

Our Faith and Christ's Action

The liturgical service takes place on earth, but it belongs to the realm of heavenly realities. In fact, it was not instituted by a human being or an angel, but by the Spirit himself, so that those who are still living in the flesh should think of performing the service of angels.

O what mercy, O what love of God for human beings! Christ who is seated with the Father in highest heaven is at that moment grasped by the hands of all and does not hesitate to give Himself to anyone who wants to embrace Him and be bound to Him.

He whom the eyes of faith perceive is possessed by everyone.

You remember how Elijah was surrounded by a great crowd and had in front of him the victim for sacrifice placed on the stone (see 1 Kings 18). Everyone stood stock still. The silence was complete. Only the prophet raised a prayer. Suddenly from heaven came down fire on the victim. It was a marvelous spectacle that filled everyone with amazement.

Here, however, something much more than a marvelous spectacle is unfolded. Something is happening that is greater than any marvel. Here the priest draws down not fire but the Holy Spirit Himself.

St. John Chrysostom

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:12-19)

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Sunday – December 4, 2022

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

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

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Sunday December 4 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Peter Szahaj from Stefania)
Tuesday December 6 **6:00 p.m.**	St. Nicholas (Stephen Rapawy from Stephen Stecura)
Wednesday December 7 9:00 a.m.	(Deceased Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Thursday December 8 **6:00 p.m.**	Vigil Conception of Anna (Immaculate Conception) (Blessings for Joy Tang from Larissa)
Friday December 9 9:00 a.m.	(+Ray Bluey from the Bukowski Family)
Sunday December 11 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Ross Chomiak from Family)

FIRST CONFESSION CLASSES TO BEGIN SUNDAY JANUARY 15

We will soon start our parish catechism classes for those children intending to make First Confession in 2023. Classes will be held on Sunday between the English and Ukrainian liturgies (approx. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM), beginning on January 15. First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (April 1, 2023). Classes will not be held on January 22 and February 19. All children must be attending Divine Liturgy. If you have children of First Confession age in your family, we ask you to please contact Olya Kroytor Mulvey by email at olya.kroytor@gmail.com

ST. PHILIP'S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2022

Please bring new unwrapped baby items 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, Diapers (Sizes: 3, 4, and 5) Baby Formula (8 or 12 oz. cans) Similac Sensitive Powder Formula, Similac Pro-Advance Powdered Formula, Similac Total Comfort Powdered Formula, Enfamil Gentlease Infant Formula Powder, Maternity Clothes, Pants and Skirts (Sizes: L and XL), Dresses (Sizes: S, M, L, and XL), Boy's Clothing (Sizes: 6 months through 3 years) and Boy's Shoes (Sizes: 5 to 11), Winter Jackets (Boys and Girls) (Sizes: Newborn through 3T),

Pacifiers. **PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 8, 2023.**

ST. NICHOLAS VISIT SUNDAY DECEMBER 11 AFTER BOTH DIVINE LITURGIES

Please join us to greet St. Nicholas this Sunday after both Divine Liturgies. We will be bringing back our Donuts, Coffee, and other items as well. We will be in the large hall. We hope to see many of our Children here on Sunday, and everyone who loves St. Nicholas too!

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, 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, Mr. Marko, 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, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Rose Wilson, and 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.

God With Us Catechism

THE CHURCHES OF EAST AND WEST generally commemorate the saints on the day of their death, their "heavenly birthday," as some describe it. In addition the Church remembers three conceptions: those of Christ (the Annunciation, March 25), of His Mother (December 9), and of St John the Forerunner (September 23). The story of Mary's conception is not found in the canonical Scriptures but in the mid-second century Protoevangelion (or Pre-Gospel) of St James. This text tells that, for many years, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless and the couple suffered much reproach as a result. Both spouses gave themselves to fervent prayer, and the Archangel Gabriel announced to each of them separately that they would be the parents of a daughter who would bring blessings to the whole human race. The icon of the feast shows Saints Joachim and Anne embracing after each had run to share the news of their daughter-to-be. The icon also very prominently displays a bed to indicate that this conception took place by the usual physical means, unlike the conception of Christ. In the East this feast has always been called "the Conception (or Maternity) of St. Anna," stressing Anna's conceiving of the Theotokos, just as the conception of Christ is revered as "the Annunciation to the Theotokos." In the West the feast came to be called "the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary" and later "the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary." All the Churches of East and West have always believed that the Virgin Mary was, from her conception, filled with every grace of the Holy Spirit in view of her calling as the Mother of Christ our God. In the womb of Anna, a new heaven is created at the hand of God the Creator. From it will shine forth the Sun which knows no setting, illuminating the whole world with His divine rays in His love for mankind and His abundant mercy.