

## Divine Liturgy Intentions December 25 - January 1

<b>Sun. Dec. 25</b>	<b>Nativity of Our Lord</b>	<b>Galatians 4: 4-7 ~ Matthew 2: 1-12</b>
10:00 am	For Our Parishioners	
10:00 am (HFH)	God's Blessings Residents & Staff Holy Family Home	
<b>Mon. Dec. 26</b>	<b>Synaxis of the Mother of God</b>	<b>Hebrews 2: 11-18 ~ Matthew 2: 13-23</b>
8:30 am	For Our Parishioners	
11:00 am (Bethany)	†Stanley & Caroline Krowiak.....Helen Jakimeczko & Family	
7:00 pm	Health Fr. Boris .....Peter & Joan	
<b>Tues. Dec. 27</b>	<b>St. Stephen, First Martyr</b>	<b>Acts 6:8 -7:5; 47-60 ~ Matthew 21: 33-42</b>
8:30 am	†Michael ,Maria, Darlene Pyl.....Family	
11:00 am (Bethany)	God's Blessings Office Staff.....Cynthia	
7:00 pm	For Our Parishioners	
<b>Wed. Dec. 28</b>	<b>Martyrs in Nicomedia</b>	<b>1 Peter 4: 1-11 ~ Mark 12: 28-37</b>
8:00 am	Health & God's Blessings Members UCWLC.....St. Joseph's UCWLC	
10:00 am (HFH)	†Mary Boguski.....Joanne & Henry	
<b>Thurs. Dec. 29</b>	<b>Holy Innocents</b>	<b>1 Peter 4:12 - 5:5 ~ Mark 12: 38-44</b>
8:00 am	†Donna Glowa.....Cynthia	
11:00 am (Bethany)	†Fred Kuzyk.....Marta & Iyvann Michalchyshyn	
<b>Fri. Dec. 30</b>	<b>Martyr Anysia</b>	<b>2 Peter 1: 1-10 ~ Mark 13: 1-8</b>
8:00 am	Thanksgiving Jeanette & Rick Kendall.....Steve & Helen	
11:00 am (Bethany)	†Glenn Smith.....Allan & Joanne Malenko	
<b>Sat. Dec. 31</b>	<b>Saturday after the Nativity</b>	<b>1 Timothy 6: 11-16 ~ Matthew 12: 15-21</b>
8:30 am	†Phyllis Wechnenko(2yrs).....Evelyn Zwarych	
11:00 am (Bethany)	Health Fr. Len.....Peter & Joan	
<b>Sun. Jan. 1</b>	<b>New Year, Circumcision, St. Basil</b>	<b>Colossians 2: 8-12 ~ Luke 2: 20-21;40-52</b>
5:00 pm (Sat)	†Michael Dmytryshyn.....Emily Dmytryshyn	
8:30 am	Thanksgiving Our Church Community.....Hull Family	
10:00 am (HFH)	God's Blessings Sr. Mary Basil Kunanec.....SSMI	
11:00 am	For Our Parishioners	

## ST. JOSEPH'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH SHRINE OF BLESSED VASYL VELYCHKOVSKY, CSSR

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### Sunday Divine Liturgies

5:00 pm Saturday (English)

8:30 am (Ukrainian) 11:00 am (English)

### Daily Divine Liturgies

Please see Liturgical Intentions Schedule

**Holy Days** 8:30 am 7:00 pm

**Vespers** Saturday 4:15 pm

### Blessed Vasyl Devotions

7:00 pm Wednesday

### Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky, CSsR Bishop - Martyr

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## From the Pastor's Desk

**Христос Раждається!**

**Christ is Born!**

Dear Parishioners,

Just about one month ago, the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy concluded. The gift of God's mercy, however, never ceases. Christmas is not only a feast of God's love for us, but also it is a gentle reminder of the great gift of God's mercy. This message can certainly be found within the Icon of the Nativity. God had mercy on humanity by sending the Redeemer, His Son, to save us. The Saviour came as a child, who could not help himself. The child Jesus needed mercy in the forms of love, food, clothes, and shelter. This type of mercy came by way of a community, his earthly parents, Joseph and Mary. Even though he was physically in need of mercy, the magi and the shepherds, representing the rich and the poor, realized that their need for mercy could only be fulfilled through this child.

During this season of giving, the Icon of the Nativity can certainly help all those who prayerfully gaze upon it, to grow in an authentic understanding of giving. Every figure in the icon is offering what they can. This is reflected in the following liturgical hymn from the eve of the Nativity.

*What shall we offer You, O Christ, who for our sake has appeared on the earth as a man? Every creature which You have made offers You thanks. The angels offer You a song. The heavens, their star. The wise men, their gifts. The shepherds, their wonder. The earth, its cave. The wilderness, the manger. And we offer You a Virgin Mother. O Pre-eternal God, have mercy on us!*

The positions of Joseph and Mary in the icon, at first glance may seem unusual, however, they are extremely important in the understanding of "giving". Joseph, who is off to the side, is battling the temptations not to believe. Yet despite his doubts, Joseph gives his trust to God and believes. The central position of Mary certainly catches our attention. It calls us to realize that as Mary gave herself totally to God, in order to bring forth the Saviour, we too are called to give ourselves to God, so his mercy may not only touch us, but also flow through us to the world. As we celebrate this great feast day with family and friends, may we realize in a new way that God is truly with us. This awareness makes it is easier to love and to show mercy.

