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HOLY EUCHARIST

UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Українська Католицька Церква Пресвятої Євхаристії

Sunday, December 25, 2022



The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ *Christmas*

Antiphon 1

I will confess You, Lord, with all my heart,* I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

In the council of the just and the congregation,* great are the works of the Lord, conforming to His will in every way.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

His work is filled with praise and majesty,* and His righteousness endures forever.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...

Antiphon 3

Cantor: The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies the footstool of your feet."

Troparion, Tone 4: Your Nativity, O Christ our God,* made the light of knowledge dawn on the world:* through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star* to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness,* and to know that You, the Dawn from on the high.* Glory to You, O Lord.

Cantor: The Lord will send you a sceptre of power out of Sion; reign in the midst of your enemies.

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Cantor: Yours is the dominion on the day you are given power in the splendour of your holy ones.

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Entrance

Cantor: From the womb before the day-star I begot you. the Lord has sworn an oath and will not go back on His word: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 4: Your Nativity, O Christ our God,* made the light of knowledge dawn on the world:* through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star* to worship You, the Sun

Anointing of the Sick

Please make arrangements with the Pastor

Funerals

Please make arrangements with the Pastor

Divine Liturgy Intentions

Please make arrangements with the Pastor

Catechism

Contact forthcoming

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Cantor Course

Contact Fr. Michael

of Righteousness,* and to know that You, the Dawn from on the high.* Glory to You, O Lord.

Glory... Now...

Kontakion, Tone 3: The Virgin today gives birth to Him who is above all being;* the earth offers the cave to Him whom no one can approach;* Angel with shepherds give Him glory,* while Magi make their way with a star,* for to us is born a little Child – the pre-eternal God.

Instead of Holy God:

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia! (3)

Glory... Now...

You have put on Christ! Alleluia!

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

Prokeimenon, Tone 8

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You; let it sing to Your Name, O Most High.

verse: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise. (Psalm 65:4,2)

Epistle - Galatians 4:4-7

Brothers and Sisters, when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Alleluia, Tone 1

verse: The heavens tell the glory of God, and the firmament declares the work of His hands.

verse: Day announces its message unto day and night proclaims its knowledge unto night. (Psalm 18:2,3)

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

At that time, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled,

and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Hymn to the Mother of God

O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger. *and the Irmos:* A strange and glorious mystery do I behold:* the cave is heaven;* the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim;* the manger, a dwelling place* in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain.* Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

Communion Hymn

The Lord has sent deliverance* to His people.* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Psalm 110:9)

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Instead of "May our mouths..." and "Blessed be the Name..." we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin. (3)

Our parish Christmas pot-luck meal will follow the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

2022 Christmas Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav

*Most Reverend Archbishops and Metropolitans,
God-loving Bishops, Very Reverend Clergy, Venerable
Monastics, Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters,
in Ukraine and throughout the world*

*Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news
of great joy that will be for all the people (Lk 2:10)*

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

Beloved in Christ!

I share a great joy with you, “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord” (Lk 2:11). For us who believe in the Lord Jesus, to celebrate Christmas is to open ourselves to a joy that lasts forever. The Son of God becomes one of us—God is with us!

In life, we often experience joyful or pleasant events: the birth of a child, a wedding, some achievement, dinner with relatives and friends, etc. However, life experience tells us that such moments are very fragile: a brief moment—and what brought us joy and pleasure, irrevocably sinks into nothingness, and we are left alone with pain, sadness and disappointment. There are many reasons for such a sudden change: a second of inattention, an accident, illness, human malice, or war, as we see in the fate of our long-suffering nation.

And yet, today, we announce to each other a joy that no earthly ordeal or misfortune can deprive us of—the invincible joy of Christ’s Nativity. This is not some fleeting experience or form of distraction that allows us to escape for a while from some daily or even cruel reality. The joy of Christmas is an immersion into the reality of God himself. The Son of God enters into human life, human reality, and takes upon himself the fragility and drama of human existence in order to bring a heavenly perspective into human horizons: “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!’” (Lk 2:13-14).

Christmas invites us to an encounter with a God who comes as the Saviour of the world—an encounter that brings heavenly joy. However, in preparing for it, we inevitably become aware of our own weakness and unworthiness, which give rise in us to fear. In itself, this fear is not a bad thing, if it arises from

the humility of a creature before its Creator, a disciple before his Master, a servant before his Lord. At the Divine Liturgy, the celebrant invites the faithful to Holy Communion with the words: “Approach with the fear of God and faith.” Awareness of our sins and weaknesses should not lead to paralysis, but to repentance and action. That is why the angel says to the shepherds, frightened by the bright vision of divine glory: “Do not be afraid!” The Lord overcomes our sinfulness and weakness. And so, a person *should not be afraid* of heavenly joy. We are called to joy—one that is authentic, sincere, profound, eternal. It is given to us as a generous gift from God. This is the profound meaning of the incarnation of the Son of God—He becomes one of us to pave for us the way to the joy of his Father and ours.

