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January 12th, 2024 – 29th Sunday after Pentecost
Afterfeast of the Nativity
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*We invite you to a celebration
of the Resurrection of Christ*



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CHRIST IS BORN!
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
Greetings to little Sarah
on her Baptism

the daughter of Jessica & Brian Slagel

**In Memory of
Patricia Huly**

- bull 5

**In Memory of
Alex Dobransky**

- bull 8

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Tropar of the Resurrection – Tone 4

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and with gladness told the Apostles: Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

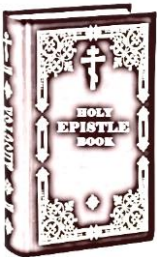
Kondak of the Resurrection – Tone 4

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from bondage. He has shattered the gates of Hades, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Tone 4 Prokeimenon – (Resurrection)

O Lord, save Your people, / and bless Your inheritance!
To You, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me

The Reading is from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians 1:11-19



I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being. I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother.

Alleluia and Verses Tone 1

V. The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

V. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



The reading is from the Gospel according to St. Matthew 2:13-23

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

“A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

The Return to Nazareth

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

(Instead of “It is truly meet...,” we sing:)

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts. I behold a strange, most glorious mystery: heaven—the cave; the cherubic throne—the Virgin; the manger—the place where Christ lay: the uncontainable God, Whom we magnify in song.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



MEMORY ETERNAL

PLEASE PRAY FOR RESTING OF THE SOULS

Jimmy Carter- the 39th president of the United States

Patricia Huly, David Scharba, John Senediak, Ann & George Klein, Sophia Karpa, Iryna Farion, Charles Demetrios, Nun Antonina, Elaine Cartier, Betty Ewanish, William Zemko, Mary Gula, Mykola Prychodzenko, Oleksander Dmytro. Victims of the war in Ukraine.
Victims of the wildfires in California.





IN MEMORY OF

**PATRICIA
HULY**

+ DEC 23, 2024

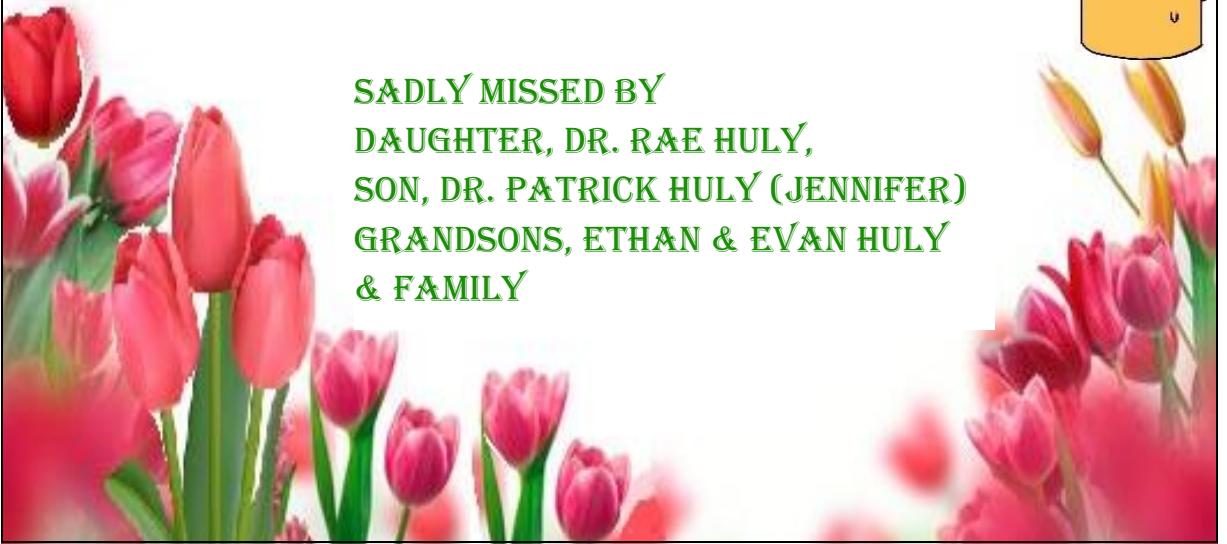
**ON THE 40TH DAY
OF HER PASSING AWAY**



**“HER MEMORY BE FROM
GENERATION TO GENERATION”**



**SADLY MISSED BY
DAUGHTER, DR. RAE HULY,
SON, DR. PATRICK HULY (JENNIFER)
GRANDSONS, ETHAN & EVAN HULY
& FAMILY**





PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING, COMFORT, AND SPIRITUAL PEACE

