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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

December 3, 2017 / Грудень 3, 2017

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

December 3, 2017, 26th Sunday after Pentecost. *Zephaniah Prophet.*

Tone 1: Epistle: Ephesians 5:9 – 19. / Gospel: Luke 18:18 – 27.

9:00 am – (✠ Lyubov Fedun, req. Bohdan Fedun) – **English.**

10:15 am – Pro Populo - **Ukrainian.**

12:00 Non - Special Divine Liturgy for children and youth – E./U.

Note: This week Sanctuary Candle Light will be for Thanksgiving to Apostle Andrew for granting special protection from enemies upon our Parish.

Monday, December 4, 2017 – *The Holy Great Martyr Barbara; Venerable John Damascene.*

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – **Ukrainian.**

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon all (Special Intention),
req. by Mother in Prayer

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 – *Sabbas Venerable.*

9:00 am – ✠ All Deceased Members (Special Intention),
req. by Mothers in Prayer

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 – **St. Nicholas, archbishop of Myra, wonderworker.**

Note: It's a Holy Day.

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – **English.**

8:00 p.m. - Bible Study (Reading, Explanation, etc) – **Ukr.**

Thursday, December 7, 2017 *St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan.*

9:00 a.m. – ✠ Anatoliy, ✠ Tetyana, ✠ Oleksandr,/Panakhyda/
req. Lozishvili Family

Friday, December 8, 2017 – **Conception of St. Anna.**

Note: It's a Holy Day.

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – **English.**

7:00 p.m. – ✠ Adam Ippolito /Panakhyda/ {10th Anniv.},
req. Mary Ippolito

Saturday, December 9, 2017 – *Our Venerable Father Patapius.*

8:00 a.m. – 40th day for ✠ Anatoliy Lozishvili/Panakhyda/
req. David Lozishvili

6:00 p.m. – **Vespers (Вечірня)**

December 10, 2017, 27th Sunday after Pentecost. *Mennas and Others Martyrs.*

9:00 am – Pro Populo - **English.**

10:15 am – (✠ Theodora Sowirka, req. Marta Skrypoczka)-**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 (5 – 9) 1:40 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.; ages (10 – 14) 2:25 p.m. – 3:55p.m.; ages (15 – 19) 3:55 p.m. – 5:25 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: Rev. 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 **January 5, 2018 at 8:00 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 held today **Sunday, December 3, 2017 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 26, 2017.

"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: \$155, Tetrapod: \$2, Annual Support: \$50, Donation: \$60, Uke. Martyrs: \$145, Church Debt: \$10, Flowers: \$400, Pyrohy: \$18, Thanksgiving Luncheon - \$370.00, **Pledge: \$880.00, Sunday Offering: \$885.00, Total - \$2,975.00.**

Dear Parishioners: *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, November 26, 2017. 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 months of **December**, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

Our Church News:**1. Upcoming events:**

A. Dear Parishioners, we would like to invite you to take part in our Parish Council meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. **Note: If 55% of the members are present at the meeting, any decision made at the meeting is valid for the benefit and life of our Church.**

B. Bake Sale: Dear parishioners on December 10th and 17th after Divine Liturgies we will have home made baked cakes for sale as a fundraiser to help pay the remainder of the parish liability insurance for 2017. **Mark the dates on your calendars to sweeten your Advent or Christmas Day.**

C. December collections: The next free will donations will be collected on Sunday, December 17th after both Divine Liturgies.

D. St. Nicholas Party – December 10th at 1:00 p.m. More information is attached to our Church bulletin.

E. NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE, "ZABAVA" – 2017/2018

Sponsored by Our Parish, Sunday, December 31, 2017 starts at 9:00 p.m. *Live music provided by band "Zemlyaky". More information is attached to our Church bulletin.*

2. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

A. those members of the Apostleship of Prayers / Rosary Society and the gentlemen from our Parish especially to: M/M Ior & Olesia Warywoda, Mrs. Helen Samilo, Ms. Sandy Motekeew, Mrs. Ganna Maksymova, Mrs. Nataliya Popovici, Mrs. Svitlana Klym, Mrs. Mariya Gotra and Ms. Elena Popovici who prepared, organized and cleaned up after our Thanksgiving luncheon this past Sunday. The net profit realized was **\$300.00**

B. M/M Slawomir & Helen Samilo who recently purchased & donated three Christmas trees which are to be decorated for Christmas in our church.

