



HOLY EUCHARIST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Українська Католицька Церква Пресвятої Євхаристії

Sunday, December 17, 2023

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for inquiries and to make
appointment for viewing

Sunday Services

8:00 am—Ukrainian
10:00 am - English

Confessions

4:00-5:00 pm Saturdays
or by appointment

Great Vespers

5:00 pm Saturdays



Sunday of the Holy Ancestors. Octoechos Tone 4

Holy Prophet Daniel, the Three Holy Youths Ananiah, Azariah, and Mishael

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion, Tone 4: When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel* the glorious news of the resurrection* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,* they proudly told the apostles:* “Death has been plundered! * Christ our God is risen,* granting to the world great mercy.”

Troparion, Tone 2: By faith You justified Your ancestors* and through them in advance You betrothed the Church taken from the nations.* The saints exult in glory;* from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed.* By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Glory... Now...

Kontakion, Tone 6: Armed by the Being that defies description,* you defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth.* In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God:* “In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,”* for You can do whatever You will.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Epistle - Colossians 3:4-11

Brothers and Sisters, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythi-

Marriage

Please make arrangements with the Pastor

Baptism, Chrismation, Eucharist

Please make arrangements with the Pastor

Anointing of the Sick

Please make arrangements with the Pastor

Funerals

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Divine Liturgy Intentions

Please make arrangements with the Pastor

Catechism

Please contact the Pastor

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Bernice Hrehirchuk
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Wednesday, 12:30 pm

Young Adults (18-35)

Please contact the Pastor

Cinema Divina

Monthly (Sep-Jun)
Contact Fr. Michael

Perogy Hotline

204-667-6304

Parish Bookstore

204-334-2081

an, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Alleluia, Tone 4

verse: Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

verse: They called on the Lord and He heard them. (Psalm 98:6)

Gospel - Luke 14:16-24

The Lord told this parable: "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still

another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest (Psalm 148:1).^{*} Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;^{*} praise befits the righteous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee House after the 10:00 am Sunday Divine Liturgy will take place in the church auditorium today. On December 31, we will have a potluck coffee house. All are welcome.

Due to staff illnesses, the **envelopes and calendars for 2024** will be available starting next Sunday, December 24, in the church auditorium. We apologize for this inconvenience.

Cinema Divina. Tonight in the parish centre. Potluck dinner begins at 6:00 pm. Movie starts at 7:00 pm. This month: *A Hidden Life*.

Caroling Together. December 30, 1:30-4:30 pm. St. Nicholas Parish, 737 Bannerman Avenue. Please register at uccmanitoba.ca

Christmas Divine Liturgy to be broadcast in Dauphin. Fr. Bodnarski, pastor of the Holy Resurrection Ukrainian Catholic church in Dauphin, will be celebrating a Christmas Divine Liturgy on December 25, 2023, at 10:30AM, which will be broadcast live on the radio station 730 CKDM AM dial. Please mark your calendars and join everyone in prayer at the Holy Resurrection church praising the newborn King on Christmas morning if you can tune in

and cannot make it to church.

Fr. Michael will be on vacation December 18-21 but will be available for emergency calls.

Our **parish office** will be closed from December 20, 2023 to January 1, 2024. It will re-open on January 2, 2024 at 9:00 am. Please note that our office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The **parish centre** is also closed from December 20, 2023 to January 1, 2024.

Our **Annual Parish Christmas Pot-Luck Meal** will take place on Sunday, January 7. We will have only one Divine Liturgy that day at 10:00 am followed by the Meal. There will be caroling and an opportunity of sharing of gifts & talents All are welcome.

Fr. Michael is looking for some carollers to accompany him on Christmas Day in the afternoon for some home visitations to some of our parishioners. If you are able to assist, please contact him on his cell or through email.

Coming in January... a monthly Q&A session on faith and morals... and a monthly parish reading club.... more in next Sunday's bulletin!

Pastoral Letter of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada

Christmas 2023

Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!” (Luke 2:14)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, we do so with a sense of wonder in our hearts. The story of the birth of Jesus serves as a constant reminder of God’s love for us.