On behalf of myself and the entire Redemptorist community of St. Joseph's, we thank God for all of you, who are truly "gifts" to us and to our parish community. May God bless all of you in a special way this Christmas and in the upcoming new year of 2017. God is with us!

*Peace & Prayers  
Fr. Dmytro*

## St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church

### Divine Liturgy Schedule

#### Monday December 26, 2016

*Sobor of the Mother of God*

Divine Liturgy 8:30 am  
Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm

*Baptism of Our Lord  
Theophany (Epiphany) Eve, Jordan*

Divine Liturgy (Eng) 7:00 pm  
*Solemn Blessing of Water*

#### Tuesday December 27, 2016

*St Stephen*

Divine Liturgy 8:30 am  
Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm

#### Sunday January 1, 2017

*Sunday before Epiphany  
Circumcision of Our Lord  
St. Basil the Great*

Divine Liturgy (Sat Eve) 5:00 pm  
Divine Liturgy (Ukr) 8:30 am  
Divine Liturgy (Eng) 11:00 am

#### Thursday January 5, 2017



**Friday**

#### January 6, 2017

*Baptism of Our Lord  
Theophany (Epiphany)*  
Divine Liturgy 8:30 am  
*Solemn Blessing of Water*

**Offering Envelopes for 2017 are available in the church hall  
2017 Calendars are available at the entrance of the church**

#### 2016 Tax Receipt Deadline

Please note that all eligible donations for a 2016 tax receipt must be given on or before December 28, 2016. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated on this matter.

**God is with us! Understand this all you nations,  
And be humbled, for God is with us.**

**З нами Бог, розумійте, народи,  
і покоряйтеся, бо з нами Бог.**

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We see it in the actions of our faithful who send help to the families of fallen soldiers in Ukraine and support the chaplains at the front. . We see it in our priests who visit the dying and offer them comfort and hope through the Sacrament of Holy Anointing. We see it in those who pray for peace in the world and those who strive to bring peace, forgiveness and love to others. We see it in priests, nuns and catechists who teach the faithful about God and help them grow in faith. We see it in the humble everyday actions of mothers and fathers who work for a living and care for their children. And we see it in all concrete acts of

love offered by ordinary people who heed the words of Jesus Christ: "When I was hungry, you gave me to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink. When I was naked, you clothed me. When I was sick or in prison, you visited me."

Then let our hearts not be troubled! This Christmas, let us sing out God is with us! more fervently than ever! And then let us continue to make it true by allowing the light of Christ to shine through us, in all our words and deeds, so that the Love and Mercy of God may transform our world and bring forth hope, peace and joy.

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ, please accept our greetings and best wishes on this feast of Nativity of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ! May every day of the coming year be filled with His light and peace. Just as a newborn baby brings much joy and love to a family, may the birth of Emmanuel God-with-us bring joy and love into your family and your lives.

+Lawrence Huculak, OSBM  
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+David Motiuk,  
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+Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM  
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**PASTORAL LETTER FROM  
THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
2016/2017**

To the Reverend Clergy, Monastics,  
Seminarians & Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada:

Christ is born!

Let Us Glorify Him!

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;  
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9:2)*

At the Complines service on the Eve of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we sing out "Z Namy Boh! God is with us!" This beautiful hymn evokes in us faith, hope and joy in the awareness that the eternal God loves us so much that He sent His Only-Begotten Son to be with us. God became man, in the person of Jesus Christ, who, in all his works and actions, showed us the unending LOVE and MERCY of His Father.

When Pope Francis opened the Year of Mercy, he expressed his hope that all faithful of the Church would be able to rediscover and experience in their lives this unending love and mercy of God. Reflecting on this past year, however, we see that much has happened that troubles our hearts. We have seen the photos of wildfires destroying thousands of homes in Fort McMurray. We weep for Ukraine, where fighting continues, with staggering loss of life. We sympathize with the millions of refugees who have fled Syria, fearing for their lives. We shudder to think that our own government has recently legalized medically assisted suicide. Perhaps we have personally experienced some tragedy or sadness in our own lives. We may be tempted to ask ourselves: Is God truly with us? If He is, where is His love and mercy?

When God became man – when Jesus Christ was born– it was in a lowly hidden cave in the dark of the night. The light of God-With-Us illuminated that cold dark cave and gave warmth to all those present – Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, and even the animals. And so it is today in our troubled world with all its challenges. God has not abandoned us! The light of God-With-Us continues to shine forth in humble surprising ways. We see God's mercy in the people who, in many and wonderful ways, gave assistance to the victims of the fires in Fort McMurray and in those who offered refuge or assistance to the refugees from Syria.

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