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Icon of the Holy and Glorious Apostle Andrew, the First-called -- November 30th

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

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TONE 1

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 6, 2009

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5	6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS	FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6	9:30 AM LITURGY –	FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS <i>FOR ALL PARISHIONERS</i>

Remember in your prayers

Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community. Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Bohdanchik James, Maria Laszok, Lesya Loznycky, Alice Melnyk, and Sophia Skop. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.



Prayers For Those Serving In The Armed Forces



Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hryniw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl and Volodymyr Lylak, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. *Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.*

God Provides!

Installation of our new security system is complete. Many thanks and blessings to Walter Collins for his generous donation of time, talent and treasure to make sure that we are properly protected. In addition to installing our system, Walter also contacted other anonymous benefactors to help cover the cost of new hardware needed to complete the system. May God grant them all many blessed and happy years!

St. Nicholas Celebration

Next Sunday, December 6th we will celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas:

- Following the Liturgy there will be a Potluck meal. ***Due to serious allergies among our fellow parishioners, please do **NOT** bring items with nuts (especially peanuts and walnuts) or mushrooms.***
- Parents please note: «*Небесна Канцелярія*» (The Heavenly Office) will be open starting at 8:45 AM. Please see Pani Olena in the Pastor's Office. Please limit packages to 1 per child with a maximum value of \$25.00.
- We need volunteers to help decorate the hall for the St. Nicholas Celebration. We will begin at 5:00 PM Saturday, December 5th and end with Vespers for the Feast.

'Tis the Season Concert

Ticket for the *'Tis the Season* Christmas Concert are selling quickly. If you wish to purchase tickets you should do so soon in order to save on the cost. Please see the flyer in the church hall for information on purchasing your tickets.

Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

On Sunday, December 20th will be our annual pre-Christmas Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale. This will take place after Liturgy.

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 Fr. James.

Church Decorating

Please come on Monday, December 21st at 10:00 AM to help decorate the Church for the feast of the Nativity of our Lord.

Christmas Cards

Ukrainian Christmas Cards are for sale in the Church Hall. Please see Mary Kitt to purchase.



CHURCH BELLS

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Long ago, church bells were rung far more often than today. They indicated the time, warned of fire or other dangers, and even announced whether the baby just born to the queen was a boy or girl. (A different number of rings was used.) Of course, they also called the faithful to church, and that's often the only purpose they are used for today. One thing that is the same for bells of any time is that someone must ring them. As loud as a bell can be, it will not be heard unless someone takes the time to pull its rope. In the same way, as powerful as is the Bible's message, it will not be heard unless people take the time to study it (at home as well as in church), sing it (in the choir and elsewhere), and live it (every-where)! So somewhere in your schedule, find time to hear God's message of hope and to bring it to those in need.

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[Patristic Wisdom on the Lord's Prayer Continued]

But Deliver Us from Evil

The Lord's Prayer has an ending which neatly summarizes the different requests. We say actually at the end: "but deliver us from evil," understanding by such an expression everything that the Enemy can devise against us in this world. One certain conviction we have is that God is a powerful support since He grants His help to anyone who asks for it. Consequently, when we say "deliver us from evil," there is nothing else left for us to ask. Invoking the protection of God against evil means asking for everything we need.

This prayer secures us against any kind of machination of the devil and of the world. Who could be afraid of the world if he has God as his protector? You see, brothers and sisters, how amazing the Lord's Prayer is. It is truly a compendium of all the requests we could possibly make.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who came for all people, for the wise as for the ignorant, without distinction of sex or age, reduces the precepts of salvation to the essential minimum. He wants even the simplest to be able to understand and remember them.

St. Cyprian of Carthage