To express God’s boundless love for us, God appears among us in the person of his own son, Jesus Christ. God with us. Emmanuel. And in this we rejoice!

This year, we celebrate Christmas in the midst of much unrest in the world, in Ukraine, the Middle East and the Holy Land – the very birthplace of Our Saviour, Afghanistan, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Libya, Mali, Somalia, South Sudan, Syria, and elsewhere.

Peace. We long for peace.

Jesus, at his birth, comes into the world as the Prince of Peace, in fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah: “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9: 6).

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. He comes into the world as the great peacemaker among humanity. He teaches in the Beatitudes, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5: 9). At his death, he tells his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (John 14: 27).

On that very first Easter, we are told: “When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’” (John 20: 19).

Alongside other powerful names such as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, and Eternal Father, Jesus is given the title Prince of Peace, indicating one of His many roles — the One who is the leader of peace and offers it to others.

As we celebrate Jesus’ birth this Christmas, let us thank God for the gift of peace. And let us honour the Prince of

Peace by continuing to be peacemakers in the world, starting within our own families and among our friends and neighbours.

The story is told about an old rabbi who once asked his students how one could recognize the time when night ends and day begins. One student asked, “Is it when, from a great distance, you can tell a dog from a sheep?” “No,” said the rabbi. Another student asked, “Is it when, from a great distance, you can tell a date palm from a fig tree?” “No,” said the rabbi. “Then,” the students asked, “When is it?” The rabbi answered, “It is when you look into the face of any human creature and see your brother or sister there. Until then, night is still with us.

Ah, to see brother or sister in all! This is the call of all humanity!

Yet, we live in a world that is all too often filled with horrific examples of communities torn apart: hunger and starvation, ethnic cleansing, segregation, genocide, drug wars, tougher immigration, and so on.

Still, there is plenty of food and work for everyone in the world if we but share our common wealth and recognize that we are all brothers and sisters. We are not alone but are related with others all around the world. We belong to the family of God, and it is the love of God that binds us together.

This Christmas, we remember those that fight for peace in the world. We remember the joy that peace brings, and we pray for peace and a for better world, especially in those places where there is conflict today. We pray for a day when we can truly call each other brother and sister.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, may Christ, truly bless you and your family with peace, love and joy, now and in the New Year!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Given on December 6, 2023 on the Feast of St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

- + Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg
- + David Motiuk (author), Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton
- + Bryan Bayda, CSsR, Eparchial Bishop of Toronto
- + Michael Kwiatkowski, Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster
- + Michael Smolinski, CSsR, Bishop-Elect of Saskatoon
- + Andriy Raby, Auxiliary Bishop of Winnipeg
- + Michael Wiwchar, CSsR, Bishop Emeritus of Saskatoon
- + Stephen Chmilar, Bishop Emeritus of Toronto



The Sacrament of Liberation

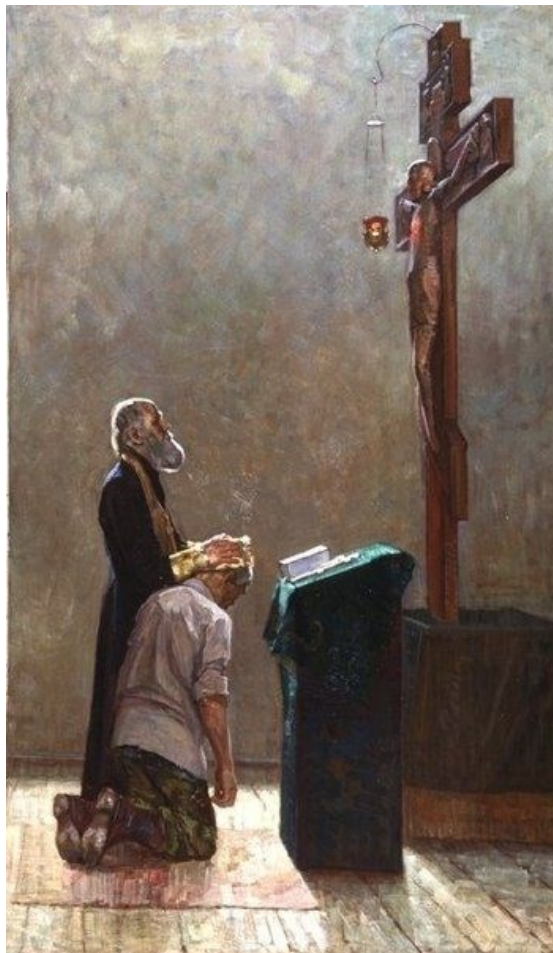
His Beatitude Sviatoslav reminded of the importance of the pre-Christmas Confession.



