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ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Бюлетень – Bulletin

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December 15, 2024

**Sunday of the Holy Fore-fathers. Holy Priest-Martyr
Eleutherius. Our Venerable Father Paul of Latra
(956). Our Holy Father Stephen the Confessor,
Archbishop of Surozh (8th century).**

Schedule of Sunday Services

**12.15.2024 – Неділя 30-та по Зісланні Святого
Духа. Свв. Праотців.**

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь
10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа
Пам'яті +Надії Кушнір

**12.22.2024 – Неділя перед Різдвом
Ісуса Христа**

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь
10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

12.24.2024 – Навечір'я Різдва

9:00 p.m. - Служба Божа

12.25.2024 – День Різдва Христового

9:00 a.m. - Велике Повечер'я (З нами Бог)
9:30 a.m. - Служба Божа

**12.29.2024 – Неділя після Різдва
Ісуса Христа**

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь
10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

**12.15.2024 –Sunday of the Holy
Forefathers**

9:30 a.m. – Rosary & confession
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy
Memory of +Nadia Kuzhnir (Kuzhnir Family)

**12.22.2024 – Sunday before the Nativity
of Jesus Christ**

9:30 a.m. – Rosary & confession
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

12.24.2024 – Christmas Eve

9:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy (English)

12.25.2024 – Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. - Christmas Great Compline
9:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

**12.29.2024 – Sunday after the Nativity
of Jesus Christ**

9:30 a.m. – Rosary and Reconciliation
10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Парафіяльні Оголошення

1. Різдвяний Базар в п'ятницю 20-го грудня після обіду.
2. Запрошуємо долучатись усіх бажаючих для приготування вареників. Просимо приходити у четвер вранці для підготовки продуктів і у п'ятницю для ліплення.
3. Ласкаво запрошуємо всіх відвідувачів загостити до нас на каву, канапки і солодке у церковному залі після Святої Літургії.
4. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні.

Parish Announcements

1. Christmas Bake Sale/Bazaar is Friday afternoon, December 20, 2024 during pyrohy pickup 12 pm-4pm.
2. We are in need of additional volunteers for our pyrohy ministry, especially in the food preparation area (Thursday morning) and in the cooking area (Friday).
3. A warm welcome to all our visitors today. We invite you to join us for coffee, sandwiches and sweets following our Liturgy.
4. Please pray to God for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine.

Sunday Collections for Sunday, December 8, 2024:

Envelopes: \$285.00

Loose Cash: \$608.00

Christmas Flowers: \$100.00

Candles: \$108.00

Andrew's Pence: \$5.00

TOTAL: \$1,106.00

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

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



Pat Baker, Donald William Churilla, Olga Wasylyowsky, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Stephanie Babij, Charlotte Scheuer, Georgia Sosnowski, Myroslava Iwachiw, Irene Karpinec, and young Samuel Rocha. Remember those who have suffered or died due to Covid 19. Please pray for those who have been killed, injured or displaced due to war in Ukraine.

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.

DONATE TO SHARE 2024

Просимо вас розглянути можливість підтримки **Share 2024**. Свої внески Ви можете надсилати на адресу Єпархії, кинути їх у кошики для пожертв протягом найближчих тижнів заклику або зробітионлайн пожертву на нашому веб-сайті www.chicagougcc.org (натисніть на банер Share-2024).

Please consider supporting **Share 2024**. You can either mail your contributions to the Eparchy address, place it in the collection basket during the coming weeks of the appeal or make an online donation on the website www.chicagougcc.org (click on “Share-2024” banner).

Who are the Holy Fore-Fathers?

The two last Sundays before the Nativity of Christ are called the Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers. The Holy Forefathers are the Old Testament relatives according to the flesh of our Lord Jesus Christ, beginning with the holy ancestors Adam and Eve, Abel, Seth, Enoch, Noah, and his sons, the holy patriarch Abraham, and so on up to the glorious Nativity of Christ. We honor all the righteous of the Old Testament, including those who became the Savior's ancestors according to the flesh, because these people burned like candles of God in the darkness of paganism, and lived in the hope of the coming of the Messiah and mankind's deliverance from slavery to the devil, sin, and death. They lived by this hope, lead by it as by a certain inner ray of the heart, which cut through the darkness of pagan religion and gave them the anticipation, the prescience of Christ, the joy of communion with God, the Kingdom of Heaven, and the foretaste of paradise, where human feet had not stepped for many thousands of years but where (O, they believed in this!) the gates would unfaillingly open; because into the world would come the One Whom these forefathers and fathers loved above all else, loved more than life itself, and for Whose sake were ready for anything—even death. Into the world would come our Lord Jesus Christ, Who would save them. And he will save all of us!



Be like Saint Nicholas – Donate to the Needy

As the holidays come near, remember those who have less. We will be collecting food items to be given to the local food pantry. Please show your thanks to God for what you have by sharing generously with others.