Metropolitan Anthony,
Archbishop Daniel, Tom

Drabick, Walter Duzzny, Lori, Christine Kline, Arlene Hawryluk, Jerry Zets, Larry, Darlene Moon, Jeff Smith, Soldier Ivan, Bernard Gnat, Dolly Mehalco, Jeff Ulbrich, Richard Scharba, Brittany, Matt, Stephen Shonn, Thelma Zemko, Artur Bohuslav, Bohdan, Lori Hayda, Shirley Duffy, Michele (Senediak) Caulder,

Dobrodiyka Lilya, Sandy, Marilyn O'Leary, Alice Dobransky, Harold Owens, Dave Zylka, Marianne Carmack, Nicholas Yurchyk, Pauline Witkowsky, Eileen Maluk, Peter Anderson, Albert Auden, Michael Gino Maluk, Boris & Kathleen Vuksanovich, Kathy Zebel. People Suffering from any Illnesses. Ukrainian people suffering from war. Residents of California suffering from the wildfires.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Diane Malys
2 Beverly Henry
2 Ruth Grave
4 Brian Slagel
7 JESUS CHRIST
10 Teagan Woloschak
11 Brookly Ava Antonia
Yuschak
11 Tom Drabick
12 Stephen Inchak
17 Olivia Lanise Zets
18 Erika Mark
19 Tod Betts
20 Robert Kline

20 Dobrodiyka Ginny
Yavorskyy
20 Erica Shonn
20 Janna Williams
24 Jeffrey Senediak
25 Greg Pupa
26 Alice Dobransky
26 Adeline Sanetrick
26 Olena Serrano
27 David Anderson
27 Nicholas Anderson
30 Metropolitan Anthony
31 Jackleen Buzzelli

Liturgical Schedule & Feast Days

SERVICE AND FEAST DAY SCHEDULE



* (HEARING CONFESSIONS ON SUNDAYS BEFORE LITURGY 8:30AM - 9:15AM)

- Sunday, January 12, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 29th Sunday. THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.** *Short Board Meeting*
- Saturday, January 18, 5:30AM – **Great Compline before Theophany**
- Sunday, January 19, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, THE HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
Blessing of Water.
- Sunday, January 26, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 31st Sunday.**
- Sunday, February 2, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, 32nd Sunday. Fellowship**
- Sunday, February 9, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, Sunday of Publican & Pharisee**
- Sunday, February 16, 9:30AM – **Divine Liturgy, Sunday of Prodigal Son**

Upcoming dates & events

- Jan 12 – Short Board Meeting after the Liturgy.
- Feb 2 – SR. UOL will organize a fellowship.
- Feb 2 – Sisterhood Meeting.
- Mar 2 – Sisterhood will organize a fellowship.
- July 23-27, 2025 - UOL Convention in Florida – SAVE the DATE – July 23-27, 2025.

Church School Calendar

- **Church School - Jan 12** * **Church School - Jan 19**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• **New Service Books**

Our Parish purchased new Divine Liturgy Service Books. Please follow the Liturgy with the Book. The changeable parts like Troparions, Kondakion, Prokeimenon, Epistle & Gospel Readings are published every Sunday in the Bulletin.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD	On Dec 29	On Jan 6-7
General:	\$ 2605.00	\$ 19740.00
Renovation:	\$ -	\$ 164.00
Online Donations on Tithe.ly	\$ 135.00	\$ 20.00

Bulletin Dedication *(in memory or in honor)*

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Let us pray together:

PREYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES

Lord, protect those in danger,
comfort those who have lost so
much, and strengthen those who are
working tirelessly to bring relief and
safety. Have mercy on your creation,
and grant us peace. Amen.

May God watch over everyone in these trying times.



IN MEMORY OF

**ALEX
DOBRANSKY**

+ JAN 11, 2017

**ON THE 8TH ANNIVERSARY
OF HIM PASSING AWAY**



**“MAY GOD REST HIS SOUL IN HIS
HEAVENLY KINGDOM”**

*A long-standing member of
Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox
Church where he was a member of the
choir and served in various capacities
on the church board.*

**SADLY MISSED BY
BY HIS WIFE ALICE,
& FAMILY**



On the Feast of Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ holds profound theological significance. It is not merely a commemoration of a historical event but a reflection of Christ's humility and His identification with humanity.



