monday, January 6 - A Day of Strict Fasting

9:30 Royal Hours of the Nativity

Tuesday, January 7

9:30 Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity

"If a man resolves to treat and heal his soul, he must first apply himself to a careful examination of his whole being. He must learn to distinguish good from evil, the things of God from those of the devil, for 'discernment is the greatest of the virtues.'" +St. Justin of Serbia

A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

Glory Be To Jesus Christ!

(responded with: *Glory Be Forever!*)

Slava Isusu Christu! (Slava Na Viki!)

We are happy that you have joined us today!

Please join us downstairs for coffee and a

bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our

presence this morning and we wish God's

Blessings to all who visit with us today and

hope you stop again soon! **If you have any**

questions in regards to our worship or

Orthodoxy, please see Fr. Dave.

Bulletin Board Announcements

(Please have submissions for this section to
Father Dave by Wednesday.)

Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials were offered last week by Tim Martin; Viola Peifer; Shuster Family; Kathy Schrmack; Linda Gavulich; Eleanor Sanger; Donald Gavulich; Mary Jane Hudak; Kirish Family; Mirilovich Family; Joanne Nelson; Theresa Sharpless; Cindy Pavilonis.

**"I am the light of the world; he who follows
Me will not walk in darkness, but will have
the light of life."** - John 8:12

The Eternal Lamp was offered last week by Don Gavulich, In Memory of Aunt, Millie Gavulich. May Her Memory Be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamjat!

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We are now in the midst of the Nativity Fast (a.k.a. Advent or Phillip's Fast / Filipovka). As in Great Lent, you should establish for yourself a rule of fasting and stick to it. We can enjoy the season with our extended family & friends and still keep the spirit of the Fast, increasing our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. If you have questions, please talk with Father Dave. **Prepare the Manger of your Soul for the coming of the new born Messiah!**

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Nativity Fast Prayer Challenge - Please continue the evening prayer challenge from our Metro. Gregory! (Please see last week's bulletin)

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Confessions will be heard after ALL services, from 11a-1p on Saturday January 4, and by appointment. All faithful are encouraged to come to this Mystery each of the four fasting periods of the Church to help maintain spiritual health. *Prepare the Manger of your Soul for the coming of the new borne Messiah!*

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Changes to our Parish Directory - Has any of your information changed since our 2018 Parish Directory was published? Please contact Father Dave ASAP. Thank you!

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2020 Envelopes and Calendars have arrived and are at the Church to be picked up.

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Ice Skating - Our Jr. ACRY's 1st social event will be ice skating at the PPG rink downtown on **Sunday, January 5th** following our coffee social. **ALL** are encouraged to come! One of the beauties of this ice rink is that anyone can come and watch (and eat) without paying to skate. I pray that many of you will be able to attend!

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Christmas Raffle - Items are requested and being collected on the bar top in the church hall for our Christmas Raffle. Typically people will bring in a nice bottle of wine, but feel free to be creative!

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Nativity Coffee Social - will be a cover-dish surprise supplied by everyone in the parish. Bring in your favorite dish and let's celebrate the Feast with a feast on **January 7th!**

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Coffee Social Steward Schedule

January 5: **Open / Meat-Free Potluck**

January 12: **Open / Potluck**

January 19: **Open / Potluck**

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Our Stewardship Gifts To God

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| Stewardship: | \$ 805 |
| Candles/Eternal Lamp: | \$ 185 |
| Envelopes/Stewardship: | \$ 1268 |
| Total Collections: | \$ 2258 |
| Fundraising Account (Candy): | \$ 124.50 |
| Relocation Fund: | \$ 100 |

Stewardship is due - The end of the civil calendar year is here. Have you made a financial contribution to your parish yet? Please fulfill your stewardship responsibility of *time, talent, and treasure*.

Prayer Corner

For the Health of... Brian, Daniel, Lexi, Susan, Stelian, John, Alexandra D., Annie, Pañi Marie, Jake, Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Gary, Lino, June, Doug, Joanne ...*through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.*

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Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day): Patrick Wertz - Saint Sturm of Fulda Monastery (12/30); Juliana Anton - Virgin-martyr Juliana of Nicomedia (1/3) (*contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint*)

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Birthday Prayers for... Carol Lorenzi (1/2), Joshua Mainolfi (1/3) ...*May God allow them to grow in peace and love all the days of their lives and may He grant them many and blessed years!*

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For the souls of the newly departed... +Archpriest Stephen Shuga (12/16), +Kelly Leone (11/25), +Francis (Smoley) Zatorsky (11/19) ...*May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May their Memory in God be Eternal*