



SS. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church

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December 30, 2018

31th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 6

Forefathers, Prophet Daniel, Three Holy Youths: Ananias, Azarias and Misael

Epistle: Col. 3.4-11 ▪ Gospel: Luke 14.16-24

9:15 AM Confessions; 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Memory Eternal – Zeljko "Jay" Husic

THE VIRTUES OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS

On this Sunday, the Holy Church remembers Old Testament righteous men and women. In his writings, Sergei Bulgakov reminds us of their virtues:

“the God-loving *gentleness and meekness* of Abel, the first martyr in the world; Enos’ *holy zeal for the glorification of the name of God*; the *high divine thinking and the fear of God* of Enoch; Noah’s *firmness in faith and piety* amidst the general depravity of his contemporary world; the wonderful faith and obedience of Abraham to the word of God; the *filial obedience* of Isaac up to the moment he was to be offered as a burnt offering according to the command of God.

There is also: Sarah’s *kind domestic bravery*; the penetrating *maternal love*, Rebecca; the *mild humility* of Jacob who earned the rage of Laban and Esau; the *holy chastity* of Joseph who was more than ready to suffer and die, rather than to sin before God; the unhampered *invincible patience in the sufferings and misfortunes* of Job; the *meek, wise leadership* of Moses and Samuel; the *inspiring courage through faith* of Joshua, son of Nun, Barak, and Gideon; Judith and Esther’s *self-sacrificing love for their country and people*; the *plaintive and contrite repentance* of David and Manasseh; the *ascetic and divinely intellectual life* of Elijah and



Elisha; the Holy Prophets *zeal for the glory of God; the unhampered invincible dedication to the Law of God and patriotism* of the three youths in Babylon and the rest of the good deeds of all the other Old Testament men. We celebrate [today those] ‘of whom the world was not worthy’ (Hebrews 11:38).

According to the teaching of Saint Gregory the Theologian, *each of these virtues* stand by themselves "*as a special way to salvation*. . . . let everyone strive forward and follow steadily in the steps of the good leaders, who directly leads a path for him, and makes his way through the narrow gate (Saint Matthew 7:14) to lead to the heights of the blessed heavens.”

Prayer List

Please pray for good health for our following parish family members:

Fr. Gregory Becker, Fr. Andrew Gall, Fr. Paisius McGrath, Fr. John Nakonachny, Pani-matka Mary Ann Nakonachny, James Bobersky, Kay Malys, Marie Pupa, Deborah Harvey, Mary Lapushansky, Stella Woytek, Kathy Duzzny, Mary Ann Owens, Pauline Witkowsky, Dr. Dinah Fedyna, Mary Goncy, Marianne Carmack. Catherine Rogenski, Helen Yurchyk.

THERE’S STILL TIME:

GUIDELINES FOR THE NATIVITY FAST

YOU CAN START TODAY: *OBSERVE* Fasting guidelines for abstaining from meat, dairy and other foods / *PARTICIPATE* in the Sacrament of Holy Confession (The Church encourages confession in each of the four yearly fasts: NATIVITY FAST, Great Lent, Apostles Fast, and the Dormition Fast) / *ATTEND* as many church services as possible and invigorate your prayer life / *VISIT* those who are homebound and/or ill. *RECONCILE* with one another / *CONSULT* your Parish Priest for guidance in how to get the most out of the fast.



Please fill the trees and pews with

Precious Angels

Sponsored by the JR. UOL

Remember or honor your loved one(s). Information and hearts for people to complete are located in the back of the church.



STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES
Don't Just go to Church, Be the Church/Thank you for your Gifts of Love

UPCOMING PARISH AND OTHER EVENTS
Please contact the Church office to schedule Panikhidas, request Bulletin Dedications, or make Prosphora Offerings.

PLEASE NOTE: Adult Religious Education Classes with Fr. Becker will resume on Thursday, January 17, 2019.

TODAY: Sunday, December 30, 2018 – UOL Meeting - Immediately following the Divine Liturgy on the Ground Floor of the Church

Sunday, January 6, 2019—Nativity Eve

- 9:30 AM – DIVINE LITURGY: Sunday before the NATIVITY
- 5:30 PM - SVIATY VECHER/HOLY SUPPER (The Orthodox Center). Please bring your favorite “meatless” and “dairy free” Holy Supper dish. Please note: If you are not able to drive at night, please call Father Becker. He will pick you up and bring you to Holy Supper and take you home.
- 7:30 PM – GRAND COMPLINE: Afterwards Carols and Dessert/Coffee in The Orthodox Center

Monday, January 7, 2019 - The Nativity According to The Flesh Of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ.

- 9:30 AM – Festal Divine Liturgy
- Followed by Refreshments in The Orthodox Center
- (January 7 – 17, 2019 is a Fast-free period)

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 – Church Council Meeting - 7:00 PM – The Ukrainian Orthodox Center

Sunday, January 13, 2019 – 9:30 AM – Festal Divine Liturgy **Sunday after Nativity and Before Theophany**

Sunday, January 13, 2019 – Annual St. Mary’s Sisterhood Christmas Celebration, 12:00 PM. The Manor, 3104 South Canfield-Niles Rd Austintown, OH 44515 330-318-8060. Members of the sisterhood Free/Spouses will pay for their own lunch.

