

## SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS



*Icon of the Sunday of the Forefathers*

# **HOLY GHOST UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**December 17-24, 2017**

**Sunday of the Forefathers**

**Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11**

**Gospel: Luke 14:16-24**

**SATURDAY 6:00PM (English) 40<sup>th</sup> Day Helen Terlesky- Betty Terlesky**

**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS, December 27, 2017**

**9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners**

**11:00AM (English) +Anna Drozd – Helen Potak**

*Daily Divine Liturgies celebrated at 9:00AM*

**MONDAY Walter & Lillian Kiniuk – Pearl Kiniuk**

**6:00PM CONFESSIONS St Josaphats, Bethlehem**

**TUESDAY 6:00PM CONFESSIONS: Holy Ghost, West Easton**

**WEDNESDAY +Margaret Hutnik- Stefania Trusz**

**THURSDAY +Nicholas Troyan- Family**

**FRIDAY +Anna Drozd – Pyrohy Workers**

**SATURDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

**6:00PM (English) +Helen Terlesky – Judy Palinkas**

**SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

**9:30AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners**

**11:00AM (English) +Edward & Catherine Herman- Children**

**COLLECTION – \$ 1985.00 Thank you for your generosity and support.**

**Eternal Light & Altar Candles: In memory of +Russell Bellis and +Karen Bakros- Paulette Bellis**

***Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers***

Betty Terleski

Paul Ridilla

Catherine Kutzler

Olga Turczyn

Mae Kulczycki

Sophie Troyan

Claudette Kemmerer

Iryna Stefurak

Melvene Thatcher

Craig Stoken

Richard Suter

Cindy Cawley

Olga Bryksa

Julian Trusz

Michael Sidlar

Fr Dan Gurovich

Joseph Bodnar

Lillian Opp

Frank & Betty Maitski

Sarah Shanks

Kim Lightcap

Gregory & Dot Neff

John Wolfgang

Fr Mark Fesniak

Margaret Dashe

Helen Potak

Kathleen Cremone

Olga Trusz

Mary Heverling

Frieda Lubosky

Barbara Hacker

Fr. David Clooney

Delbert Atherholt

Harold Osmun

Michael Brodt

Paulette Bellis

## 2018 SCHEDULE FOR HOLY GHOST

- January 6:** Holy Supper : Sviatay Vechir 4:00PM Church Hall  
6:00PM Liturgy and blessing of Holy Water for Epiphany  
7 Christmas Caroling  
16-17 Pyrohy
- February 6-7** Pyrohy  
11 Forgiveness Vespers  
12 Lent Begins  
Fridays: Lenten Soup Lunches
- March 1-3** Bonton Community Days  
4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Pysanky Classes  
6-7 Pyrohy  
22-23 Paska Bake
- April 1<sup>st</sup>** **Easter Sunday**  
8 Easter Egg Hunt & Spaghetti Dinner  
10-11 Pyrohy
- May 8-9** Pyrohy  
10 Ascension Thursday  
13 Mother's Day Breakfast Youth Group  
20 **Pentecost** : 1st Confession and Feast Day Brunch
- June 12-13** Pyrohy Making for picnic : not public sale  
24 Church Picnic Festival
- July 16-20** Summer Church Camp
- August**
- September 11-12** Pyrohy Sale
- October 2-3** Pyrohy Sale  
14 Tricky Tray  
28 Children's Halloween Party
- November 6-7** Pyrohy Sale  
9-10 Bonton Community Days
- December 4-5** Pyrohy  
9 St Nicholas Program  
13-14 Christmas Roll Bake and Cookie Walk

## **SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FOREFATHERS**

**Troparion (3):**

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death; He became the firstborn of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

**Troparion (2):** Through faith, O Christ, You justified the Patriarchs; for through them You made a commitment to a Church with Gentiles. These Saints are glorified, because from them descends the Virgin who gave You birth. Through their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen.**

**Kontakion (6):** You did not worship a man-made image, O thrice-blessed Youths, but were glorified in the test of fire, protected by a power beyond description. From the searing flames you cried out to God, saying: Hasten to help us, O merciful Lord, for in Your greatness You can do whatever You will.