C. Frederick J. Chapey & Sons Funeral Home for sponsoring the 2018 Liturgical Year Calendars (both Gregorian and Julian) for our parish.

D. Mr. Ihor Warywoda who twice came this past week and purchased all material needed to make necessary repairs in our Parish kitchen.

E. Mr. Martin Smith who recently volunteered to perform needed work in our parish center to repair our heating system. Through his work our church has saved on extra expenses.

F. one of our parishioner who recently raked, collected and removed a few large bags of leaves from the church property.

G. Mrs. Halyna Podolska who purchased necessary items from Ukraine and donated them for the needs of our Church.

May God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.

3. We have for sale pyrohy with potatoes, kapusta/mushrooms, meat, cheese and holubtsi (stuffed cabbage with meat) – \$6.00 per dozen/package. All proceeds go to our church. This is a fund raiser.

4. 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.

5. We welcome Mrs. Svitlana Klym as new parishioner of our Church.

6. On Sunday December 10, 2017 Rev. Vasyl Salkowski, OSBM protoihumen of Basilian Fathers from Glen Cove will come to our parish to offer a Christmas Feast Meditation and to hear Confessions after both Divine Liturgies. Dear Parishioners please take advantage of the opportunity to prepare yourselves for confession before or after Divine Liturgies.

7. The 2018 boxed donation envelopes and Liturgical Year Calendars will be available for pick-up in the church vestibule after both Divine Liturgies on Sunday, December 10, 2017. **Don't forget to take yours.**

8. In case of an emergency, at any time, whenever someone is in the hospital, seriously ill, or confined at home, please notify the parish office if it is the wish of the sick person or of his/her family that I should visit or administer the Holy Sacraments. I cannot visit a person who is ill without a request from the person or from their immediate family.

Christmas Donation: Dear Parishioners! We appreciate your generous donations to support and beautify our Church. As we share gifts with our families, we should plan a special gift for our Church during Advent (Philip's Fast). May God bless, protect and keep you in good health during this time and the New Year

Dear Parishioners: In light of world events, let us pray more every day for God's forgiveness and mercy and for His guidance.

Who is St. Nicholas (December 6th)?

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships. Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons, there was no room for the real criminals—murderers, thieves and robbers. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th (December 19 on the Julian calendar). Through the centuries many stories and legends have been told of St. Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so beloved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.



Daily Prayers:

Daily Prayers are those, which we are accustomed to say in the morning, evening, and various time of the day. The Church does not prescribe the order or numbers of times these prayers are said. These prayers may be quickly found in the collections of prayers of any of the various prayer books, which have been published with ecclesiastical approval for the private use of the faithful. The prayers most commonly used are: Our Father, Hail Mary, and prayers to the Trinity, to the Holy Spirit, to the Angels, and to the Saints.

The Lord's Prayer or the Our Father is the best known and most widely used of all private forms of prayer. It occurs in almost all the divine services used in church. It was composed by Our Lord Himself (Luke 11, 1). It is a perfectly balanced prayer, for the first half consists of praise of God, and the second half is given over to petitions for things to be received. The Our Father consists of seven short petitions of praise and requests, each full of meaning. They include the most important material and spiritual needs of a human being. The prayer is introduced with the words, 'Our Father', for God is the Father of all (and) excluding none. Not only is He the Lord and Creator of all creatures, but also He is the loving Father over all His children. Through the sacrament of Baptism we have become His children with the right to heaven, our true fatherland. This is why we add the words, "**Who art in Heaven**", for heaven is God's home, and some day it will be our eternal home also. The first petition addressed to the Heavenly Father is, '**Hallowed be Thy name**'. This petition reveals our desire for God's name to be praised and glorified by all men. The second, '**Thy kingdom come**', indicates that the aim and purpose of our lives is to become members of God's kingdom, a kingdom of truth and grace to which we have been called without any merit on our part. The third petition, '**Thy will be done**', shows us that one can reach God's kingdom by submitting to His divine will as revealed in His commandments. After these statements of praise, humility, and submission, the prayer continues with formal petitions. '**Give us this day our daily bread**', is not only a request for the bread of Holy Communion, but for all material sustenance, of which bread is the symbol. We continue with, '**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**'. Sin is a debt before God. If God did not forgive us our sins, we would never be able to achieve heaven. If we wish God to be merciful to us by forgiving us our sins, we must be merciful in the face of the trespasses of our neighbors. The last two petitions are requests asking God to protect us

