

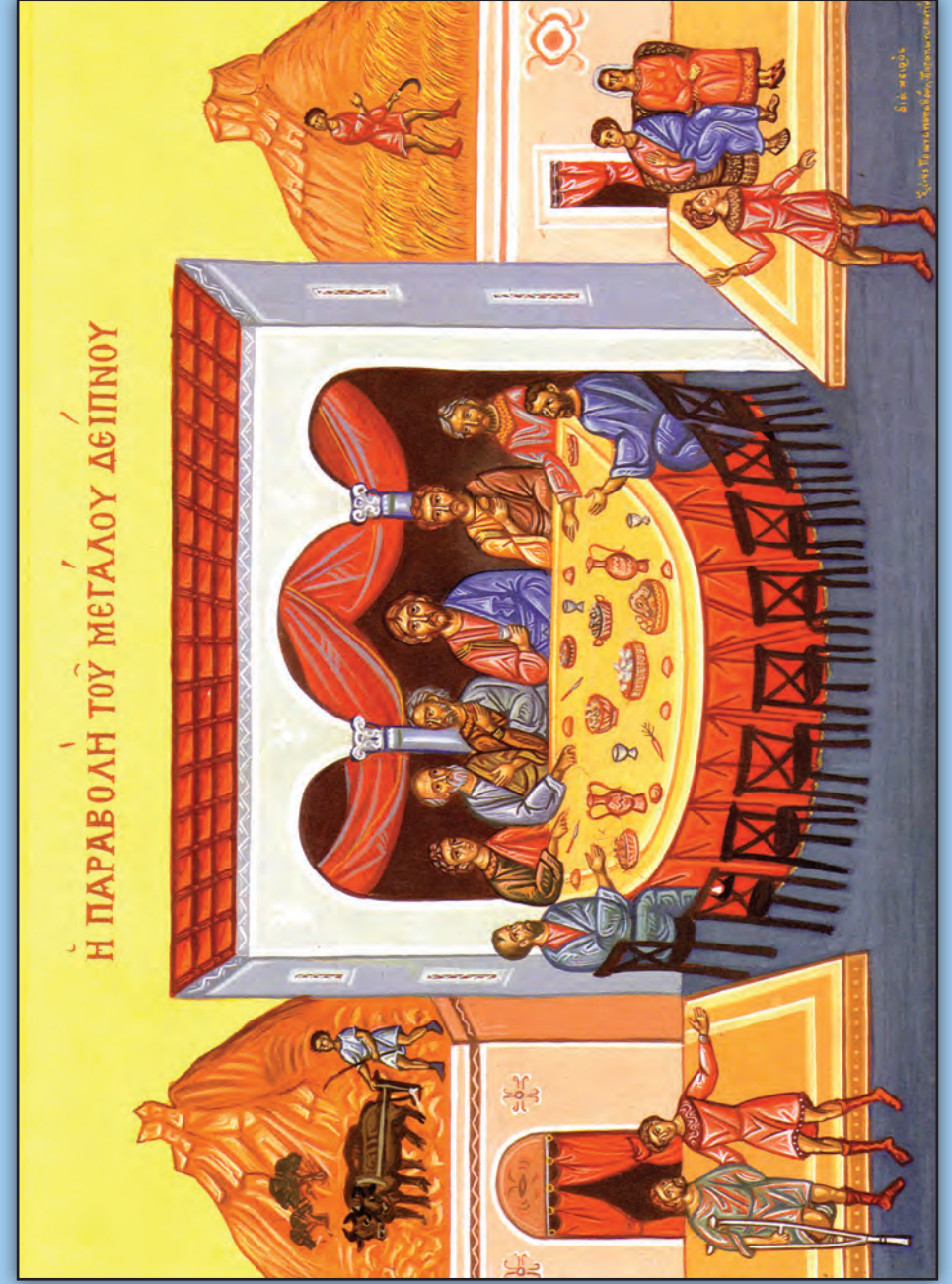
The Great Feast

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

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Sunday – December 12, 2021

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

Our Church is open for Divine Liturgies. 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.

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

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OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR LITURGIES

Sunday December 12 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Forefathers (For the Parish) (+Marion Bartoszyk from Friend)
Thursday December 16 9:00 a.m.	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Friday December 17 9:00 a.m.	(+Dr. George Perfecky from the Bazarko Family)
Sunday December 19 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday Before Christmas (For the Parish) (+Karlycky Family from Olena Chalupa)

ST. PHILIP’S FAST – PYLYPIVKA 2021

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.

CHRISTMAS KOLACH BREAD, KOBASA AND POPPY SEED, WALNUT OR CHEESE STRIP SALE-ORDERS ONLY – LAST CALL

Place your order for kolach breads (challah) at \$12 each, nut or poppy or cheese rolls (pastry strips) at \$15 each and Kobasa. Kobasa is the Schinkowa Ring (known sometimes as "chunky"); each comes vacuum-packed and is between 2 and 3 pounds on average; price is dependent on weight but is approximately \$9 a pound. **On-line orders only must be received by Sunday, December 12 to ucnsholyfamily@gmail.com .** Orders will be available for pickup on Sunday, December 19 between 10 and 11:30 AM.

ST. PHILIP’S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2021

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 9, 2022.**

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Chuck Basile, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Taisia Bullard, Michele Burns, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Jack Davis, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Fr. Mykhailo Kuzma, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Mark Pidlusky, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Jane O’Shea, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, James Salandro, Maria Sawkiw, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Timothy Stock, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Jennifer Wilson.** 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.

2021 Christmas Schedule at Holy Family

Friday December 24 Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Children’s Divine Liturgy - English

10:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian and English

Saturday December 25 Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian

Sunday December 26 Sunday after Christmas

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian and English