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ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Бюлетень – Bulletin

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December 27, 2020

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, Brother of the Lord; the Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the “Branded One” (844)

Tone 5

Schedule of Sunday & Weekday Services

12.27.2020 – Неділя після Різдва

Христового

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь

10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

1.1.2021 – Обрізання Господнє та

св. Василя Великого

9:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

1.3.2021 – Неділя святих Богоявлення

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь

10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

12.27.2020 – Sunday after the Nativity

of Christ

9:30 a.m. – Rosary and Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

1.1.2021 – Feast of the Circumcision

and the Feast of St. Basil the Great

9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

1.3.2021 – Sunday before Theophany

9:30 a.m. - Rosary and Reconciliation

10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Sunday Collection for December 13, 2020:

Envelopes: \$355.00 Christmas Flowers: \$45.00 Gift to Church: \$120.00

Candles: \$67.00 Christmas Donations: \$25.00 Church in Ukraine: \$10.00

Loose Cash & Checks: \$198.00 TOTAL: \$820.00

Please mail your donations to: St. Josaphat, 8624 White Oak Ave, Munster IN 46321. THANK YOU!

**Christ
Is Born!
Glorify
Him!**



**Христос
Родився!
Славте
Його!**

Парафіяльні Оголошення

1. У зв'язку зі зростанням захворюваності на COVID-19 просимо одягати маски, мити руки чи використовувати санітайзер та зберігати дистанцію
2. Група волонтерів та парафіян, які варять вареники, зустрічаються після 14-15 січня.
3. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні, а також щоб США зібралися разом і намагалися зрозуміти один одного.

Parish Announcements

1. Due to the increase in Covid 19 cases, please remember to wear a mask, wash hands or use sanitizer and keep social distance from those not in your family.
2. Pyrohy ministry will be on vacation until after the New Year January 14-15.
3. We call upon all our parishioners to pray for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war & peace in Ukraine, & that people of the USA come together & try to understand each other.

Prayer list of the sick or aged parishioners & friends of the parish

Finbarr Jones, Olga Wasylofsky, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Natalie Shuya, Charlotte Scheuer, Irene Karpinec, Nadia Kusznir, Oksana Nosyk, Rose Adamko, John Lackhouse, Richard Case and young Samuel Rocha.

Remember also all those who have suffered due to Covid 19 – the ill, the deceased, the healthcare workers and those lost jobs because of the virus.

If you know of someone who should be on this list, please let me know the name of the individual.

Our intercessory prayer for the sick and aged is truly helpful and comforting.

Father Volodymyr would like to visit our sick and elderly parishioners, especially those who cannot be with us for liturgies. Please call him at **773-979-4737** to let him know who would like a visit.

О. Володимир бажає відвідати хворих та старших парафіян, які не можуть приходити до церкви. Просимо повідомити його за номером **773-979-4737**.

Be like Saint Nicholas – Donate to the Needy

Even after Christmas, remember those who have less. Donated food items are given to the local food pantry. Please show your thanks to God for what you have by sharing generously with others



Who is Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen?

Stephen was the eldest of the seven deacons, appointed by the Apostles themselves, and therefore he is called “archdeacon.” He was the first Christian martyr, and he suffered for Christ when he was about thirty. In the words of Asterias, he was “the starting point of the martyrs, the instructor of suffering for Christ, the foundation of righteous confession, since Stephen was the first to shed his blood for the Gospel.” Filled with the Holy Spirit, St. Stephen preached Christianity and defeated Jewish teachers of the Law in debate. The Jews maligned St. Stephen, saying that he had uttered blasphemy against God and against Moses. St. Stephen came before the Sanhedrin and the High Priest to answer these charges. He gave a fiery speech, in which he recounted the history of the Jewish nation, and denounced the Jews for persecuting the prophets, and also for executing the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ (Acts ch. 7). During his speech, St. Stephen suddenly saw the heavens opened and Jesus Christ standing at the right hand of God. The Jews shouted and covered their ears, and rushed at him. They dragged him out of the city and stoned him, but the holy martyr prayed for his murderers. Far off on the heights stood the Mother of God with the holy Apostle John the Theologian, and She prayed fervently for the martyr. Before his death St. Stephen said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. O Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.” Then he joyfully gave up his pure soul to Christ. The body of the holy Stephen, left to be eaten by beasts, was secretly taken up by the Jewish teacher Gamaliel and his son Habib, who buried Stephen on his estate. They both believed in Christ, and later received holy Baptism.

The Flight into Egypt of the Holy Family

Egypt is situated to the southwest of Judea, and is distant from Bethlehem perhaps about 60 miles. It was at this time a Roman province. There were many Jews there, who had a temple and synagogues (see the notes at Isaiah 19:18), and Joseph, therefore, would be among his own countrymen, and yet beyond the reach of Herod.

The jurisdiction of Herod extended only to the River Sihon, or “river of Egypt,” and, of course, beyond that Joseph was safe from his designs. For a description

of Egypt, see the notes at Isaiah 19. It is remarkable that this is the only time in which our Saviour was out of Palestine, and that this was in the land where the children of Israel had suffered so much and so long under the oppression of the Egyptian kings. The very land which was the land of bondage and groaning for the Jews, became now the land of refuge and safety for the new-born King of Judea.

God can overturn nations and kingdoms, so that those whom he loves shall be safe anywhere.

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



Icon of the Flight into Egypt -- Matthew 2:13-23