

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS



*Icon of Saints Auxentios, Eugene, Madarios, Orestes and Eustratios,
Martyrs of Sebaste -- December 13th*

DECEMBER 13, 2009

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TONE 3

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 20, 2009

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19	6:00 PM	GREAT VESPERS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20	9:30 AM LITURGY	SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY – OF THE HOLY FATHERS <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, Stephen Hricko, 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 Hrynkiw, 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.

Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale

Next 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 Items

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

2009 Liturgical Schedule for the Feast of the Nativity

Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

Thursday, December 24, 2009

- **10:00 AM**
Royal Hours
- **10:00 PM**
«3 Наму Бог!» Great Complines and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for the Feast

The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

Friday, December 25, 2009

- **10:00 AM**
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Молитва св. Василя Великого

Владико Христе Боже, царю віків і творче всього, дякую Тобі за всі блага, якими Ти мене обдарував, і за причастя Твоїх пречистих і животворних Таїнств. Тому благаю Тебе, благий і чоловіколюбче, охороняй мене під Твоїм покровом і в тіні крил Твоїх та обдаруй мене чистим сумлінням, щоб я аж до останнього мого віддиху достойно причащався Твоїх святощів на відпущення гріхів і на життя вічне. Бо Ти є хліб життя, джерело святости, пода тель благ, і Тобі славу возсилаємо з Отцем і Св ятим Духом, нині і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

Prayer of St. Basil the Great

O Christ, our Master and God, King of the ages and Creator of all, I thank You for all the good things that You have given to me and for the reception of Your most pure and life-giving Mysteries. I pray You, therefore, O good Lover of mankind, keep me under Your protection in the shadow of Your wings. Grant that with a pure conscience, until my last breath, I may worthily partake of Your Holy Things, for the forgiveness of sins and for life everlasting. For You are the Bread of Life, the Fountain of holiness, and the Bestower of blessings, and to You we give glory together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

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[Wisdom on Prayer Continued]

Hymn in Praise of Prayer

Prayer is union with God and colloquy with Him. Prayer maintains the equilibrium of the world, reconciles people to God, produces holy tears, forms a bridge over temptations, and acts as a buttress between us and affliction.

Prayer drives away the struggle of the spirit. It is the blessedness to come. It is an action that will never come to an end.

Prayer is a spring of the virtues, it is an illumination of the mind, it is certain to shut out despair, it is a sign of hope, it is our victory over depression.

Prayer is a mirror in which we see our steps forward, it is a signpost of the route to follow, it is an unveiling of good things to come, it is a pledge of glory.

Prayer, for one who prays truly, is the soul's tribunal, it is the Lord's judgment on that person now, in advance of the final judgment.

Prayer is the queen of the virtues which summons us with a loud voice and says to us again: "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you perfect rest! Take my yoke upon you! You will find peace for your souls and healing for your wounds! For my yoke is easy and can restore the greatest fall" (Mt 11:28-30).

Let your prayer be very simple. For the tax collector and the prodigal son just one word was enough to reconcile them with God.

St. John Climacus