

THE THIRTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Saint Maximos the Confessor, Neophitus and Anna -- January 21st

36TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JANUARY 18, 2008
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19 – JANUARY 25, 2009

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20	9:00 AM LITURGY	ARENDES FAMILY; REQ: SR. MARIE ARENDES
FRIDAY, JANUARY 23	8:30 AM LITURGY	✙ ANTON & ANHELINA ODEZYNSKYJ; REQ: BOHDAN ODEZYNSKYJ
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24	6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25	8:00 AM LITURGY	
	10:00 AM LITURGY	FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Многая і благая Літа! – Many Blessed Years!

We pray for God’s blessing upon Roman Hirniak and his family today as he becomes a member of Christ’s Body – the Church through the Holy Mysteries of Illumination – Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist. Многая і благая Літа! – Many Blessed Years!

“Open Wide Your Hearts!” – Share 2008

Share 2008 Ukrainian Catholic Appeal is drawing to a close. If you have not already done so, please make a pledge or contribution to **Share 2008** by next Sunday, January 25th.

Let’s go Caroling!

Between December 25 and February 2 we will be organizing visits to our parishioners, shut-ins, and nursing homes. If you are interested in participating or you would like to be visited or you know of someone who would like to be visited, please contact Xenia Moore or Fr. James.



Prayers For Those Serving In The Military

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving our country in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Olena Hrivniak, Michael Lopes, Stefan Oborski, Raul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please submit any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.

Your Prayers Please!

Please remember in your prayers those people of our parish who are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join us actively in our community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Susie Boyko, Sonia Cronin, Bohdanchik James, Lesya Loznycky, Ken McDonald, Sophia Skop, and Ariadna Wall. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone who should be added to this list.



If you wish to have your home blessed, please fill out the request slip included in the bulletin and drop in the collection, or call Fr. James to arrange a time.

With the approval of the U.S. Bishops at their November 2008 general meeting, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment are co-sponsoring the "Fight FOCA Postcard Campaign." The Target day for this event is the weekend of January 24-25, 2009.

Our new President and Congress face serious national challenges at this time, requiring all Americans to unite for the common good of all. This is no time to divide our nation by attacking the weakest and most powerless among us, or ignoring the pro-life values of millions of Catholics and other Americans.

A bill in Congress called the "Freedom of Choice Act," or FOCA, represents the most serious legislative threat to unborn children ever. FOCA would create a "fundamental right" to abortion that government could not limit but would be required to fund and support. It would overturn a broad range of pro-life policies currently allowed under the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision: laws protecting parental involvement in an underage daughter's abortion decision, laws upholding conscience rights, limits on abortion funding, bans on partial-birth abortion, and so on.

FOCA itself may become law, or the harmful policies it represents may become law one step at a time. In either case, we must oppose FOCA and all that it stands for.

Next week parishioners will have an opportunity to sign and send postcards to their U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. The message on the cards urges our federal elected officials to oppose FOCA and to retain existing laws against government funding and promotion of abortion.

If each of us takes just a few moments to sign the postcards next weekend, together we can send an important message to our nation's Capitol to uphold the sanctity of human life. Please complete the cards before leaving church next Sunday. A small donation of \$1.00 will help pay for postage and program materials.

Please feel free to add a short personal note on each postcard to increase the effectiveness of your message.

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Heroic Defender of the Faith

Saint Maximos was a monk whose fearless courage in witnessing to – “confessing” – even while suffering, the integrity of the Faith in Jesus Christ, true God and true man, Savior of the world, earned him the title of *Confessor*. Maximos was born in Palestine in about the year 580 AD. As a boy he was initiated to the monastic life and the study of the Scriptures. Maximos moved from Jerusalem to Constantinople and from there, because of the barbarian invasions, sought refuge in Africa. There he was distinguished by his extreme courage in the defense of the Faith. Maximos refused to accept any reduction of Christ’s humanity. A theory had started that there was only one will in Christ, the divine will. To defend the oneness of Christ’s Person, people denied that He had His own true and proper human will. But, St. Maximos immediately realized that this would destroy the mystery of salvation, for humanity without a will, is not a real man but an amputated man. So, St. Maximos declared with great determination that Sacred Scripture does not portray to us an amputated man with no will but rather a true and complete man: God, in Jesus Christ, really assumed the totality of being human – without sin – hence also a human will. At about the age of 80 years, Maximos and his two disciples were subjected to an exhausting trial. They were condemned with the accusation of heresy, and Maximos was sentenced to cruel mutilation of his tongue and right hand – the two organs through which, by words and writing, Maximos had fought the erroneous doctrine of the single will of Christ. Thus mutilated, the holy monk was exiled to the region of Colchis on the Black Sea where he died at the age of 82 on August 13, 662.