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SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY (SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS)

Schedule of Services

DECEMBER 11— DECEMBER 18, 2022

**Sunday, December 11—Second Sunday before
the Nativity (Sunday of the Forefathers)**

9:25 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*

**Sunday, December 18—Sunday before the
Nativity (Sunday of the Ancestors)**

9:25 a.m. Matins

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*

“What, then, O brethren, is required of us in order that we might avail ourselves of all the grace brought unto us from on high by the coming to earth of the Son of God? What is necessary, first of all, is faith in the Son of God, in the Gospel as the salvation-bestowing heavenly teaching; a true repentance of sins and the correction of life and of heart; communion in prayer and in the mysteries [sacraments]; the knowledge and fulfillment of Christ’s commandments. Also necessary are the virtues: Christian humility, alms-giving, continence, purity and chastity, simplicity and goodness of heart.

Let us, then, O brothers and sisters, bring these virtues as a gift to the One Who was born for the sake of our salvation – let us bring them in place of the gold, frankincense and myrrh which the Magi brought Him, as to One Who is King, God, and Man, come to die for us. This, from us, shall be the most-pleasing form of sacrifice to God and to the Infant Jesus Christ.”

St. John of Kronstadt



WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you’re searching for a new church home or just visiting, we’re glad you’re with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor’s card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know

you! God bless you!

Please remember in your prayers:



For health and salvation: Fr. Christopher Andrews, Fr. Chris Zuger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, , Ed, Dennis, Max, Pani Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko, Faye, Jessica, Sophia, Diane Pierce, Vincent Carich, Tusita Docie & Scott Docie, Sarah Docie, Emily Docie, Mia Docie, Martin, Louis Boudousquie

For the repose of the departed: +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel, +Brenda Washicko, +Frank Sliwinski, Jr., +Lawrence & Lucille Carich, +Ivan & Matilda Carich, +Josip & Amanda Grabovac, +George Pavlakovich, +Carol Pavlakovich, +Bud & Virginia Arnold, +Israel Castillo Lara, +Jesse Gonzalez, +John, +Lucy Ortiz, +Martha Williams, +Martin Brandenfels, +Gail Parker, +Manuel Rodriguez, +Elizabeth Rodriguez, +Diane Walsh, +Fransica Rodriguez, +Nancy Bailey
Please let Father know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.

ANSWERING GOD’S CALL: “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled.” Our gracious Lord seeks to bring all people who are willing to his heavenly banquet. His servants are called to reach out to the ends of the earth so that his house may be filled. While this is the calling of all Christians, those called to the priesthood, diaconate, minor orders, monastic and religious life do so in a special way. If this may be your calling, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

Retirement Fund for Religious: This special collection for retired religious will be taken next Sunday, December 11. Elder sisters, brothers, and religious-order priests dedicated their lives to service and prayer. Many worked for years for small stipends. As a result, their religious communities now lack adequate retirement savings. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

The 2023 Byzantine Liturgical Wall Calendars are now available on the table at the back of the church. Please take only one per family. A big thanks to **Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery and Funeral Home** for sponsoring the calendars for us. May God bless you!



2022-23 Fall / Winter ECF Class

All courses are offered as live webinars, free of charge. Register at <https://godwithusonline.org/events/the-man-god/>
THE MAN-GOD

St. Athanasios’ Theology of Incarnational Divinization
Why does matter matter? And why is the incarnation so important? St. Athanasios tells us that “If the Savior is not God incarnate, there can be no salvation.” In this lecture, the key points of the Church’s understanding of the incarnation will be explained through Athanasios’ important text, *On The Incarnation*.

Instructor: Rev. Nathan Symeon Adams

When: Monday, December 12th @ 8 - 9 PM ET



On-line Giving:
or go to web page
www.mybyzantinechurch.org
click on “DONATE”
Thank you for your donation!
God save you!

Tithes & Attendance:

December 4

Tithes: \$177.00

Gift shop: \$155.00

Attendance: 14

Thank you for your support and love for our Parish.

2022 Christmas schedule

Friday, December 23

7:00 p.m. Royal Hours

Saturday, December 24 (Eve of Nativity)

6:30 p.m. Singing of Christmas

Carols

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers and Divine

Liturgy of Our Holy Father Basil the Great (Mirovanie after Divine Liturgy)

Sunday, December 25: NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

9:30 a.m. Singing of Christmas

Carols

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Our

Holy Father John Chrysostom (Mirovanie after Divine Liturgy)

Monday, December 26: Synaxis of the Theotokos

6:45 p.m. Singing of Christmas

Carols

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, December 27: St. Stephen

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy