

The Danger of Riches

One day, an Indian boy found a large pearl. It represented the fulfillment of all his hopes and dreams. His days of hardship and toil would be over. He would never have to work again. But, when he tried to sell the pearl, his real problems began. Buyers tried to trick him, bandits tried to attack him, and even his friends tried to manipulate him. Possessing great wealth was nothing like he expected it would be, so he took the pearl and threw it back into sea.

The boy in this story is quite a contrast to the young man of whom Jesus spoke in the Gospel reading for this Sunday. Jesus spoke of a young man who desired to be justified by God. He had faithfully kept all the commandments, but Jesus told him that there

was one thing he still needed to do: sell all he had and give to the poor. With that, the young man went away saddened because he was not able to easily part with all his possessions. Jesus then spoke one of His most enduring statements, "It will be easier for a camel to pass through the needles eye, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." (Matthew 21:24)

What type of hold do our possessions have on us? Are we willing to share what we have with others, including our time, our talents, as well as our treasure? Everything that we have is a gift from God, which must be freely shared with others as a gift. Our Lord Himself tells us, "The gifts you have freely received, now give as a gift." (Matthew 10:8)



Icon of the Rich Young Ruler and Christ (Luke 18:18-27)

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Sunday – December 1, 2024

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

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

Saturday November 30 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday December 1 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(Blessings for Paul Fedack from Ruth) (For the Parish)
Wednesday December 4 9:00 a.m.	(+Maria and +Vasyl from Stefania Iwaskiw)
Thursday December 5 9:00 a.m.	(+Stephen Rapawy from Stephen Stecura)
Friday December 6 9:00 a.m.	St. Nicholas (Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Saturday December 7 7:00 p.m.	UKRAINIAN BANDURIST CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Tickets Required Buy on Eventbrite
Sunday December 8 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	St. Nicholas Visit (For the Parish) (+Pola Knysh from Family)

GREAT VESPERS ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30 AT 5:30 PM

As we celebrate our 75 Years, we will be celebrating Great Vespers on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. Please consider joining us for evening prayer, which begins the celebration of the Lord's Day.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONER, GABRIEL NICHOLAS KIM

We welcome our newest parishioner, Gabriel Nicholas Kim. Gabriel was baptized, chrismated, and received the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, December 1. May God grant Gabriel, his father, Roy, mother, Bozhena, and sister, Sofia, many happy years – Mnohaya Lita!

ST. PHILIP'S FAST – PYLYPIVKA 2024 (NOV 15 – DEC 24)

In preparation for Christmas and the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, our church observes 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.

CATECHISM CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-5 AND 5-7

Catechism classes will be held from 10:15-11:15 am on Sunday. Please mark these dates for the first semester: Dec 8, Dec 22.

FIRST CONFESSION CLASSES TO BEGIN SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

We will soon start our preparation classes for children intending to make their First Confession in 2025. Classes will be held on Sundays between the English and Ukrainian liturgies (approx. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM), beginning on January 26. First Confessions will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (April 12, 2025). No class will be held on February 16 (President's Day weekend). All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation for the sacrament. If you have children of First Confession age in your family (age 7+), please contact Olya Mulvey by email at olya.kroytor@gmail.com to register or learn more.

UKRAINIAN BANDURIST CHORUS - CHRISTMAS CONCERT SATURDAY DEC 7 AT 7PM IN UCNSHF

Celebrate the season with an enchanting Christmas concert! The Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America, invites you to "Ukrainian Christmas". Tickets available on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ukrainian-bandurist-chorus-presents-a-bandura-christmas-tickets-1048455979057?aff=oddtcreator> Enjoy a 90-minute program filled with traditional Christmas music.

SAINT NICHOLAS VISIT ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 8 AFTER BOTH DIVINE LITURGIES

Please join us at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family as we celebrate Saint Nicholas on Sunday December 8 after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Liturgies. Saint Nicholas will visit all of our children after the Liturgies. Refreshments will be available for everyone.

ST. PHILIP'S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2024

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) & Changing Wipes, Baby Formula (8 or 12 oz. cans), Similac Sensitive Powder Formula, Similac Pro-Advance Powdered Formula, Enfamil Neuropro Gentle Infant Formula Powder, Baby Lotion, Diaper Rash Cream, Play Pens, Strollers, Baby Blankets, Sippy Cups & Baby Bottles (8-9 oz.), 3-in-1 Convertible Car Seats, New Infant Carrier Car Seats (for up to 35 lbs.)

PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 5, 2025.

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, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Ferne Fisanich, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell,, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Fr. George Worschak, and 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.