

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

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Sunday – December 7, 2025

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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Saturday December 6 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	St. Nicholas (Special Intention from a Friend) Great Vespers
Sunday December 7 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(+Irene Petrie from Rodion and Daria Iwanczuk) (For the Parish)
Monday December 8 7:00 p.m.	Vigil of the Conception of Saint Anna (Immaculate Conception) (+Levko Rudnytsky from the Kulchyckyj Family)
Tuesday December 9 9:00 a.m.	Conception of Saint Anna (Immaculate Conception) (+Deacon Theophil Staruch from Family)
Wednesday December 10 9:00 a.m.	(+Maryann Groner from A.M. Gogniat)
Thursday December 11 9:00 a.m.	(+Jane O’Shea from A.M. Gogniat)
Friday December 12 9:00 a.m.	(Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Saturday December 13 5:30 p.m.	Great Vespers
Sunday December 14 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	(For the Parish) (+Bohdan and +Chrystyna from the Kulchyckyj Family)

SAINT NICHOLAS VISIT ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 7 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 7 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.

FIRST CONFESSION 2026 PREPARATION

Preparation for First Confession has begun and will last longer than it has in the past. Classes will still be held on Sundays. As is the tradition in our parish, First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (March 28, 2026). Please contact Olya Mulvey at olya.kroytor@gmail.com to learn more. All children must attend Divine Liturgy with their families on a weekly basis during their preparation. The FALL SEMESTER class schedule is as follows: December 7 and 14.

ST. PHILIP’S FAST – PYLYPIVKA 2025 (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.

ST. PHILIP’S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2025

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, 4, and 5) • Changing Wipes • Baby Formula (8 or 12 oz. cans) Similac Sensitive Powder Formula, Similac Advance Powdered Formula • 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 4, 2026.**

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, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Irene Nagurney, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Chris Saboe, 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, 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.