from the danger of sin. The words '**Lead us not into temptation**'; reveal that every temptation is an opportunity to sin or an occasion for sin. Temptation alone is not a sin, but without God's help we would easily succumb to temptation and so fall into sin. The last words, '**But deliver us from evil**', mean that only the grace of God can protect us from the devil who is the source of all temptation and evil in the final analysis. If one prays the Lord's Prayer with understanding and reflection, it is easy to see why it is the most beautiful of all prayers. The short powerful petitions include everything, which should be said and requested of God. This is why it is the most used daily prayer.

The Hail Mary, or prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary, is next in importance to the Our Father. This prayer, too, is found in the texts of church services. In the Ukrainian rite this prayer begins with the words, 'O God – bearing Virgin'. These two words express the most beautiful things that can be said about Mary. She is at one and the same time the Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the God – man, and the Immaculate Virgin who conceived Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. The words, 'O God – bearing Virgin', embrace all the teachings of the Church about the Virgin Mary. The greeting follows this introductory title, '**Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee**'. These are the same words of greeting used by the Archangel Gabriel when he announced that Mary would become the Mother of God.

The angel explains that Mary has found grace in the sight of God, and therefore she is hailed as one 'full of grace'. The words, '**Blessed art thou amongst women**', are expressive of the dignity to which Mary has been raised. Mary has been chosen singularly from all women to become the Mother of Jesus Christ. She is therefore blessed amongst women. It was with these very words, 'blessed art thou amongst women', that Elizabeth, the cousin of Mary, greeted Mary when she visited her after the conception of Jesus Christ. It is from Elizabeth also that we obtain the words, '**Blessed is the fruit of thy womb**'. These words are included in the prayer to Mary by the Church because they stress the fact that we love and reverence her so highly because Jesus Christ is the 'fruit' of her womb. This is why the Church adds the words (in Ukrainian rite), '**For thou didst give birth to the Saviour of our souls**'. In other words, the Church emphasizes that Mary is the Co – Redemptrix, for through her cooperation with God she has given us Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of souls. Without Christ there would be no salvation.

Another prayer commonly used in the schedule of daily private prayers is **O Heavenly King**. This prayer is taken from the **Vespers** service on the vigil of the Feast of the Descent of the **Holy Spirit** (Pentecost). This is a prayer to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is called the '**Heavenly King**' because He reigns in our hearts and souls through sanctifying grace. "O Heavenly King, consoler, spirit of truth, Thou Who art everywhere present

and fillest all things, treasury of graces and giver of life; Come, dwell within us, cleanse us from all stain, and, O Supreme Goodness, save our souls!" The Holy Spirit is the consoler because he strengthens and comforts us in our sufferings. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate promised to the apostles by Christ at the Last Supper, and this promise was fulfilled during Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is also the **'spirit of truth'**, for it is He Who enables us to understand the truths of our faith. The Holy Spirit, as one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity, is **everywhere present and fillest all things**. He is the treasury of all graces' and as the Creator is the **giver of** (supernatural) life.' After having expressed our belief in the Holy Spirit we ask Him to **'Come, and dwell within us'** as He did when He descended upon the apostles in the form of tongues of fire. The purpose of the Holy Spirit's coming is to **cleanse us of all stain**, that is, from the stain of sin, and to **'save our souls'**. Amongst the daily prayers, which are most often used, we can find three short prayers in honor of the Holy Trinity. The first is the Trisagion, which is found, is the Mass and other liturgical services: 'Holy God, holy Mighty One, holy Immortal One'. Another is: 'Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.' This prayer is found frequently in the various liturgical services. The third prayer to the Holy Trinity asks God for mercy: 'O all – holy Trinity, have mercy on us! O Lord cleanse us of our sins! O Master, forgive us our transgressions! O Holy One, visit us and heal our infirmities for Thy Name's sake'. The prayers, O Heavenly King, and the three above to the Holy Trinity, with the Our Father compose the 'General Introduction', which is the most common and general method of introducing most liturgical services.