Therefore, despite all our limitations, anxieties and fears, as human beings we are called to *accept this joy*, to open our hearts to it. The angel explains how to recognize it: “And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger” (Lk 2:12). The Almighty God makes himself known “not in a royal palace, but among cattle, in the desert, in a cave...,” as we sing in the carol. The Apostle of the Nations writes about this when he paints a contrast between divine and human wisdom: “For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men” (1 Cor 1:25). The divine path to true joy passes through weakness and patience, as once again notes St. Paul: “Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me” (2 Cor 12:9).

Finally, a person is called to *share the joy of Christmas*: “The shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.’ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them” (Lk 2:15-18). Dear brothers and sisters, no matter where we are, let us sincerely share the joy of the Birth of our Saviour, so that it truly becomes “a joy for all the people.”

Celebrating Christmas from year to year, we enter ever more profoundly into the mystery of the incarnation of the Son of God in human history, which became an integral part of the history of our people with the Baptism of Rus-Ukraine. This year, when in the

Ukrainian sky the enemy is trying to cancel out the radiance of the Christmas star with its missiles and bombs, we should pay attention not to the calendar, not to astronomical phenomena, but to the fact that Christ came today to be born in the body of a tortured, crucified, and wounded Ukraine. Perhaps it sounds paradoxical, but our victory in this war will come not by the power of the mighty of this world, but by the newborn Divine Child, of whom Isaiah prophesied: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Is 9:6).

To celebrate Christmas means not to be afraid of heavenly joy while engulfed in a sea of tears and blood. Allowing the joy of Christmas to enter our hearts guarantees our perseverance and indomitability, our ability to overcome all life’s challenges, as St. Paul explains: “I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me” (Phil 4:12-13).

Now, in this time of war, we should celebrate Christmas more than ever—solemnly and openly, caroling with joy—both at home and in parish churches, and on the streets of our towns and villages:

Blahoslovy nas, Dytyatko Bozhe
(Bless us, Divine Child),
Dary nas nyni lyuboviu
(Grant us love today)
Naj tsila syla pekla ne zmozhe
(May all forces of hell fail)
Nas rozdilyty z Toboju.
(To separate us from You.)
Blahoslovy nas, my Tvoyi dity
(Bless us, for we are Your children,)
Khrystos rodyvsia! Slavite!
(Christ is born! Glorify!)
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Having received the power of the newborn Son of God, we are called to share it with our brothers and sisters in order to fortify their faith, confirm hope, and strengthen love. Singing carols is not some loud social gathering. To carol is to share the power and joy of Christ’s Nativity, which from the beginning already contains the Lord God’s promise of Paschal triumph. That is why many generations of ancestors drew inspiration and strength from their faith in the incarnate Christ, our crucified and risen Saviour, to fight against enslavers and invaders. Let us remind ourselves how our insurgents in hiding and the pris-

oners of Stalin’s concentration camps were strengthened by our ancestral carol to fight the enemy, how our underground Church carolled, despite the repressions of the communist authorities. In those dark times, the carol became a hymn of victory over the night of atheism and godlessness, a prophecy foretelling the inevitable fall of the prison of nations—the Soviet Union. Today, let the Ukrainian army sing carols at the front. Let those imprisoned, the wounded, and those brothers and sisters who are in the temporarily occupied territories carol. Let the joy of the Christmas carol in their mouths turn into a hymn of victory over the Russian invader. Let our cities and villages, our faithful families in Ukraine and abroad, our volunteers and activists sing carols. Let this carol become a space of solidarity and a sharing of our gifts—spiritual and temporal. Let our Christmas carol donations be a personal contribution—to support the Ukrainian army and provide aid to war victims.

Dear brothers and sisters! I warmly greet you all with the Birth of Christ: from East to West, from North to South—in Ukraine and abroad, on all the continents of the world. In a special way, I unite myself to our soldiers at the front. I embrace you with Christmas joy and thank you for your courage and heroism. I embrace those who were forced by the war to leave their homes or even their native land. I embrace our wounded, both military and civilian. With tears, I embrace those who lost relatives and friends in the past year. I extend my words of love and support to all in captivity or in temporarily occupied territories, who endure torture and abuse by the occupier and are unable to prepare for themselves a festive dinner nor pray in their native church on Christmas Day. I sincerely greet our volunteers and those who serve and work to eliminate the consequences of war and ensure the life of our peaceful cities and villages, especially our doctors, rescuers, and energy-sector workers.

