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Sunday Divine Liturgies: 9:00 am - English / 10:15 am - Ukrainian

Weekday Divine Liturgies: 8:00 am or 9:00 am or 7:00 pm

Holy Days Liturgy: 9:00 am or Previous Day at 7:00 pm

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CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

November 18, 2018 / Листопад 18, 2018

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

26th Sunday after Pentecost, November 18, 2018. *Plato and Roman Martyrs.*

Tone 1: Epistle: Ephesians 5:9 – 19. / Gospel: Luke 12:16 – 21.

9:00 am – Pro Populo - English

10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Ivan Zakharyuk & Family; God's Blessing upon Ihor, Nadia, Andriy & Family, req. Olena Yakubovska and Nadia Koretska) – **Ukrainian.**

12:00 Noon - The Holy Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist for Solomia Lyman

Monday, November 19, 2018. *Obadiah Prophet.*

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Martin & Silvia Smith, req. Family

Tuesday, November 20, 2018. *Gregory the Decapolite Venerable.*

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Ihor & Olesia Warywoda, req. Family

7:00 p.m. – Pro Populo - English (Divine Liturgy for Wednesday)

Wednesday, November 21, 2018. *The Entrance into the Temple of our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God.*

Note: It's a Holy Day.

9:00 am – Pro Populo – Ukrainian.

7:00 p.m. – Thanksgiving Liturgy to God (From Katherine), req. Family

Thursday, November 22, 2018. *Philemon and Others Apostles.*

Note: Civil holiday – Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo (Divine Liturgy)

- Thanksgiving to God for All Our Parishioners – E/U.

Friday, November 23, 2018. *Amphilochius and Gregory. Postfeast Entrance.*

9:00 a.m. – † Alex Oleshko; † Gloria Tolopka, req. + Gloria Tolopka

Saturday, November 24, 2018. *Catherine Great Martyr.*

9:00 a.m. – † Ivan /Panakhyda/ {25th Anniv.}, req. Lesia Herych

6:00 p.m. – Rosary (Вервця)

27th Sunday after Pentecost, November 18, 2018. *Leave – taking of the Entrance. Clement and Peter Pope and Bishop.*

9:00 am – Pro Populo - English

10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Vladimir Popovych & Family; God's Blessing upon Mychailo Shafranski & Family; God's Blessing upon Mychailo Galyluiko & Family, req. Iryna Popovych; Maria Shafranski) – **Ukrainian.**

Confessions: Can be heard by appointment daily and on Sundays before or after the Divine Liturgy.

Baptism and Chrismation: By appointment. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

Attendance at pre - Cana is required.

Ukrainian Culture School will be held Every Saturday from 9:15 am until 1:35

p.m. For more information please call the Rectory or contact the Director, Mr. Roman Vaskiv at (631) 225 -1203 or visit our Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HFUKrainianSchool>.

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot and Khrystyna Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups: ages (6 – 9) 1:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.; ages (10 – 14) 3:10 p.m. – 4:40p.m.; ages (15 – 19) 3:10 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will resume on September 18, 2017 and will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 5:55 p.m./6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: Father Popovici will make visits to the sick on the first Friday of the month. It is the responsibility of an immediate family member to kindly notify Rev. Popovici at the Rectory office about any sick or aged individual who is hospitalized or confined at home or in a nursing home, and he will gladly visit and administer the sacraments. In case of emergencies please call any time.

Pray the Rosary: The Apostleship of Prayer requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **First Sunday** of each month, beginning 20 minutes before Divine Liturgy. The Rosary Society requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **Third Sunday** of the Month beginning at 10:00 a.m. before Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

Mothers in Prayer: Next prayer group will be held on **December 7, 2018 at 8:15 p.m.**

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer: group will be held every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours: **Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm;** Evenings by appointment. **Attention:** Monday is a free day for the priest. In case of an emergency, please call at any time.

Divine Liturgy: Dear Parishioners! Remember your faith; please come every Sunday and Holy Days to Church.

Divine Liturgy for Children: Special Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian language) for family/children will be on **Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 12:00 Noon.** All parents are requested to bring their children to church to celebrate the Holy Divine Liturgy.

Sunday Bulletin Deadline: Notices should be phoned in or brought to the Parish Office **NO LATER** than 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the Sunday of publication.