Where does the Lord God call us during the pre-Christmas fast? When will His hand rest on me, personally, in my particular life situation? During the pre-Christmas fast, the Lord God calls us to the Sacrament of Confession. After all, this is the Sacrament of liberation and restoration of our spiritual and emotional strength. It is the moment when God's healing, inspiring, and empowering right-hand rests on me. His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the Father and Head of the UGCC, said this in a sermon at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv on the 27th Sunday after the Descent of the Holy Spirit, December 10.

In his sermon, the Patriarch emphasized that today's Word of God (Luke 13:10–17) invites us to delve into the mystery of God's gaze. In his opinion, sometimes we are fearful of the human look. We feel that it is judgmental and reproachful. But today, God's word tells us how the Lord looks at us entirely differently.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav noted that when God looks at a person, the first thing He sees is not their sinfulness, weakness, or the distance they have moved away from Him. "Looking at a person, the Lord sees his child! First of all, God recognizes the dignity of a person, the ultimate dignity of God's image that He laid down in his creation," said the Head of the Church and added: "God's gaze heals, liberates, invites, fills with life, enables us to find our own dignity in the depths of our hearts, to feel that we are not rejected, neither slaves, but sons and daughters of God."



"Interestingly, as if to complement this revealed mystery of God's view of humanity, we hear today the message of the Apostle Paul. He tells us that it is the enemy of the human race, the devil, is interested in our defeat. Every time we hear the insinuation that 'everything is lost, no one remembers you anymore, everyone has forgotten you, you can do nothing more,' let us remember that these are the words of our enemy, the enemy of the human race, and reject them as a slavish temptation of the devil! Therefore, today, the Apostle Paul calls us Christians to fight 'not against flesh and blood, but against the spirits of wickedness in the heavenly places,'" the Primate noted.

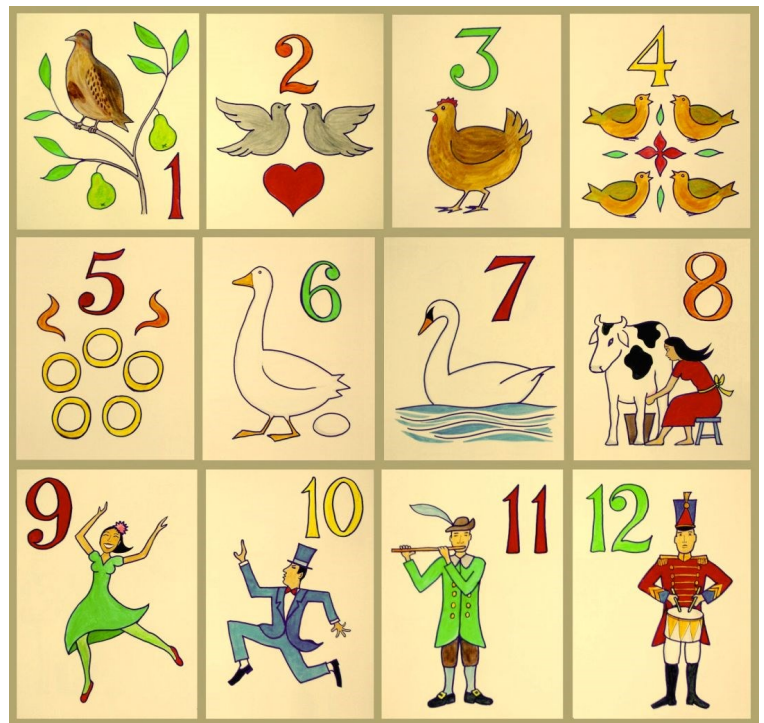
The Head of the UGCC noted that the Ukrainian nation sometimes feels forgotten and abandoned today. "The devil, together with our enemy, whispers to us: 'Everyone has forgotten about you. The world is tired of you. Your struggle has no chance of winning.'" But God's word, the power of God's touch upon us today, gives us renewed strength, a positive outlook on the future, and instills in us the confidence that we can and must overcome the spirits of evil that want to fill our hearts and souls, our Ukrainian land, not by our human strength, but by God's strength, our souls, our Ukrainian land," said His Beatitude Sviatoslav and, encouraging us to go to Confession before Christmas, called to pray to the Creator and Savior so that He would look at His vineyard, His people of God on the Ukrainian land.

