

*Celebrate and Be Glad*

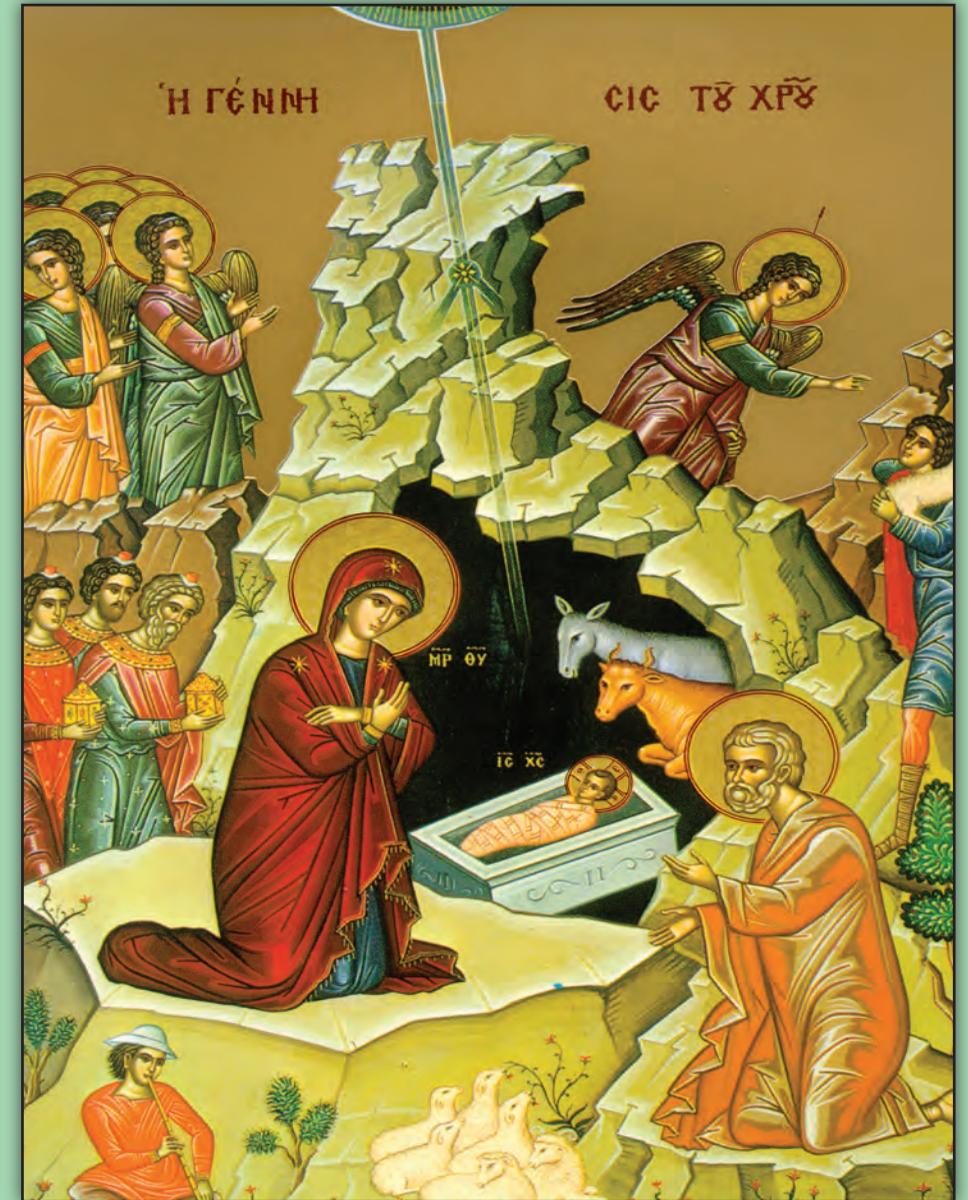
Let us strive to comprehend the mystery. The reason God is in the flesh is to kill the death that lurks there. As diseases are cured by medicines and assimilated by the body, and as darkness in a house is dispelled by the coming of light, so death, which held sway over human nature, is done away with by the coming of God. And as ice formed on water covers its surface as long as night and darkness last but melts under the warmth of the sun, so death reigned until the coming of Christ; but when the grace of God our Savior appeared and the Sun of Justice rose, death was swallowed up in victory, unable to bear the presence of true life. How great is God's goodness, how deep his love for us!

Let us join the shepherds in giving glory to God, let us dance with the angels and sing: Today a Savior has been born to us. He is Christ the Lord. The Lord is God and He has appeared to us, not as God, which would have been terrifying for our weakness, but as a slave so as to free those who live in slavery. Who could be so lacking in sensibility and so ungrateful as not to join all here present in our gladness, exultation, and radiant joy? This feast belongs to the whole of creation. Let everyone join in and be grateful. Let our voices too ring out in songs of jubilation!

*St. Basil the Great*

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SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
SUNDAY OF KING DAVID, JOSEPH AND JAMES



*Icon of the Nativity of Our Lord*

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**Sunday – December 31, 2023**

**Христос Роджається! Славимо Його! \* Christ is born! Glorify Him!**

**Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies**

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

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

<b>Sunday December 31</b> 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	<b>Sunday After Christmas</b> (For the Parish) (+Iryna and +Volodymyr Tetiuk from the Sukhin Family)
<b>Monday January 1</b> **10:30 a.m.**	<b>New Year's Day Circumcision and St. Basil</b> (+Stefania and +Volodymyr Choma from Family)
<b>Wednesday January 3</b> 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Julianna from Ann Marie)
<b>Thursday January 4</b> 9:00 a.m.	(+Gennaro Fato from Ann Marie)
<b>Friday January 5</b> 9:00 a.m.	(+Bill Luksic from Ann Marie)
<b>Saturday January 6</b> **10:30 a.m.**	<b>Theophany of Our Lord (OBLIGATION) – Great Blessing of Water</b> (For the Parish)
<b>Sunday January 7</b> **10:30 a.m.**	<b>Sunday after the Theophany – ONE DIVINE LITURGY</b> (For the Parish)

**Next Sunday January 7**

**Parish Christmas Dinner-Prosfora**

**ONE Divine Liturgy Only at 10:30 a.m.**

**\$15 adults \$5 college students \$0 youth (0-18)**

**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](mailto: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 14, 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 Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, 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.

***Wishing all of you a Joyous and Blessed New Year!***

***Happy 2024!***

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**Fr. Robert and Fr. Andrii**