Bequests: In making out your will, kindly remember your church. Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church of Lindenhurst, N.Y. is our legal title.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Holy Family Church! To all who are tired and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are friendless and need friendship, to all who are discouraged and need hope, to all who are hopeless and need sheltering love, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please stop by the Rectory to introduce yourselves and register. We look forward to meeting you.

Change in address or telephone? Parishioners, kindly provide the rectory with your new address and telephone numbers as soon as possible.

Parishioners and guests: after each Divine Liturgy, coffee, rolls, & cakes are served in the Parish Center for a donation of \$3.00 per person.

Sunday Collection – November 11, 2018. Donation - \$1,000.00,
"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." (Sir. 35: 9 – 10).

Candles: \$150, Tetrapod: \$3, Coffee: \$193, Church Debt: \$25, Sundry: \$85,
Pledge: \$325.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,144.00, Total - \$2,925.00

Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday',
 November 11th, 2018. May God bless you all for your generosity.

Our Prayer: Please remember all those parishioners who are ill or elderly within your families. They are part of our parish and need to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. To schedule a visit by the priest, please call the rectory for an appointment.

Attention: To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of November our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

Our Church News:

1. Dear Parishioners: On the first Saturday of the Month, **December 1st, at 7:00pm**, there will be a Divine Liturgy for the Deceased. If you would like to submit the names of your Deceased loved ones for the Liturgy, submit it by November 30th, so that I could celebrate the Commulative Liturgy, (General), for the Deceased, on December 1st.

2. Dear Parishioners: Be aware that on John Street by our Church, **NEW PARKING SIGNS** have been posted. Please abide by the signs or you will be ticketed.

3. Attention Parishioners: Our vestibule and corridor is in need of some refurbishments, which will be ongoing over the next few weeks. We ask for your patience and if you are able to donate anything extra toward this latest project, we thank you in advance.

***Any donations will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. We have received donations from the following parishioners:** Rosary Society - \$600; Apostleship of Prayer - \$400.00. May God reward you with choicest blessings!

4. Upcoming events and November collections:

A. Regular church cleaning: The next voluntary second collection will be collected on Sunday, November 18, 2018.

B. Gifts for Orphanages: The Christmas season is approaching and every year we prepare special packages to send to 2 orphanages in Ukraine. We would like to prepare and ship the packages so they arrive in time for Christmas. Also we implore any parishioners able to make an extra monetary donation to defray the shipping costs. Please mark the envelope "Shipping Charges, Orphanage". Please remember all God's children.

Dear Parishioners! We have received donations from the following parishioners: Mr. Adrian Saluk (Phoenix, Arizona) - \$500; M/M Ihor & Olesia Warywoda - \$100.00; Mrs. Nataliya Popovici - \$100.00; Anonymous - \$20. May God reward you with choicest blessings!

C. Outreach Program for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Apostleship of Prayer/Rosary Society is again, sponsoring this drive for the needy in our community. However, **we will only collect grocery store gift cards or cash donations.** Please put all donations in an envelope separate from your weekly parish donation. Mark the envelope as "Outreach Program" with your name. (You can also donate anonymously if you wish.) All cash donations will be used to purchase grocery store gift cards. **We will accept donations through November 22, 2018.** M/M Ihor & Olesia Warywoda are in charge of this program. **We have received donations from the following parishioners:** Anonymous - \$200.00; M/M Ihor & Olesia Warywoda - \$100.00; Mrs. Nataliya Popovici - \$100.00. May God reward you with choicest blessings!

D. Thirteenth Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon sponsored by the Parish. All parishioners are invited on **Sunday November 25, 2018 after both Divine Liturgies.** This is an opportunity to share a meal as a parish family. **Adults \$7 and youth (ages 11-16) \$3.** This charge is to cover our

expenses.

E. NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE, "ZABAVA" – 2018/2019:

Sponsored by Holy Family Church, Monday, December 31, 2018, beginning at 9:00 p.m. Live music provided by "My Ukraintsi".

More information is attached to our Church bulletin.

