

Faith, Cleansing and Gratitude

Once, as Jesus was passing through Samaria on His way to Jerusalem, ten lepers met Him. They stood afar off and cried: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" Jesus saw them and said: "Go, show yourselves to the priest." So in this case He did not touch them. Instead, He tested their faith to see whether they would obey and go to the priests to get a certificate of healing even before they had been healed. They obeyed and were healed.

And one of them returned and with a loud voice glorified God and fell at His feet, giving Him thanks. He was a Samaritan. And Jesus said: "Were there not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Were there not any found to give glory to God except this for-

eigner?" And Jesus said to him: "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well." The Samaritans accepted Christ as the Messiah and became Christians, while the Jews rejected Him.

The Fathers of the Church see a lesson in this for us. The ten lepers signify mankind. We are all leprous, but only one in ten give thanks to God for the salvation He has brought to us. In the same way, only some of the seed sown by God (in the Parable of the Sower) brings forth good fruit. We can all be cleansed by Him, but if we do not return to Him in gratitude and to glorify Him, we cannot be saved.

THIRTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST



Icon of the Cure of the Ten Lepers – Luke 17:12-19

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Sunday – December 10, 2023

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

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

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

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Sunday December 10 **10:30 a.m.**	St. Nicholas Visitation (For the Parish)
Wednesday December 13 9:00 a.m.	(Sick of Our Parish from Friend)
Thursday December 14 9:00 a.m.	(Living of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Friday December 15 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Sophia Wolff from Family)
Sunday December 17 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Christmas Confessions/Сповідь (+Frank Fisanich from Ferne and Family) (For the Parish)

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS – NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 17

Confessions will be heard during both Liturgies **next Sunday, DECEMBER 17**. Please avail yourself of the opportunity to prepare for the Birth of Jesus Christ.

SAINT NICHOLAS PARTY ON TODAY DECEMBER 10 WITH ONE DIVINE LITURGY AT 1030 AM

Please join us at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family as we celebrate Saint Nicholas on Sunday December 10 with one Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. Saint Nicholas will visit all of our children after the Liturgy. Refreshments will be available for everyone.

FIRST CONFESSION CLASSES TO BEGIN SUNDAY JANUARY 14

We will soon start our parish catechism classes for those children intending to make First Confession in 2024. Classes will be held on Sunday between the English and Ukrainian liturgies (approx. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM), beginning on January 14. First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (March 23, 2024). No class will be held on February 18. 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

ARCHEPARCHY OF PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-2023

Copies of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia Annual Report are available in the vestibule of the Church for those who did not receive one in the mail.

ST. PHILIP’S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2023

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: Newborn, 3, 4, and 5), Changing Wipes, 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, Baby Shampoo, Boy’s Summer & Winter Clothing (New or Gently Used) (Sizes: Newborn to 3T), Girl’s Summer & Winter Clothing (New or Gently Used) (Sizes: 6 months to 3T), Boy’s Winter Jackets (Sizes: 3 months to 3T), Infant Car Seats, Parenting Books (New or Gently Used) “What to Expect When You’re Expecting” “Mayo Clinic Guide to a Healthy Pregnancy” **PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 7, 2024.**

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, Olena Chalupa, 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 Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Frank Karasinski, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, 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, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** 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

“This expectation of the Messiah and the drawing near to him are fulfilled in the person of the Virgin Mary from Nazareth. Before all ages she was chosen by God. Mary, who in accordance with Tradition was introduced into the temple as a young child, spiritually grew into the ‘handmaid of the Lord.’ God progressively prepared her to become the womb, the ark, the temple, and the dwelling place for the uncontainable God. ‘By the good will of God the Father, the Most Holy Spirit prepared a dwelling-place in her for God the Word.’ Mary became the *tabernacle* in which the Word of God came to dwell in the fullness of time: ‘The Word became flesh and lived among us’ (*Jn* 1:14)... By her purity and her being immaculate the Theotokos surpasses all visible and invisible creation. Nonetheless, at the same time, she belongs to the human race spread forth from Adam and gathered in the Son of God. By conception without seed within the womb of the most holy Mother of God, the Son of God ‘receives into his bosom the old creation’ and ‘manifests a new birth.’ All of this is accomplished by the goodwill of God and the assent of the Virgin Mary.” (*Christ Our Pascha*, 177 & 188).