Key Themes in the Orthodox Perspective:

1. Christ's Obedience to the Law
 - By undergoing circumcision, Christ fulfills the Mosaic Law, as prescribed in Genesis 17:10-12 and Leviticus 12:3.
 - His obedience reveals His willingness to fully participate in human life, demonstrating that He came "not to abolish the Law but to fulfill it" (Matthew 5:17).
 - This act shows that Christ sanctifies and transcends the Law, preparing the way for the New Covenant.
2. Prefiguring the New Covenant
 - Circumcision was a sign of the Old Covenant between God and Abraham's descendants. With Christ, this ritual is replaced by Holy Baptism, which marks the entrance into the New Covenant (see Colossians 2:11-12).
 - The physical act of circumcision is transformed into the spiritual circumcision of the heart through Baptism and the life of the Church.
3. The Name of Jesus
 - On the eighth day, the Child is named Jesus, meaning "God saves," as announced by the angel Gabriel (Luke 1:31).
 - The Name of Jesus is central to Orthodox worship, often invoked in the Jesus Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."
 - The feast emphasizes the power and sanctity of His Name, which reveals His divine mission to save humanity.
4. Christ's Humility and Incarnation
 - The circumcision highlights Christ's humility in taking on human flesh and submitting to human customs.
 - His willingness to endure even the smallest suffering (circumcision involved pain and shedding of blood) points to His ultimate sacrifice on the Cross.
5. Eighth Day Symbolism
 - The circumcision took place on the eighth day, which holds deep significance in Orthodox theology. The eighth day symbolizes eternity and new creation, as it follows the seven days of the earthly week.
 - This points to the Resurrection of Christ and the eternal life offered in Him.

Through this feast, the Church invites the faithful to contemplate Christ's self-emptying love and to embrace the spiritual renewal offered through Him..

Orthodox Christianity 101

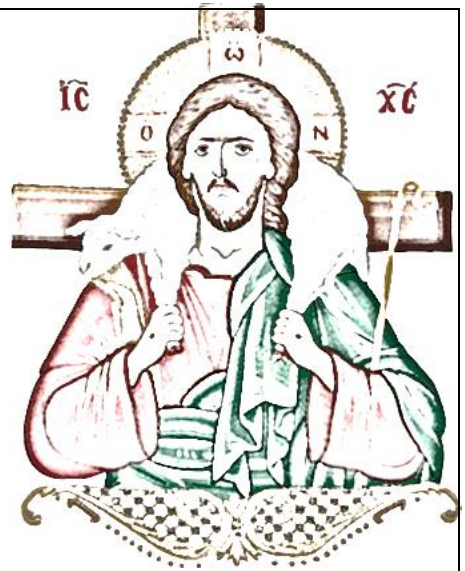
ONE GOD

One God, One Father

First of all, it is the Church's teaching and its deepest experience that there is only one God because there is only one Father.

In the Bible the term "God" with very few exceptions is used primarily as a name for the Father. Thus, the Son is the "Son of God," and the Spirit is the "Spirit of God." The Son is born from the Father, and the Spirit proceeds from the Father-both in the same timeless and eternal action of the Father's own being.

In this view, the Son and the Spirit are both one with God and in no way separated from Him. Thus, the Divine Unity consists of the Father, with His Son and His Spirit distinct from Himself and yet perfectly united together in Him.



One God: One Divine Nature and Being

What the Father is, the Son and the Spirit are also. This is the Church's teaching. The Son, born of the Father, and the Spirit, proceeding from Him, share the divine nature with God, being "of one essence" with Him.

Thus, as the Father is "ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, ever-existing and eternally the same" (Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom), so the Son and the Spirit are exactly the same. Every attribute of divinity which belongs to God the Father-life, love, wisdom, truth, blessedness, holiness, power, purity, joy-belongs equally as well to the Son and the Holy Spirit. The being, nature, essence, existence and life of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are absolutely and identically one and the same.

One God: One Divine Action and Will

Since the being of the Holy Trinity is one, whatever the Father wills, the Son and the Holy Spirit will also. What the Father does, the Son and the Holy Spirit do also. There is no will and no action of God the Father which is not at the same time the will and action of the Son and the Holy Spirit.

In Himself, in eternity, as well as towards the world in creation, revelation, incarnation, redemption, sanctification, and glorification-the will and action of the Trinity are one: from the divine Father, through the divine Son, in the divine Holy Spirit. Every action of God is the action of the Three. No one person of the Trinity acts independently of or in isolation from the others. The action of each is the action of all; the action of all is the action of each. And the divine action is essentially one.