Other daily prayers most frequently used in the morning and evenings by the faithful are: the Creed, the Penitential Psalm (Ps. 50), Prayer to the Guardian Angel, and the prayers to the Virgin Mary, such as, Under the protection...' and 'It is very meet to bless thee O Birth – giver of God, etc. Our everyday prayer books are full of selected prayers for daily private use, and for every need and intention. There are prayers for our parents, for the Church, for our Fatherland, for children, for youth, for the sick, for the suffering, for the persecuted, etc. They contain prayers for before and after Confession, for before and after Holy Communion, to the Saints, as well as to our Patron Saints. The purpose of all of these models of daily prayer is to enable us to concentrate our attention during the private act of worshipping God, especially when there are many distractions about. Of all of them, the most beautiful are those taken from the liturgical services.

Private prayer also embraces song. We find many songs and hymns in church services. They are an important element in divine services. Church hymns are prayers offered in song. Through the influence of church hymns many other songs of devotion have been composed which serve to encourage and heighten the quality and tone of one's prayer. The singing of religious hymns is a practice common to all peoples of the world. They are sung before, during, and after religious

services. They are especially used during processions and gatherings having a religious character. Religious songs are also divided according to their content into those in honor of the Holy Trinity, in praise of Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Saints.

Conception of St. Ann – December 8th

St. John Damascene, the Doctor of the Incarnation, tells us that the Feast of the Conception of St. Anne was celebrated in the East in the eighth century and already was ancient at that time. Before the age of the schisms in the Church, the Eastern schismatics accepted this feast, proving that it did exist for many centuries in antiquity. In the east, the Feast of St. Ann was given the title the "Child-begetting of St. Anne" whereas in the Western tradition, it was titled the "Immaculate Conception." The Tipikon of St. Sabbas in the year 485 AD mentions the feast and this seems to be the earliest documented evidence for its existence in the Church's liturgical year. St. John Damascene tells us about the wonder, "Plainly, the virgin birth (of a once sterile mother) was necessary that the road was to be a new thing under the sun and the chief among wonders should be paved by wonders and a gradual ascent should be made from the lower to the more sublime. For the rest, I can advance another higher and more Divine reason. Nature yields before grace and stands irresolute, ceasing to act. Since therefore the Mother of God was to be born a virgin of Anne, nature did not dare to impede the bud of grace but remained devoid of fruit while grace was to bring forth its fruit." (First Sermon on the Nativity of Mary). This feast is similar in its basic idea to the conceptions of Christ and St. John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist was conceived by St. Elizabeth who had been thought barren. The angel's announcement to Zachary that she would conceive is analogous to the situation of St. Anne and the news of the conception of the Mother of God to one who was thought barren - St. Anne! St. Joachim and St. Ann were advanced in years like Zachary and Elizabeth. They were disappointed in that they had no children. This was a great disgrace for Jewish women because although to this day the Jews do not recognize Jesus to be the savior, at that time, each Jewish woman hoped to be His mother. St. Anne gave birth to the God Bearer, Mary, and her reproach was turned into joy at such a wonder. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854 stating: "that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted to her by almighty God through the merits of Christ Jesus, Savior of Mankind, was preserved from all stain of original sin is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore must be held firmly and constantly by all faithful Christians." The feast has always been celebrated on December 9th in the Eastern European countries. But, because this feast is the Patronal Feast of the United States of America under the title "Immaculate Conception," some of the Eastern in this country celebrate the feast on December 8. Ukrainian Catholics in United States celebrate this feast on December 8th.