UGCC Department of Information

The Twelve Days Of Christmas

An Underground Catechism

You're all familiar with the Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" I think. To most it's a delightful non-sense rhyme set to music. But it had a quite serious purpose when it was written. It is a good deal more than just a repetitious melody with pretty phrases and a list of strange gifts. Catholics in England during the period 1558 to 1829, when Parliament finally emancipated Catholics in England, were prohibited from *any* practice of their faith by law—private *or* public. It was a crime to *be* a Catholic. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith—a memory aid, when to be caught with anything in *writing* indicating adherence to the Catholic faith could not only get you imprisoned, it could get you hanged, or shortened by a head—or hanged, drawn and quartered, a rather peculiar and ghastly punishment I'm not aware was ever practiced anywhere else. Hanging, drawing and quartering involved hanging a person by the neck until they had almost, but not quite, suffocated to death; then the party was taken down from the gallows, and disemboweled while still alive; and while the entrails were still lying on the street, where the executioners stomped all over them, the victim was tied to four large farm horses, and literally torn into five parts—one to each limb and the remaining torso. The songs gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so..." The other symbols mean the following:



- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight Beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the Ten Commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful Apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Creed

Fr. Hal Stockert

- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels & the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch, which gives the history of humanity's fall from grace.
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of Creation
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven Holy Mysteries (Sacraments)

CONFESSIONS

AT
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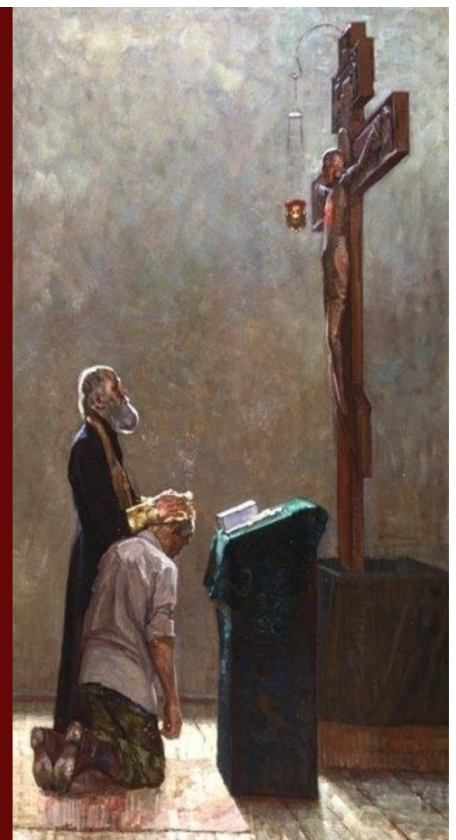
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O GOD
BE MERCIFUL
TO ME A SINNER!