From the bottom of my heart, I wish all of you the authentic joy of the children of God, a tasty kutia, a cheerful celebration of Christ’s Nativity, and a happy, peaceful, and blessed New Year!

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

† SVIATOSLAV

Given in Kyiv
at the Patriarchal Cathedral
of the Resurrection of Christ,
on the day of our father St. Nicholas,
Archbishop of Myra in Lycia, Wonderworker
the 19th (6th) of December
in the 2022nd Year of our Lord

On the Nativity of our Lord

Fr. David Witkowski

...And so they left, and on the way they saw the same star they had seen in the East. When they saw it, so happy they were, what joy was theirs!... They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and presented them to him. (Mt 2:9-11)



So the wise men found their way to Bethlehem. It must have surely been a delightful evening to see the star at the place where Christ the child was born. Nowhere in the New Testament does it say that there were three wise men, but that three were there, no doubt arose from the three-fold gifts which they brought.

Legend also made the three wise men kings, and gave them the names of Melchior, Casper, and Balthasar. Melchior was a gray-haired old man with a long beard. It was he who brought the gift of gold. Casper was young and beardless and ruddy in countenance. It was he who brought the gift of frankincense. Balthasar was a swarthy character also wearing a beard. It was he who brought the gift of myrrh.

It seems as though each of the gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh, were especially matched to fit some characteristic of Jesus and His work. For example: gold is the gift for a king and gold is the king of metals. Jesus was "The Man born to be King." Jesus as king was to reign not by force but by love. He was to rule over men's hearts not from a throne but from a cross.

Frankincense is a gift for a priest. It was at the temple sacrifices that the sweet perfume of frankincense was used. The function of a priest is to open the way to God for men. The word Pontifex or priest means bridge-builder; therefore, the priest is a man who builds a bridge between men and God. That is what Jesus did. He opened the way to God; He made it possible for men to enter into the very presence of God.

Myrrh, is the gift for one who is to die. Jesus came into the world to live for men, and in the end, to die for man. Jesus came to give for men his life and death.

Gold for a king, frankincense for a priest, myrrh for one who is to die!

These are the gifts of the wise men. They foretold that Jesus was to be the true king, the perfect high priest, and in the end, the supreme Saviour of humanity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Envelopes and calendars for 2023 are available in the church auditorium.

There are more people in need at this time of the year than we might realize. While some are in need of basic necessities like a warm place to stay, and a meal, most are in need of **simple human contact**. If you would like to reach out beyond your comfort zone and be an instrument of the Lord's peace and love, please contact Fr. Michael. He will accompany you in visiting those in our parish, and maybe beyond, to offer a hamper if needed, but mostly to share the Good News in your presence.

Our parish **Christmas pot-luck meal** will follow the 10:00 am Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 8, 2023.

An **ecumenical choir** is being formed to lead music at the forthcoming celebration on January 22 during the **annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. No audition is required. Anyone who can carry a tune and wishes to sing in the choir is welcome! Rehearsals will be held at Saint John XXIII Church, 3390 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm on Sunday, January 8, 2023 and on Sunday, January 15, 2023. A short final rehearsal will be held immediately before the Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, January 22, 2023. For further information, you may call Michele Barr at 204-453-5016 or contact her via email: mbarr41@shaw.ca