Friday, January 18, 2019 - The Eve of The Theophany - 6:30 PM—Grand Compline and Great Blessing of Water

Saturday, January 19, 2019 -- The Holy Theophany (Baptism) of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ - 9:30 AM Festal Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of Water
Christmas Caroling Visitation to Nursing Home Residents (*Weather and Nursing Home Flu alerts permitting*)

Blessing of Homes – Blessings of houses will begin on January 19, 2019. Please update your phone numbers on the Church list, so that Fr. Ivan can call you before coming to bless your house.

Friday, January 4, 2018 next perogi sale (pickup 9 – noon)

WE NEED YOUR HELP: REALLY! Potato cheese \$7.00/Dozen; Specialty Flavors \$8.00/Dozen (Specialty flavors include: Cherry, Apply, Blueberry, Raspberry, Mushroom, Spinach Garlic Feta, Lekvar, Kraut, Potato Kraut). PLACE YOUR ORDER BY: December 30, 2018. CALL or TEXT (234) 567-5207.

Task	Time	JAN
Potato Prep	9:30 AM	2nd (Wed) *
Pinching	9:30 AM	3rd (Thurs)
Pick-up	9:00-Noon	4th (Fri.)
Potato Prep	9:30 AM	16th (Wed)**
Pinching	9:30 AM	17th (Thurs_
Pick-up	9:00-Noon	18th (Fri)

*Also making Perohi for Svyati Vechir **Also making Perohi for the Malanka

SS. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
 Sunday, January 20, 2018L 1:00 – 11:00 PM
Keynote Speaker: Fr. Paul Abernathy
Director of FOCUS Pittsburgh; Youngstown State Women's Basketball Game, Food, Fun, Fellowship
To register, please contact Crystal Walkowiec

LOCK-IN

Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ



A **forefeast** (also known as *prefeast*) is a period of time before certain major feasts of the Christian year. During this time (which can last from 1 day to 5 days, depending on the feast), the church tells us about the upcoming feast in the services. Thus, announcing and preparing us spiritually to celebrate the approaching festival. Most commemorations that have a forefeast also have an afterfeast and a leavetaking. The forefeast for the Nativity of the of Christ is five (5) days. Check the next Bulletin for information about the Afterfeast and the leavetaking of the Nativity of Christ



The Forefeast of the Nativity of the Lord begins on January 2. From now on, most of the liturgical hymns will be concerned with the birth of the Savior. Many of the Church's hymns of this period are slightly modified versions of the hymns of Holy Week.

From the 2nd to the 6th we sing the Troparion (Tone 4). We also sing the Kontakion (Tone 3): At Vespers on this first day of the prefeast we sing, "Let us celebrate, O people, the prefeast of Christ's Nativity; let us raise our minds on high, in spirit going up to Bethlehem...."

Try setting aside a time each day this coming to week read the Troparion and the Kontakion and the Scripture Readings appointed for each day.

Troparion — Tone 4

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! / Adorn yourself, O Ephratha, for the tree of life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! / Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit: / If we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. / Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning!

Kontakion — Tone 3

Today the Virgin comes to the cave / to give birth to the Eternal Word. / Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe! / Glorify with the angels and the shepherds / the Eternal God, who is willing to appear as a little child!

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Daily Readings

January 2, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Liturgy: James 3:11-4:6; Mark 10:11-16; To Hieromartyr: Hebrews 4:14-5, 6; Mark 9:33-41
January 3, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">James 4:7-5:9 Mark 10:17-27
January 4, 2019 (No Liturgy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Readings for the Hours: 1st Hour - Hebrews 1:1-12. Matthew 1:18-25; 3rd Hour - Galatians. 3:23-29 Luke 2:1-20; 6th Hour - Hebrews 1:10-2:3. Matthew 2:1-12; 9th Hour - Hebrews 2:11-18, Matthew 2:13-23
January 5, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Saturday before the Nativity Saturday before Nativity: Gal. 3:8-12; Luke 13:18-29
January 6, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sunday before the Nativity Liturgy: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40, Matthew 1:1-25 Vespers: Hebrews. 1:1-12; Luke. 2:1-20

Nativity Eve Compline

God is with us!

God is with us understand all Nations,
and submit yourselves for God is with us.

Hear this, to all ends of the earth

Note: This refrain is repeated after each line (verse)

Submit yourselves, you mighty ones

Even if your strength returns, you shall be overthrown once more

Take counsel together, if you wish, but it will come to nothing

Make your plans, if you wish, but they will never stand, even among yourselves

We do not fear your threats, nor are we troubled! *Refrain: For God is with us!*

For the Lord our God is holy, and Him will we fear

If I trust in Him, He will be my sanctification

I will wait for Him; He will save me

Behold, I and the children whom God has given me are signs and portents
in Israel from the Lord of Hosts

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light!

To those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, a Light is risen!

For unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given

And the government shall be upon His shoulder!/
Refrain: For God is with us!

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God is with Us (Continued)

And of His peace there shall be no end
And His Name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel
Wonderful, Counselor

Mighty God, Eternal Ruler, Prince of Peace
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen!

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and submit yourselves for God is with us.



Verses from Grand Compline (Litya)

Tone 1: Make merry, O heaven and earth, as the Prophets foretold! Celebrate in the Spirit, O angels and men! God is born of a woman and appears in the flesh, To those who sit in darkness and shadow. A cave and a manger welcome Him, Shepherds announce the wonder, Wise Men from the East offer gifts in Bethlehem. Let us, from our unworthy lips, offer praise like the angels: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace! The Expectation of the nations has come! He has come and saved us from bondage to the enemy.

Tone 1: Today heaven and earth are united, for Christ is born! Today God has come to earth and man ascends to heaven. Today God, Who by nature cannot be seen, Is seen in the flesh for our sake. Let us glorify Him, crying: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace! Thy coming has brought peace to us. Glory to Thee, O our Savior!

Tone 1: Glory to God in the highest! I hear the angels sing in Bethlehem. Glory to Him Whose good pleasure it was That peace should come on earth! The Virgin is now more spacious than the heavens. Light has shone on those in darkness. It has exalted the lowly who sing like the angels: Glory to God in the highest!

Tone 1: Man was created in God's image and likeness, But when Jesus saw him fallen through transgression, He bowed the heavens and came down, Dwelling in a Virgin's womb Without forsaking His divinity. Adam, once corrupted, was refashioned. He cried out, "Glory to Thine appearing, O my Redeemer and my God!"

Glory to. . . in the Fifth Tone:

Tone 5: The Wise Men, kings from Persia, Perceived without any doubt That Thou wast born on earth, O Heavenly King. Drawn by the light of a star, they hurried to Bethlehem. They offered Thee acceptable gifts: Gold, myrrh, and frankincense. They fell down before Thee and worshipped Thee, Seeing Thee, the Timeless One, Lying in the cave as an Infant!

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“Now and Ever...” in the Sixth Tone

Tone 6 (triumphal): All the angels in heaven make merry and dance today! All creation leaps for joy! The Lord and Savior is born in Bethlehem! Every deception of idols is swept away, And Christ reigns unto all ages!

Verses from Grand Compline (Aposticha)

Tone 2: A great and wondrous mystery unfolds today. A virgin gives birth and remains a virgin! The Word is made flesh without leaving His Father! Angels and shepherds glorify Him! Let us join in their song: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace!”

VERSE: The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.”

Tone 3: Today the Virgin gives birth to the Maker of all! Eden offers a cave. To those in darkness, a star reveals Christ, the Sun! Wise Men are enlightened by faith and worship with gifts. Shepherds behold the wonder, and the angels sing: “Glory to God in the highest!”

VERSE: Out of the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee.

Tone 3: When Jesus the Lord was born in Bethlehem of Judah, Wise Men came from the East to worship God made man. Eagerly opening their treasures, They offered precious gifts to Him. Purest gold, for the King of the ages! Frankincense, for the God of all! Myrrh, for the Immortal One, As though He were dead three days. Come, all you nations, let us worship Him! He is born to save our souls!

VERSE: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Tone 4: Sing, O Jerusalem! Make merry, all who love Zion! Today Adam’s ancient bonds are broken. Paradise is open to us. The serpent is cast down. Long ago our first mother was deceived by him. Now he sees a woman become the Mother of the Creator! O, the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge Through Eve, woman became the tool of sin, Bringing death to all flesh, But though Mary, she becomes the first-fruits of salvation for all the world, For God, the All-perfect, is born of her. By His birth He seals her virginity. He is bound in swaddling clothes to loose the bonds of sin. Through His birth, the pains of Eve are healed. Let all creation sing and dance for joy, For Christ has come to restore it and to save our souls.

VERSE: Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 4: Thou hast dwelt in a cave, O Christ our God; A manger welcomed Thee; Shepherds and Wise Men worshipped Thee! Then were the words of the Prophets fulfilled, And the hosts of the angels marveled and cried: “Glory to Thy condescension, O only Lover of Man!”



You are cordially invited to
**A Ukrainian New Year's
Eve Celebration**

Malanka

*Enjoy a Festive evening of delicious Ukrainian Food,
Door Prizes, Dancing and Entertainment
- Cash Bar -*

Saturday, January 26, 2019

5:30 PM to 7:00 PM – Dinner Buffet

7:00 PM to 11:00 PM – Dancing and Entertainment

The Ukrainian Orthodox Center

1025 N. Belle Vista, Youngstown OHIO 44905

Live music by ZAPP(orozhian) with Freddie Yasnowski

Adults: \$25.00 (\$30.00 at the door);

Children and Students: \$10.00

To register purchase tickets, please call Ben Mischev
at 330-799-7911, or send ticket requests and your check (payable to
SS. Peter & Paul Senior UOL) to: MALANKA, SS. Peter & Paul UOC,
1025 N. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44905

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