

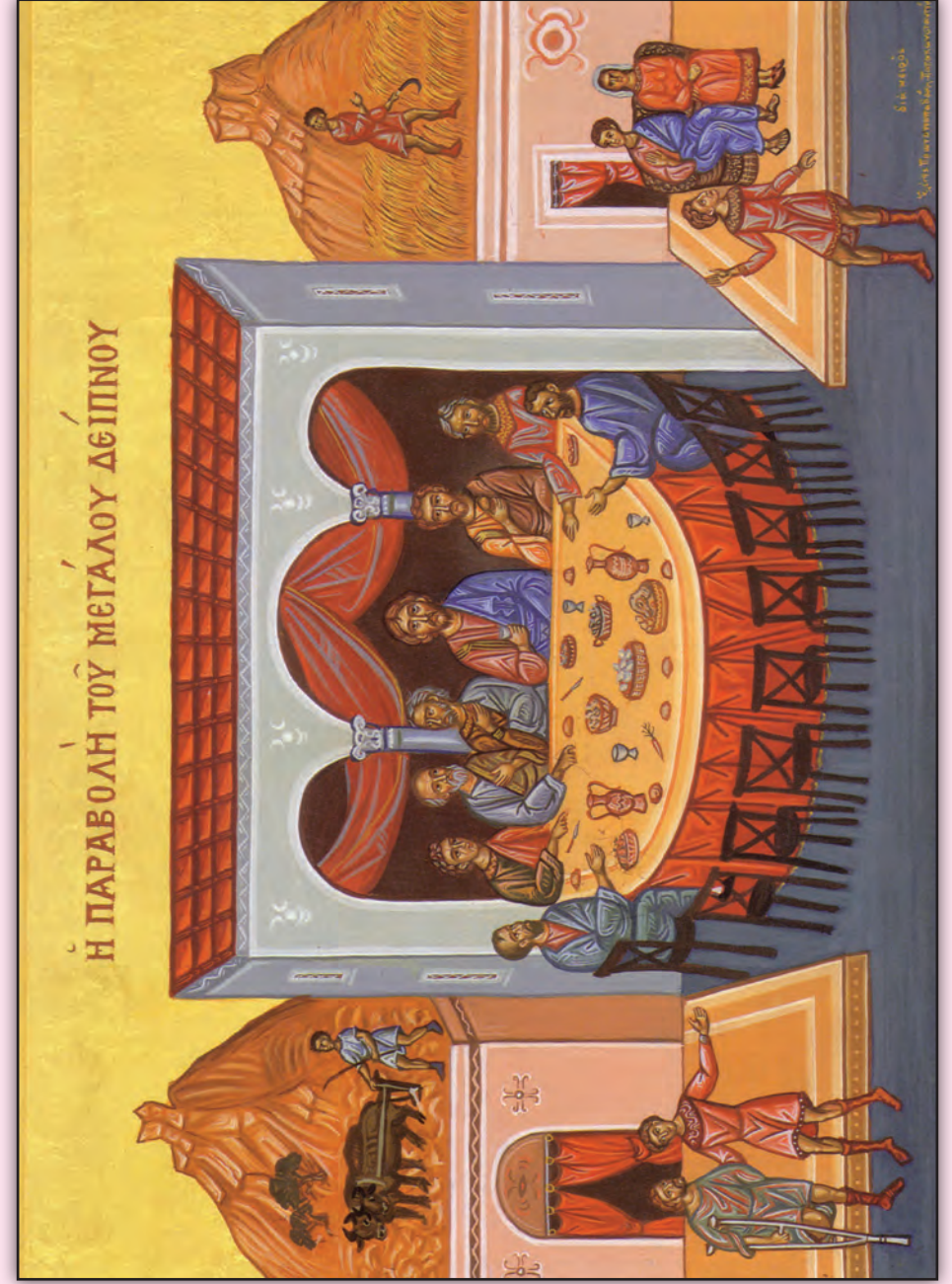
### *The Great Feast*

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)*

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***Pastoral Care entrusted to:***

Father Robert Hitchens

Father Wasyl Kharuk

**Sunday – December 13, 2020**

**Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки    Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever**

The District of Columbia is at Phase 2, and our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. But, some may not feel ready to return, so we will continue to Livestream our 9:00 a.m. English Divine Liturgy and our 11:30 a.m. Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. The dispensation from attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Archeparchy is still in effect until further notice.

**Sunday Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

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**OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES**

<b>Sunday December 13</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday of the Holy Forefathers</b> (+Helen Caldwell from Friend) (For the Parish)
<b>Wednesday December 16</b> <b>9:00 p.m.</b>	(Blessings for the Popadiuk Children from Family)
<b>Thursday December 17</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Sabol Family from Ellen)
<b>Friday December 18</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
<b>Sunday December 20</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday before the Nativity of Christ – Holy Fathers</b> (For the Parish) (+Wasyl Bodnaruk from Lesia)

**ST. PHILIP’S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2020**

Please bring a new unwrapped baby item to donate to the Front Royal Pregnancy Center. We invite everyone to purchase and donate **NEW, UNOPENED BABY ITEMS**. The pregnancy center will accept anything that could be used by babies and mothers, including bottles, clothing, strollers, car seats, “pack and plays,” and knitted hats and jackets. But the following items are especially needed:• Diapers (Sizes: Newborn, 4, and 5)• Baby Formula Similac Sensitive Powder Formula (8 or 12 oz. cans) Similac Pro-Advance Powdered Formula (8 or 12 oz. cans) Maternity Clothes Pants and Skirts (Sizes: L and XL) Dresses (Sizes: S, M, L, and XL) **PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 10, 2021**

**ST. PHILIP’S FAST – PYLYPIVKA 2020 (NOVEMBER 15)**

In preparation for Christmas and the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, our church begins the spiritual journey of the pre-Christmas Fast. Please prepare to worthily celebrate the Birth of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a voluntary fast period. Please observe it as you are able to best prepare yourself for Christmas – Good Deeds, Volunteering, Confession, Fasting.

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Fr. Frank Avant, Susan Avant, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Damian Fedoryka, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, 1LT Catherine Hetmansky Hayes (Active Duty Iraq), Julia Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta Andrew, Gerald Stasko, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Jarrelyn Trusen, Cindy Turcek, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson, Michael Zabych.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

**CONCERNING FUTURE PARISH EVENTS**

**On October 7, the Mayor of the District of Columbia extended the Pandemic State of Emergency to December 31, 2020. As such, we will not be able to have our Annual Parish Christmas Dinner/Prosfora in January. Fellowship with Cake and Coffee after the Sunday Divine Liturgies will also continue to be suspended.**

**2020 Christmas Schedule In Church and Live Streamed**

**Thursday December 24 Christmas Eve \*ONLY\* at Holy Family Washington, DC**

**4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy**

**10:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy**

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**Friday December 25 Christmas Day \*ONLY\* at SS. Joachim and Anna Front Royal, VA**

**11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy**

**1396 Linden Street**

**Front Royal, VA 22630**

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