

*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*

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 29, 2024

Христос Рождається! 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/>

Saturday December 28 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday December 29 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday After Christmas (Special Intention from Larissa Curtis) (For the Parish)
Wednesday January 1 10:30 a.m.	New Year's Day Sunday January 1 Circumcision and St. Basil (Peace in Ukraine)
Thursday January 2 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Eileen Pulverti from Ann Marie)
Friday January 3 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Sara Moran from A. M. Gogniat)
Saturday January 4 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday January 5 **10:30 a.m.**	Eve of the Theophany of Our Lord – Great Blessing of Water Parish Christmas Dinner - Prosfora (For the Parish)

**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.

**Sunday January 5 – Eve of Theophany - Jordan Blessing of Holy Water**

**Parish Christmas Dinner-Prosfora**

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

**Prosfora – Christmas Dinner \$10 adults \$5 college students \$0 youth (0-18)**

**ST. PHILIP'S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2024 – LAST CALL**

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.

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