**Prokimenon (4):** Blessed are You, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is Your name.

**Verse:** In all that You have done Your justice is apparent.

**Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Colossians. (Col 3,4-11)**

Brethren: When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Because of these the wrath of God is coming upon the disobedient. By these you too once conducted yourselves, when you lived in that way. But now you must put them all away: anger, fury, malice, slander, and obscene language out of your mouths. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

**Alleluia Verses:**

**Verse:** Among his priests were Moses and Aaron; among those who invoked His name was Samuel. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Verse:** They invoked the Lord and He answered them. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel: (Lk 14,16-24)**

The Lord told this parable: "A man gave a great dinner to which he invited many. When the time for the dinner came, he dispatched his servant to say to those invited, 'Come, everything is now ready' But one by one, they all began to

excuse themselves. The first said to him, 'I have purchased a field and must go to examine it; I ask you, consider me excused.' And another said, 'I have purchased five yoke of oxen and am on my way to evaluate them; I ask you, consider me excused.' And another said, 'I have just married a woman, and therefore I cannot come.' The servant went and reported this to his master. Then the master of the house in a rage commanded his servant, 'Go quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in here the poor and the crippled, the blind and the lame.' The servant reported, 'Sir, your orders have been carried out and still there is room.' The master then ordered the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedgerows and make people come in that my home may be filled. For, I tell you, none of those men who were invited will taste my dinner.'"

### **Communion Verse:**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

Exult, you just, in the Lord: praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia, Alleluia,

### **CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN CHRISTMAS**

Any children wishing to participate in the Christmas Eve/Christmas Day services please sign the register in the vestibule of the church. Please include your email so that we can contact you with the details.

### **Sunday of the Holy Forefathers**

On this Sunday the Church commemorates the Holy Forefathers, i.e. the earthly ancestors of our Lord Jesus Christ, beginning with the first man, Adam, and on through Seth, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, King David, and others. These ancient people, separated from us by millennia, nevertheless have a direct and close bearing upon us. What connection is there between them and us? In general, the Church brings them to our attention now, right before Christmas, largely because of their faith – their belief in the promise given by God to Adam during his expulsion from the garden of Eden, that in the end a Saviour will come into the world and will redeem mankind from death. All the forefathers – who lived on earth long before the birth of Christ – lived and burned with this faith, never allowing it to be extinguished. They are a shining example to us, who are living on earth after the incarnation of our Lord. Just like those ancient people we, too, have never actually seen Christ: they only knew that He **would come** into the world, while we know that He **did come** into the world. But they firmly believed in His coming and their faith was justified. We believe that the Lord was, and is, and will be; that He lived on earth as a man; that through His Church He remains with us constantly; and that He will again return to judge the living and the dead.

## PARISH REGISTRATION & CHURCH ENVELOPES

We are distributing the church envelopes and calendars this weekend. Please be sure to fill out the registration card in the front of the box and return to the church office so we can update our information.

***Those who are interested in joining our community at Holy Ghost, please fill out the registration form below and Fr Dan will contact you.***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

We've been preparing ourselves to receive our Lord at Christmas. In order to make room for the light of the Spirit we must clear away the debris of the past, accept God's forgiveness and give ourselves the gift of a clean slate to celebrate the coming of our Lord and begin our new year with a clean slate.

We will have visiting clergy on Tuesday from 6:00-7:00PM December 19 to offer the sacrament of Confession for Christmas. Please make use of this time to make peace with ourselves and with God.

## FLOWER MEMORIALS FOR CHRISTMAS

Anyone wishing to offer a flower memorial for your loved ones at Christmas, please use the envelopes in your church envelope box, and clearly mark the names you wish remembered. The envelopes should be returned by December 18, 2017.