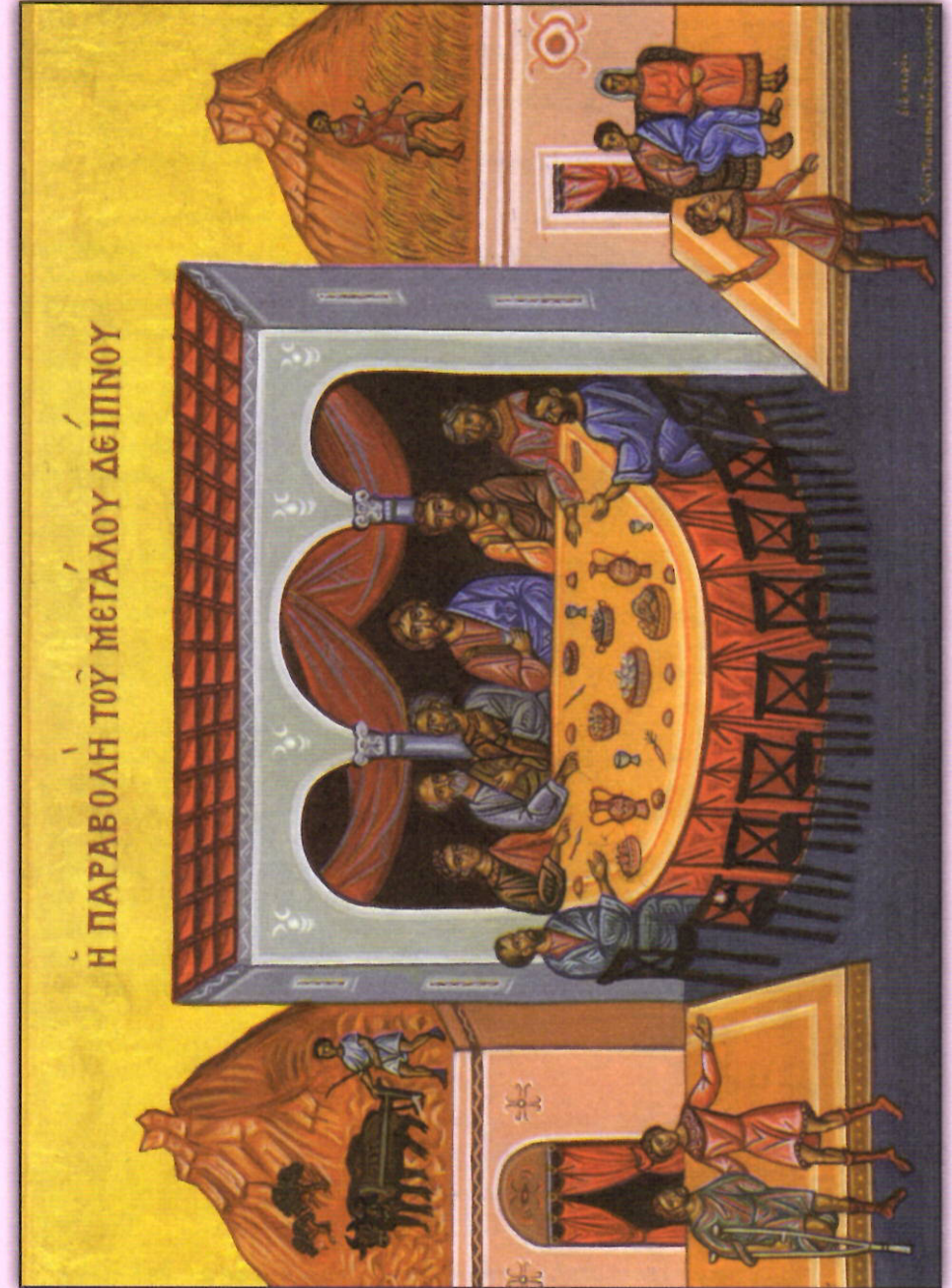
The Great Feast

This familiar parable is read in the Church each year just two Sundays before the feast of our Lord's Nativity. In it we are reminded of the great care with which God prepared the way of His incarnation. All of the Law and the Prophets look forward to this moment, the moment when the God-man Jesus Christ comes into the world. He is, in fact, the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets – the goal towards which they were all aiming. The whole world was prepared by them for this great event. As the parable tells us the King – that is God – has prepared a great feast for us and has invited us to come and enter into the joy that He has prepared for us.

Today we begin in earnest to move toward the

feast of the birth of our Incarnate Savior Jesus Christ. Today we are called to see the great preparation that has gone into this event, to marvel at the great love and care of God for us that He would labor so long and with such great care for us. Today we look back at the whole of the history of the people of God and see that it is the history of God's preparation all leading to the moment when He would take flesh, become incarnate and enter the world as a child. We have been given an invitation to come and join the feast, to abandon the world and enter the Kingdom of God, to leave our own life and receive instead the Life of Christ. We have been invited, chosen by God – will we then accept the invitation and choose Him?

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS



Icon of the Parable of the Great Feast (Luke 14:16-24)