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Sunday After Christmas
Неділя по Різдві Христовім

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: December 29—January 5

Sunday, December 29—Sunday after Christmas. Memory of the Holy and Jast Joseph husband of Mary; of David, Prophet and King; and of the (use handouts)

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy For Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of St. Irene

Monday, December 30—Post-festive Day of Christmas. The Holy Martyr Anysia

Tuesday, December 31—Leave-taking (Otdanije) of Christmas. Our Holy Mother Melanie the Roman

Wednesday, January 1—The Circumcision of our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ. St Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea ()

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy of Our Holy Father Basil the Great (Moleben for God's blessing of the New Year after Divine Liturgy)

Thursday, January 2—Pre-festive Day of Theophany. St Sylvester, Bishop of Rome

Friday, January 3—Pre-festive Day of Theophany. The Prophet Malachi
9:00 a.m.—Royal Hours

Saturday, January 4—Saturday before Theophany. The Assembly of the Seventy Apostles
7:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Sunday, January 5—Sunday before Theophany. The Hieromartyr Theopemptus and the Holy Martyr Theonas (use handouts)

9:30 a.m.—Third Hour
10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy For Parishioners, Benefactors and Friends of St. Irene

Please re-submit names of people you wish to place on this list for 2020. Please contact Fr. Vasyl.

Please pray for founders, donors, benefactors, and decorators of our holy temple. Please pray also for necessitous, for downtrodden, for oppressed; and for those who are in doubt of faith. Please pray for those who have no one to pray for them, for aborted children, for mothers who have committed abortion. Pray for mothers who are planning to have an abortion, that the Lord will protect them from killing their children. Pray for those who have asked you to pray.

New Year's Resolution

Every New Year's Eve, we make resolutions to better ourselves in the New Year. We resolve to work harder, to shoot for higher goals and standards and the oldie but a goodie, we resolve to lose weight and get into better shape. It's good to set goals for ourselves through resolutions, but we should keep in mind to set 'realistic' ones. Second, we should take little steps as opposed to big ones. If we set our sights for a goal that is too high, chances are we eventually become discouraged and give up all together. There definitely is some truth to the old saying "slow and steady wins the race." As good Christians we need to set practical goals. We need to make resolutions to turn away from the old ways that pull us from or compete with worshipping our God. Like anything else, the old saying of "slow and steady" is applicable here. Permit me to share with you a prayer on how we can all make the New Year better:

"Help me, O Lord, to use this new year wisely;
 To bear with race burdens I must bear;
 To be a little kinder to my neighbor;
 To take time out each day in silent prayer.
 To move a bit more slowly on my journey;
 To look up now and then to see Your sky;
 To share my worldly goods among the needy;
 To do my part for peace - at least try.
 I'll do the best I can, but stay beside me.
 Correct me when I'm wrong; allay my fear.
 I know that if You're there to help and guide me,
 I'm bound to have a "good and happy year."

As we conclude the old year of 2019 and look with hopeful optimism toward 2020, I wish you all a peaceful, healthy and happy New Year and God's blessings in keeping your New Christian resolutions.

2020 ONLINE EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

This lesson will be offered as live webinar (without any charges)
 Please register at EasternCatholic.org/events
 You may want to save this part of the bulletin & paste it into your calendar.
 Baptized into Christ

The Mystery of Initiation & Identity of the People of God
Wednesdays January 8 and 15, & 22 at 5:00-6:00 pm PST

Dear Parishioners of the Parish of St. Great Martyr Irene, on Sunday, January 5, in the Parish Hall at 11:45 a.m. General Parish Meeting will be held. Dear brothers and sisters, please make a note in your calendar and plan your attendance at this meeting. Thank you.

Many thanks to all those who beautifully decorated our church. We are so grateful for your work and time invested for all of us. The result of your work increases the feeling of triumph and joy during these holidays. May God grant you many blessed years!

December 22

Tithes: \$247.00
Attendance: 27

December 25

Tithes: \$129.00
Attendance: 21

Thank you for your generous support and contributions to the Lord's Holy House.

Monday, January 6, Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord, is an Obligation Day.

Vigil of the Theophany, on Sunday, January 5, there is no strict fast, but some typicons prescribe abstinence from meat. There will be Great Blessing of Water on the feast Day after the Divine Liturgies. Please bring a bottle with you so that you can take some of the Theophany water home.

Blessings of Homes 2020:

It is time to sign up for house blessings. If you would like to have your house blessed, please use the signup sheet in the hall to indicate the date and the time for your home blessing.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020!

May the joy and peace of the Lord and God Jesus Christ fill your hearts and your homes during this God-blessed New Year.

This is also a good occasion to thank you for your generous support of our parish throughout 2019. Your efforts are deeply appreciated. May God reward and have mercy on you. Blessed be 2020 for you.