F. Rescheduled: Dear Parishioners, we would like to invite you to take part in our Parish Stewardship Council meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

5. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. the ladies and gentlemen of the Parish, especially to Mrs. Valentina Falkowski and Mrs. Olga Donalds, who spent time & energy shopping for Chinese Auction gifts; M/M Ihor & Olesia Warywoda, M/M James & Barbara Fromel, Mrs. Valerie Falkowski, Mrs. Diane Sullivan, Mrs. Irene Von Kaszner, Mrs. Iryna Gereta, who wrapped and prepared all 250 gifts; Mrs. Olga Donalds, who spent time & energy going door-to-door to local merchants asking for donations for the Chinese Auction. Also, many thanks to the following: M/M Krzysztof & Valentina Falkowski, Mr. Thomas Laraia, M/M Ihor & Olesia Warywoda, M/M James & Barbara Fromel, M/M William & Elaine Eluk, Mrs. Sandy Motekeew, Mrs. Nataliya Popovici, Mrs. Diane Sullivan. Also to the children Andrew Popovici, Viktoria Gereta and Roksolana Shvets who did a wonderful job in helping to distribute the gifts to the winners. Also, to Mr. Yuriy Mankevych who put the tables, chairs and the pews in place after the event was over. We wish to thank those parishioners who donated gifts cards and other goodies. The net profit was **\$1,300.00**. May God bless all who volunteered or made donations & may He reward you with choicest Blessings for making it a great event.

b. the ladies of our parish, (5 ladies), who did it a great job baking for our fundraiser as well for Chinese Auction on Friday, November 9th. Through their diligent work many cakes were baked and frozed for our Coffee hours on Sundays.

c. The Rosary Society who donated \$600 for the recently repairs in our Prytvor and Apostleship of Prayer who donated \$400 for the recently repairs in our Prytvor.

d. Mrs. Susan Oleshko who recently donated \$350.00 for the needs of our Church.

e. the ladies and gentlemen, (20 people), from the parish who, this past Wednesday, prepared all the fixings, and then returned on Friday to put together an assortment of pyrohy for the parish's fundraising efforts. Thank you to all who donated their time and energy for the good of the parish.

f. M/M Slawomir & Helen Samilo who recently brought to the cleaner five sets of our vestments to keep them in good shape for our Liturgical services. *May God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.*

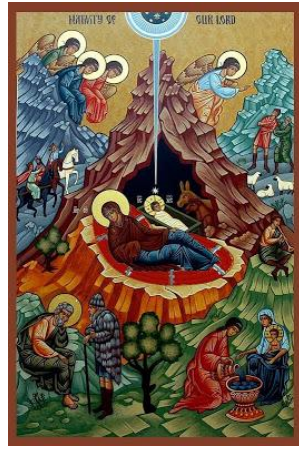
6. Panakhyda in Memory of the 1932/33 Victims of forced famine in Ukraine will be offered on Sunday, November 18th after Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

7. We have for sale pyrohy with potatoes, kapusta – \$6.00 per dozen. All proceeds go to our church. This is a fund raiser.

8. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. Stepan Herych and his family for the loss of his mother † Mariya Herych, a resident of Ukraine, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. May her soul rest in peace and everlasting be her memory.

9. Christmas Decorations/Flowers: Each of us likes to decorate our homes with Christmas decorations. To beautify our Church for Christmas, we rely on your donations to purchase flowers and greenery. In your boxed donation envelopes is a "Christmas Flower" donation envelope. Please use this envelope to make your donation. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The Icon of the Nativity of Jesus Christ



All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel!" Matthew 1:22

"The icon is also a theology, a theology in color, expressing the experience of God with lines and paints rather than with discursive language. The goal of the icon and that of written theology are the same – to lead others to the mystical experience of God. The icon artistically depicts the experience so that others may approach the mystery and be invited to share in it." - Anton Vrame, *The Educating Icon*. The icon of the Nativity of our Lord is packed with theology. Most comes from Holy Scripture and all comes from Tradition. It depicts in paint the mystery of the Incarnation, God being man, and the beginning of our salvation. In the top half of the icon, the 3 Magi (Tradition names them Caspar, Balthasar, and Melchior) follow the star that will lead them to the Christ child. At the top, angels proclaim, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." to the shepherds on the right. The icon depicts the shepherds and the foreign Magi as among the first to worship Christ emphasizing that salvation is for all mankind. At the bottom right, Jesus is being bathed by midwives to depict that Jesus was indeed very human. On the left, is Satan appearing as an shepherd, telling St. Joseph, who is depicted as an older man (Tradition says he was already a widow when he married Mary), that Mary is not with divine child, but he has been betrayed. He overcomes his struggle and becomes the protector of the Virgin Mary and the guardian of Jesus Christ the Savior. The Virgin Mary is in the center of the icon looking towards St. Joseph, relying on her Lord, her Son, praying that he will not listen to Satan. Mary is lying on a red blanket signifying the color of life. Next to Christ, in the cave are an ox and donkey there to remind us of Isaiah 1:3, "The ox knows his owner and the ass knows his master's crib. But Israel does not know, and my people do not consider me." There was no room for Christ in an inn, and so He was to be born elsewhere. Tradition uses the dark cave to represent the location of Christ's birth. In this dark cave is the light of the world that "shines in the darkness and the darkness can not overcome it." Christ is shown born in this dark cave, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a crib. The crib at the same time represents a casket, His swaddling clothes, His burial garments, the cave, His tomb. This is intentionally done to illustrate that the purpose of the Incarnation of Christ was to make possible the Crucifixion and Resurrection. We are in the middle of the fast, anticipating the Nativity, and the Nativity immediately point to the Resurrection. The icon of the Nativity is very rich in meaning. Its central depiction is of Christ lying in a feeding trough (the "manger") of animals. It is located in a cave, which has a black background.