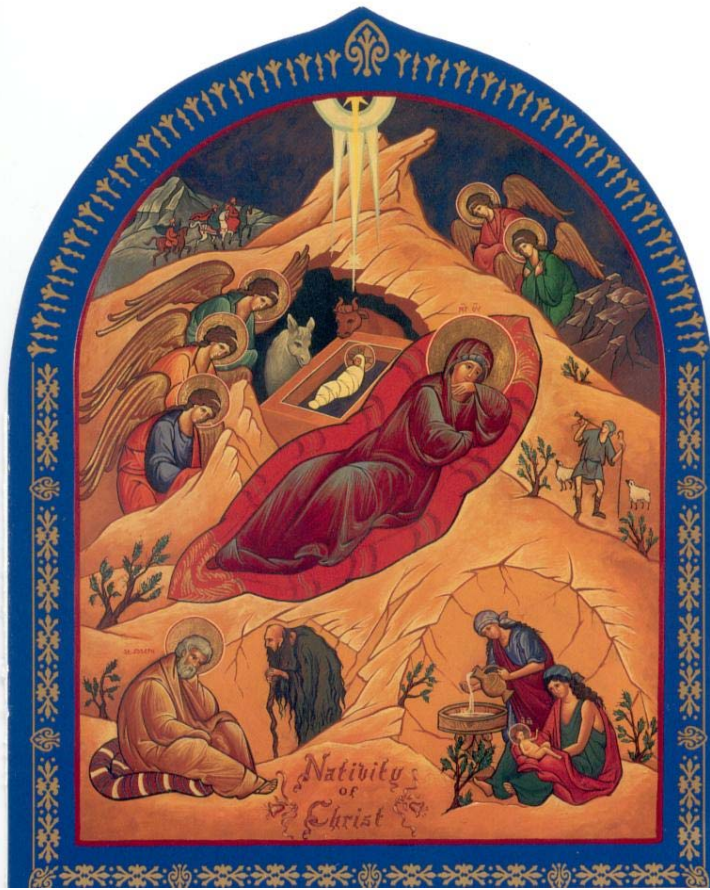
From **January 18-25, 2023** many Christians around the world will celebrate the annual **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. The theme for 2023 is "Do good; seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17). Here in Winnipeg a city-wide Ecumenical Worship Celebration will be held at 7:30 pm on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at Saint John XXIII Roman Catholic Church, 3390 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg. All are cordially invited to this celebration. For further information on this and the ecumenical choir being formed for the occasion, please see the Week of Prayer poster on the church bulletin board.

Please note that Fr. Michael will be on vacation in Manitoba for December 28-31. He will still be available for emergency calls.

If you would like to have your home **blessed on the feast of Theophany**, please contact Fr. Michael, or the office, or check our website.

Our new **Auxiliary Bishop, Andriy Rabyi**, will be serving the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 10:00 pm on December 6 (Christmas Eve, Julian calendar) at the Cathedral. Great Compline will begin at 9:00 pm. All are welcome to participate.

Parish Schedule Dec 25 - Jan 1, 2022



Христос Раждається! Славте Його!
Christ is born! Glory Him!

Our First Bishop, Blessed Nykyta Budka, established the practice of the "Dar Lubovy - Gift of Love" as a way for the Ukrainian Catholic faithful in Canada to express their appreciation to their pastors and bishop during the Christmas and Easter seasons. You will find the traditional "Christmas Gift of Love for Clergy" envelope at the back of the church.

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners!

Lavinia Aftanas, Jane Budzen, Sophie Demjanew, Jennie Huchko, Jack Kisil, Nadia Kowal, Olga (Ollie) Kowalski, Milly Manitowich, Fr. Victor Yakowchuk.

Offerings	Sunday, Dec 11	Sunday, Dec 18
Envelopes	\$ 1340.00	\$ 1070.00
Open collection	\$ 60.00	\$ 40.00
Candles	\$ 20.35	\$ 16.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00
Caroling	\$ 25.00	\$ 130.00
IHMS/HFH	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CCCB	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 1570.35	\$ 1306.00

Sunday, December 25

Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ (Christmas).

09:00 pm (Sat evening) Great Compline

10:00 pm (Sat Evening) Divine Liturgy

08:00 am Festal Matins

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 26

Post-feast of the Nativity; Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God; Holy Priest-Martyr Euthymius.

A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy

Heb 2:11-18; Mt 2:13-23

09:00 am Divine Liturgy (+Tony Skochylas by Eleanore Baranyk and Family)

Tuesday, December 27

Post-feast of the Nativity; Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen; Ven. Father Theodore the Branded One.

A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy.

Acts 6:8-7:5,47-60; Mt 21:33-42

09:00 am Divine Liturgy (Health and Healing for Greg Turchyn by Liz Turchyn and Family)

Wednesday, December 28

Post-feast of the Nativity; 2000 Martyrs Who Were Burned in Nicomedia. Heb 10:1-18; Mk 8:30-34

No Services

Thursday, December 29

Holy Children who were murdered by Herod in Bethlehem. Heb 10:35-11:7; Mk 9:10-16

No Services

Friday, December 30

Post-feast of the Nativity. Holy Martyr Anysia.

Heb 11:8,11-16; Mk 9:33-41

No Services

Saturday, December 31

Saturday after the Nativity; Venerable Mother Melania the Roman. 1 Tim 6:11-16; Mt 12:15-21

No Services

Sunday, January 1

Circumcision of our Lord; Our Father Among the Saints Basil the Great

2 Tim 4:5-8; Col 2:8-12; Mk 1:1-8; Lk 2:20-21, 40-52.

08:00 am Divine Liturgy (Ukr)

10:00 am Divine Liturgy (Eng)

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