

The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ

Come, then, let us observe the Feast! Truly wondrous is the whole chronicle of the Nativity. For this day the ancient slavery is ended, the devil confounded, the demons take to flight, the power of death is broken, paradise is unlocked, the curse is taken away, sin is removed from us, error driven out, truth has been brought back, the speech of kindness diffused, and spreads on every side, a heavenly way of life has been implanted on the earth, angels communicate with men without fear, and men now hold speech with angels.

Why is this? Because God is now on earth, and man in heaven; on every side all things commingle. He became Flesh. He did not become God. He was God. Wherefore He became flesh, so that He Whom heaven did

not contain, a manger would this day receive. He was placed in a manger, so that He, by whom all things are nourished, may receive an infant's food from His Virgin Mother. So, the Father of all ages, as an infant at the breast, nestles in the virginal arms, that the Magi may more easily see Him. Since this day the Magi too have come, and made a beginning of withstanding tyranny; and the heavens give glory, as the Lord is revealed by a star.

To Him, then, Who out of confusion has wrought a clear path, to Christ, to the Father, and to the Holy Ghost, we offer all praise, now and forever. Amen.

St. John Chrysostom

SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY, OF THE ANCESTORS



Icon of the Nativity of Our Lord -- December 25th

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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Sunday – December 20, 2020

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

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

Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday December 20 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday before the Nativity of Christ – Holy Fathers (For the Parish) (+Wasyl Bodnaruk from Lesia)
Tuesday December 22 9:00 a.m.	(+David and +Myron Nagurney from Irene)
Wednesday December 23 10:00 a.m.	(Funeral Liturgy +Stephen Fisanich)
Thursday December 24 4:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve - The Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ Christmas Divine Liturgy (Ukr. and Eng.) (For the Parish) Christmas Divine Liturgy (Ukr. and Eng.) (+Bishops, +Priests, +Deacons and +Religious of the Archeparchy)
Friday December 25 ***** FRONT ROYAL ONLY	***ONLY AT SS. JOACHIM AND ANNA*** 1396 Linden St. FRONT ROYAL, VA 22630 11:30 AM – Christmas Divine Liturgy (Eng.)
Sunday December 27 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday after the Nativity of Christ (For the Parish) (+Wasyl Bodnaruk from Lesia)

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER +STEPHEN FISANICH IN YOUR PRAYERS

+Stephen Fisanich, 92, passed away on December 13, 2020. Stephen's funeral liturgy will take place Wednesday DECEMBER 23, at 10:00 a.m. at UCNS Holy Family. Visitation will be for family and friends beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Burial will be in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Vichnaya yomu Pamyat! Masks are required and all other Covid-19 protocols are observed.

CHRISTMAS EVE FAST

We are reminded that we are called to abstain from meat products on Christmas Eve. Dairy products are permitted.

A NOTE ON 2020 CARES ACT TAX DEDUCTIBLE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if a taxpayer itemized their deductions. The Cares Act allows taxpayers who do not itemize deductions to take up to \$300 charitable deductions for contributions made in 2020 to a qualifying organization. Your parish qualifies for this charitable deduction. Please consider making an additional donation to your parish, and don't forget to TAKE the Deduction this Tax Season. Your donation will be deductible up to \$300 even if you do not itemize your deductions for 2020.

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.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>

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

<https://www.facebook.com/ssjoachimandanna/>

I wish all of you a Joyous and Blessed Christmas.

My prayer for all of us is that the Christ Child, born for the salvation of all, instill in our hearts the spirit of faith, hope, and love, now and in the coming New Year of 2021!

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Fr. Robert