## CAROLING FOR CHRISTMAS

The Youth Group will be visiting the shut-ins and homebound on December 26 with Christmas Carols to bring the joy of Christmas! 12:00-5:00PM

The Ukrainian Carollers will be going out on Sunday January 7 to bring the joy of Christmas to those who would like to be visited. Please register in the vestibule of the church. All are welcome!

***ANY CHILDREN INTERESTED IN HELPING MAKE OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION EXTRA SPECIAL PLEASE REGISTER IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH.***

## THE CHAPEL SCHEDULE

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** Every Monday at 7:00AM there is an open meeting for those interested in learning more about alcoholism and alcoholics.
- **Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42** meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00PM for their business & Post meeting.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MONDAY: 5:30PM: Adult Religious Education** classes. December 20
- **DECEMBER 19 CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS**
- **DECEMBER 26 CHRISTMAS CAROLLING WITH YOUTH**
- **DECEMBER 31: 12:15-3:00PM** Parish Open House at the Chapel
- **JANUARY 6 4:00PM Holy Supper :Sviatay Vechir**
- **JANUARY 7 Caroling at Homes**

## ADVENT REFLECTIONS: Final WEDNESDAY 5:30PM

We will begin an Advent series on the meaning of Christmas and the Nativity. We will be covering: 4) *The Angels.*

*There are readings and work sheets in the vestibule of the church to help prepare for Monday's class. Please take one with you.*

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017

The celebration of our Savior's Birth will be celebrated on :

December 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 8:00PM **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Compline for the Birth of our Savior Jesus Christ

(English) 8:30PM Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Our Lord

December 25<sup>th</sup> MONDAY **CHRISTMAS DAY**

(Ukrainian) 10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of our Lord

**December 20<sup>th</sup> Church cleaning and decorating from 12:00 noon- 5:00PM, all are welcome to help prepare for the coming of our Lord!**

## CHRISTMAS ROLLS

Christmas roll orders may be picked up after church services this weekend. There are extra rolls available. Special thanks to John Drozd Jr, Donna Sidlar, JoAnn Fulmer, Judy Palinkas, Donna Hale, Marlene Lightcap, Paulette Bellis, MaryAnn & Stan Kramer, Kathy Sargent, Kathy Sargent, Vitalia Martinez, Milenia Havrylets, Kathy & Larry Birgl, Fr Dan. We had 126 rolls ordered! Special thanks to John Drozd Jr for organizing this annual delicious tradition! God bless all of you and have a Merry restful Christmas!

## PARISH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Want to know the latest news and be informed of what is happening in our Philadelphia Archeparchy? Visit our archieparchial website at: <http://ukrarcheparchy.us/>. You may also view our "Archeparchy of Philadelphia" Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Archeparchy-of-Philadelphia-197564070297001/> and our YouTube Channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/thewayukrainian>

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### *Come and Do Not Delay*

Let no one delay in coming to the supper. Let us put aside all idle wicked excuses, and come to supper in which our souls are fed. Let no swelling of pride keep us back, or lift us above ourselves; and neither let unlawful superstition frighten us, or turn us away from God. Let not the delights of the senses keep us from the delights of the soul. Let us come, and let us be feasted. And who have come but the poor and the feeble and the lame and the blind? But the rich have not come there, nor the healthy, who as it were could walk well and see clearly, sure of themselves, and the more arrogant were they, the more endangered.

Let the poor come, for He who invites us, though rich, became poor for our sakes, that by His poverty we might be made rich.

Let the feeble come, for they who are in

health do not need the physician, but they that are ill. Let the lame come. Let the blind come.

Compel them to come in. I have prepared a great supper, a great house: I shall allow no place there to remain empty.

The Gentiles came from the streets and the lanes. Let the heretics come from the hedges; here they will find peace. For they who make hedges are seeking to bring about divisions. Let them be drawn from the hedges; let them be plucked free of the thorns. They refuse to be compelled, and they cling to their hedges. -Let us, they say, come in of our will. But this is not what the Lord commanded. Compel them, He says, to come in.

*St. Augustine of Hippo*

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