One God: One Divine Knowledge and Love

Since each person of the Trinity is one with the others, each knows the same Truth and exercises the same Love. The knowledge of each is the knowledge of all, and the Love of each is the Love of all.

If taken in distinction, each person of the Trinity knows and loves the others with such absolute perfection, knowledge, and love that there is nothing unknown and nothing unloved of each in the others,

and all in all. Thus, if the creaturely knowledge of men can unite minds in full unanimity, and if the creaturely love of men can bring the divided together into one heart and one soul and even one flesh, how incomparably more perfect and absolutely uniting must be the oneness when the Knowers and Lovers are eternal and divine.

The Three Divine Persons

In Orthodox terminology the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are called three divine persons. Person is defined here simply as the subject of existence and life-hypostasis in the traditional church language.

As the being, essence or nature of a reality answers the question “what?”, the person of a reality answers the question “which one?” or “who?” Thus, when we ask “What is God?” we answer that God is the divine, perfect, eternal, absolute .??. and when we ask “Who is God?” we answer that God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The saints of the Church have explained this tri-unity of God by using such an example from worldly existence. We see three men. “What are they?” we ask. “They are human beings,” we answer. Each is man, possessing the same humanity and the same human nature defined in a certain way: created, temporal, physical, rational, etc. In what they are, the three men are one. But in who they are, they are three, each absolutely unique and distinct from the others. Each man in his own unique way is distinctly a man. One man is not the other, though each man is still human with one and the same human nature and form.

Turning to God, we may ask in the same way: “What is it?” In reply we say that it is God defined as absolute perfection: “ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, ever-existing, and eternally the same.” We then ask, “Who is it?”, and we answer that it is the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In who God is, there are three persons who are each absolutely unique and distinct. Each is not the other, though each is still divine with the same divine nature and form. Therefore, while being one in what they are; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are Three in who they are. And because of what and who they are—namely, uncreated, divine persons—they are undivided and perfectly united in their timeless, spaceless, sizeless, shapeless super-essential existence, as well as in their one divine life, knowledge, love, goodness, power, will, action, etc.

Thus, according to the Orthodox Tradition, it is the mystery of God that there are Three who are divine; Three who live and act by one and the same divine perfection, yet each according to his own personal distinctness and uniqueness. Thus it is said that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are each divine with the same divinity, yet each in his own divine way. And as the uncreated divinity has three divine subjects, so each divine action has three divine actors; there are three divine aspects to every action of God, yet the action remains one and the same.

We discover, therefore, one God the Father Almighty with His one unique Son (Image and Word) and His one Holy Spirit. There is one living God with His one perfect divine Life, who is personally the Son, with His one Spirit of Life. There is one True God with His one divine Truth, who is personally the Son, with His one Spirit of Truth. There is one wise and loving God with His one Wisdom and Love, who is personally the Son, with His one Spirit of Wisdom and Love. The examples could go on indefinitely: the one divine Father personifying every aspect of His divinity in His one divine Son, who is personally activated by His one divine Spirit. We will see the living implications of the Trinity as we survey the activity of God in his actions toward man and the world.



Jimmy Carter's Legacy

Jimmy Carter, the 39th president of the United States, is widely admired for his lifelong commitment to peace, equality, and humanitarian work. After leaving the presidency, Carter dedicated himself to service through initiatives that brought hope and healing to millions worldwide.

The Carter Center, established by Carter and his wife Rosalynn, has worked to eradicate diseases, promote democracy, and support free elections. One of its greatest achievements has been nearly eliminating Guinea worm disease, a painful parasitic illness that once afflicted millions but is now on the verge of eradication.

Carter also made a profound impact through his volunteer work with Habitat for Humanity, helping to build thousands of homes for families in need. Even into his 90s, he could be found working alongside other volunteers, hammer in hand, embodying humility and service. He once said, "This is the best way I know to close that gap between rich people and the people who've never had a decent place to live."

In recognition of his decades of work fostering peace, advancing human rights, and improving the lives of others, Carter received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002. His words continue to inspire: "We will not learn to live together in peace by killing each other's children."

Jimmy Carter's legacy is a testament to a life devoted to faith, service, and love for all humanity.



The parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian
Orthodox Parish pray for the 39th president of the
United States - Jimmy Carter.

May his Memory be Eternal!