The background represents an inhospitable world, the earth since man's expulsion from Paradise. But into this darkened world a great Light has shone: Jesus Christ, true God and true man, the Savior of the world.

The Cave: The earth provides its gift to God: the cave in which animals were being sheltered during the cold winter months.

In the cave-stable are two animals: a cow and a donkey. These represent the prophetic words of Isaiah: "*The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master's crib; but Israel does not know, My people do not consider*" (Isaiah 1:3). **The Star:** The sky offers to God the star, the light of wisdom. This is a sign that Christ came for all people, because a star is seen by everyone and leads all men to Him. It is, of course, the star seen by the three Magi who followed it to Bethlehem. These Magi, along with the shepherds bring their gifts, also showing that Christ came for everyone. Some icons have three rays from the star, representing the Trinity. **A Tree:** In some Nativity icons a tree is painted. The tree represents the "root of Jesse (the father of King David)" from which the promised Messiah, or Christ, will come: "*There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots*" (Isaiah 11:1).

The Child: Jesus is shown wrapped in swaddling clothes. These signify His submission to human flesh, and also presage His death and burial for the sins of the world. Jesus will embrace every aspect of the human condition, from conception to death and even resurrection. The helpless figure in swaddling clothes represents the complete submission of Christ to the conditions governing the human race. **The crib** resembles an altar, for He is the Living Sacrifice for the sins of the world. The manger, a feeding trough for dumb animals, represents His crib, His church, and His tomb.

Mary: In the center of the icon is Mary, resting in a cave upon, and surrounded by, a red bedroll. This represents her seedless conception and her painless birthgiving. She looks upon her hewborn Child, contemplating the great mystery wrought through her by the Holy Spirit. She prays for Him as His mother, and she prays to Him as the Mother of the human race. **The Righteous Joseph:** The Righteous Joseph is depicted away from Jesus and the Theotokos, at the bottom of the icon. This is because he was not involved in the miracle of the Incarnation of the Son of God, but he was the protector of Mary and Jesus. The old man speaking to him represents the devil bringing new doubts to Joseph. The devil suggests that if the infant were truly divine He would not have been born in the human way, and not in such lowly and impoverished conditions. In the person of Joseph, the icon discloses not only his personal doubt, but the dilemma of all mankind, the difficulty of accepting that which is beyond reason: the Incarnation of God.

The Angels: The angels are glorifying God, tending to the action, and ministering. They announce the Good News to the shepherds, singing "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, to men good will.*" **The Shepherds :** Shepherds are shown, watching over their flocks "by night." This was the lambing season for the ewes; otherwise the shepherds would have been asleep with their animals at night. Just as the ewes were giving birth according to nature in the late Autumn and early Winter days, Mary gave birth to her Son Who is the true "Lamb of God." In a few months, at Passover (in Hebrew "*Pesach*," or in Greek "*Pascha*") some of the lambs would be sacrificed as Paschal lambs. In thirty-three years Jesus, would be crucified on the Cross as the true Paschal Victim. **The Magi** The shepherds were summoned by the angels to leave their flocks at a critical time to go to Bethlehem to see a new-born Child. The Magi were drawn by a star to Bethlehem to see a new-born King.

The Magi brought gifts: gold for a King, incense for a Priest, and myrrh for One to be placed in the grave.

The Women

In some Nativity icons women are shown in the lower portion. These women are midwives, indicating that Jesus was born in the normal way and would have needed washing, as a regular human baby would.