

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

December 1, 2019

8:40 AM Rosary
9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners**

Monday, December 2nd

9:00 AM **+ Theodore & Kateryna Stecura** – by Steve & Halyna Syvanych

Tuesday, December 3rd

9:00 AM **+ Marianne Evanicki** – by Irene Fenkanyn

Wednesday, December 4th

9:00 AM **+ Katie Kurylak** – by Mr. & Mrs. James Walters
5:00 PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)
6:30 PM BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, December 5th

7:00 PM An Evening of Prayer and fellowship with St. Francis Parishioners

Friday, December 6th **St. Nicholas**

9:00 AM PART 1 - PEELING & PREP OF ONIONS AND POTATOES
6:00 PM PART 2 - ADDITIONAL PREP

Saturday, December 7th

9:00 AM PYROHY PROJECT PART 3 - PINCHING
5:00 PM **+ Andrew & Teresa Misbrener** – by Fr. David Misbrener

Sunday, December 8th **Maternity of the Holy Anna**

8:40 AM Rosary
9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for Holy Ghost Parishioners**
St. Nicholas Brunch

Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Divine Liturgies I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; a;; the priests who I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and eternity. Amen

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Jerry Yaceczko (12/6)** is celebrating his birthday. We wish you a wonderful celebration, and a year of health and blessings flavored with pure joy, and **many blessed years... mnohaya i blahaya lita!**

ARE YOU OVER 70 1/2?

If you are at least age 70 1/2, have an IRA, and plan to donate to charity this year, another consideration may be to take a QCD for your IRA. This action can satisfy charitable goals and allows funds to be withdrawn from an IRA without any tax consequences. A QDC can also be appealing because it can be used to satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) – up to \$100,00 for tax year 2019.

QCDs may be appealing if you have few other deductions or if you are already close to your charitable deduction limitations. Because the tax-free QCD is never reported as a deduction, it is not counted against the charitable limits and does not require itemization to be effective. Alternatively, if you are subject to an RMD and have a desire to contribute to a charity, you could take the RMD proceeds as taxable distribution and use them to make charitable donation. Your IRA distribution would then be reported as income, but the subsequent charitable contribution using the proceeds from the RMD would generally offset the tax consequences – to the extent that the limits allow it.

ST. ANDREW'S PENCE COLLECTION:

Traditionally on or around Feast of St. Andrew, the first called Apostle (November 30) our parishes in the entire Ukrainian Catholic Church have a special collection for needs of pastoral ministry of His Beatitude Sviatoslav. St. Andrew's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity with His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and his works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows His Beatitude Sviatoslav to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters in the world. The purpose of St. Andrew's Pence Collection is to provide Patriarch Sviatoslav with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, and natural disaster, and help our faithful in the Eastern Ukraine, Siberia and Kazakhstan.

ST. NICHOLAS BRUNCH:

St. Nicholas is coming to visit Holy Ghost Parish on Sunday, December 8, 2019! Come to Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM with your children and grandchildren to enjoy his visit and a tasty brunch (consisting of eggs, sausage, ham, French toast, pancakes, hash browns, rolls, and fruit salad) Adults: Please help St. Nicholas make the Children happy. Bring a wrapped, labeled gift for the children and place it in the gift sleigh on the stage in the parish hall. All are welcome!

PLANNING AHEAD:

Dec 8 – St. Nicholas brunch
Christmas Eve Services – 9:00pm
Christmas Day Services – 9:00am

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ST PHILIP'S FAST FOR FAMILIES

St Phillip's Fast: Preparing for the Feast of the Nativity

Becoming a Witness: Living the Church Year in the Domestic Church

Each year it seems preparations for Christmas begin earlier and earlier—even before all the Halloween candy is given out and consumed. For some this time of preparation is joyful, with the anticipation of the joyous celebration of Christ's birth. For others preparing for Christmas means lots of work, increased expenses and family encounters which are stressful and negative. Regardless of your personal experience or familial expectations, you can use this time as an opportunity for you and your family to draw close to Christ and enkindle a deeper awareness of the Incarnation and its importance in our lives. This can lead to deep inner and family peace as we focus, not upon ourselves but on God's love for us and ways in which we can become more loving.

"God is with us!"—proclaimed at Christmas—is central to the good news of our salvation. Our Church takes the time (a full 6 Sunday's of Preparation from November 15-December 25th to allow us sufficient time to reflect and act upon our resolve to love more deeply, despite the "Christmas rush".

Join us for a journey to Bethlehem, this Christmas!

Even a bit of extra prayer and reflection has the potential to be fruitful. If your children are very young you may want to use a story book or children's Bible versions of the scripture readings. You can even use videos. If your children are older, your reading or watching and discussions can be in more depth.

The secular media gets our kids focused on the commercial aspects of Christmas, earlier and earlier every year. The St Phillips fast, is a positive way to countdown the weeks leading up to the Feast of Christmas. You may want to set some time on each week of the fast, depending on your family's schedule, to reflect and pray and even to light a candle in your family's icon corner. In the Latin Church, the tradition of the advent wreath—with 4 candles—plays a major role in the Advent celebration. You can do a modified version of that—just make sure that you have 6 candles for the 6 weeks of preparation. Families may light candles whenever they have family prayer time. It is a tradition that sets a great atmosphere of focus on God, especially when we gather around the icons in our family prayer corner. Happy St. Philip's Fast!

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