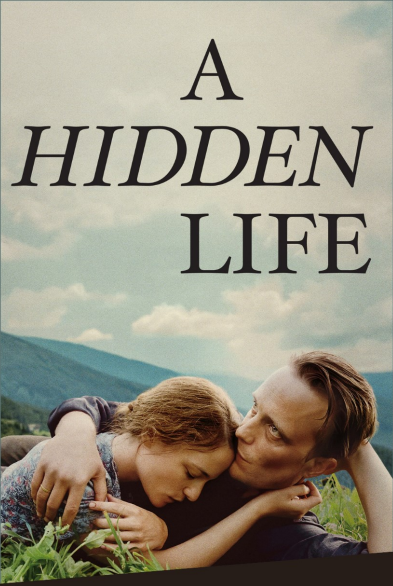
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Holy Eucharist
Parish presents

**Cinema
Divina**

Viewing movies
through the lens
of scripture

Potluck at 6:00 pm
Movie at 7:00 pm



**A
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LIFE**

**Sunday
December 17**

460 Munroe Ave, Winnipeg
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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 in your box of envelopes or at the back of the church.

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners!

Lavinia Aftanas, Matthew Bakan, Jane Budzen, Donna Gareau, Sophie Gierys, Gerry and Trudy Holowchuk, Jennie Huchko, Jack Kisil, Olga Kowalski, Stephanie Kupskey, Milly Manitowich, Jean Rotinsky, Anna Senyk, Jean Stewart, Glen Tabinski, Fr. Victor Yakowchuk.

Thank you for your generous gift!

Offerings	Sunday, Dec 3	Sunday, Dec 10
Envelopes	\$ 975.00	\$ 1825.00
Open collection	\$ 70.00	\$ 364.40
Candles	\$ 32.55	\$ 16.50
Peter's Pence	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Christmas	\$ 15.00	\$ 120.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 265.00	\$ 120.00
Caroling	\$ 0.00	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 1357.55	\$ 2465.90

Parish Schedule December 17-24, 2023

Sunday, December 17

Sunday of the Holy Ancestors. Octoechos Tone 4; Holy Prophet Daniel, the Three Holy Youths Ananiah (Ananias), Azariah (Azarias) and Mishael (Misael).

Nativity Fast.

Col 3:4-11; Lk 14:16-24.

08:00 am Divine Liturgy [Ukr] (for parishioners)

10:00 am Divine Liturgy [Eng] (for parishioners)

06:00 pm Cinema Divina Potluck Supper

07:00 pm Cinema Divine Movie: A Hidden Life

Monday, December 18

Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions.

Nativity Fast.

Heb 8:7-13; Mk 8:11-21.

No Services or meetings.

Tuesday, December 19

Holy Martyr Boniface (230).

Nativity Fast.

Heb 9:8-10,15-23; Mk 8:22-26.

No Services or meetings.

Wednesday, December 20

Forefeast of the Nativity. Holy Priest-Martyr Ignatius the Godbearer.

Nativity Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.

Heb 10:1-18; Mk 8:30-34.

Parish Office closed. No services or meetings.

Thursday, December 21

Forefeast of the Nativity. Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia.

Nativity Fast.

Heb 10:35-11:7; Mk 9:10-16.

04:00 pm Confessions

Friday, December 22

Forefeast of the Nativity. Holy Great-Martyr Anastasia.

Nativity Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.

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

08:00 am Royal Hours

04:00 pm Confessions

Saturday, December 23

Saturday before the Nativity. Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete.

Nativity Fast.

Gal 3:8-12; Lk 13:18-29.

Eph 2:11-13; Lk 13:18-29.

09:00 am Divine Liturgy (+Tony Skochylas by Shirley Skochylas)

Sunday, December 24

Sunday before the Nativity of Christ. Octoechos Tone 5; Eve of the Nativity.

Strict Fast.

Heb 11:9-10,17-23,32-40; Mt 1:1-25.

08:00 am Divine Liturgy [Ukr] (for parishioners)

10:00 am Divine Liturgy [Eng] (for parishioners)

02:00 pm Great Vespers of Christmas

09:00 pm Great Compline of Christmas