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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

February 4, 2018 / Лютий 4, 2018

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

February 4, 2018, Sunday of Meat fare. *Isidore Venerable.*

Tone 2: Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8–9:2. / Gospel: Matthew 25:31–46.

9:00 am – Pro Populo - English.

10:15 am – (Thanksgiving to God for All Graces bestowed upon Mychailo Shafranski & Family; Andriy, Halyna, Oleh, req. Family and Halyna Mir) - **Ukrainian.**

12:00 Noon - Special Divine Liturgy for children/family – E. /U.

Sanctuary Candle: This week Sanctuary Candle is lit in Memory of
✠ Gloria Tolopka, req. Popovici Family

Monday, February 5, 2018 – *Agatha Martyr.*

9:00 a.m. – 9th day for ✠ Gloria Tolopka, req. Samilo Family

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 – *Bucolus Bishop.*

9:00 a.m. – Good health for Myron and Maria (Special Intention)

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 – *Parthenius Bishop.*

9:00 a.m. – ✠ Yaroslav, ✠ Katyryna, ✠ Mychailo, req. Katyryna Pliszak

Thursday, February 8, 2018 – *Theodore Great - Martyr.*

9:00 a.m. – Good health for Myron and Maria (Special Intention)

Friday, February 9, 2018 – *Nicephor Martyr.*

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

Saturday, February 10, 2018. *All Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers.*

8:00 a.m. – ✠ All Deceased Members (Special Intention),
req. by Mothers in Prayer

6:00 p.m. – **Vespers (Вечірня)**

February 11, 2018, Sunday of Cheesefare. *The Holy Priest Martyr Blaise*

9:00 am – Pro Populo - English.

10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Oksana and Moskalyuk Family;
God's Blessing upon Stepan & Herych Family, req. Moskalyuk
and Herych Families) - **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 Rector 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. –
3:55 p.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: 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 **March 2, 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, February 4, 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 – January 28, 2018.

Prospora - \$500.00

"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: \$220, Tetrapod: \$5, Nativity: \$5, Initial: \$50, Holy Days: \$170, Pyrohy: \$110, Annual Support: \$875, Bulletin Add: \$150, Energy: \$5, Poor: \$2, Donation: \$150, **Pledge: \$320.00, Sunday Offering: \$842.00, Total - \$2,914.00.**

***Dear Parishioners:* Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, January 28, 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 months of February 2018, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

Our Church News:

1. Parishioner † Gloria Tolopka, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday January 27, 2018. We wish to express our sincere condolences to the Oleshko family on their loss. May her memory be everlasting.

2. Memorial Donations: We have received donations in memory of † Gloria Tolopka from the following Parishioners: M/M Andriy & Mariya Tanchak - \$100.00; M/M Ivan & Ruslana Rybak - \$50.00.

3. Upcoming events:

A. Dear Parishioners: We have scheduled a **St. Valentine's Day /Zapusty Luncheon** on Sunday February 11, 2018 after both Divine Liturgies sponsored by the Rosary Society. Admission is \$6.00, children under 7 are free. Please come and join us on this day.

B. February 2018 collections: The next free will donations will be collected on Sunday, February 18, 2018 after both Divine Liturgies.

C. February is Catholic Press month, a time when we renew our annual subscription and support for The Sower. Please help the Stamford Eparchy to continue to provide this valuable source of information by placing your donation of \$20 dollars in the envelope contained in your boxed envelopes.

D. On February 25, 2018, there will be a benevolent collection for the "Andrew's Hrish (Pence) to support our Resurrection Cathedral Church in Kiev (Patriarchal Sobor)". Envelopes for this collection are available in our boxed envelopes with the inscription "St. Andrew's Pence." Your donations and support for this collection will be greatly appreciated.

4. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

A. the ladies and gentlemen of our parish especially to: Mr. Sergey Shelestov, M/M Petro & Mariya Dankov, Ms. Ganna Maksymova, Mrs. Mariya Gotra, who offered their time in preparing food at the Parish Center for our Prospora which was held this past Sunday. Thank you again to all workers at the party: those ladies who served and those who cleaned afterward and stored items. The net profit realized was **\$500.00**. Heartfelt thanks to the children from our parish who performed a Nativity Scene (Vyrtyp) and to the Ukrainian Dancers from Horlytsia.

B. Mrs. Nadiya Sabadakh, Ms. Halyna Sabadakh and Mrs. Oksana Vladychack who removed and stored the Christmas trees from our vestibule and church this past week and cleaned up. And Mr. and Mrs. Slawomir and Helen Samilo who removed and stored our Nativity scene this week.

C. M/M Vasyly & Anna Ivasyuk who donated \$100.00 toward our 2018 caroling donations. To date, the total caroling donations are \$4,750.00.

D. M/M Martin & Silvia Smith who for the past four years have updated our parish web page and payed the required fees to keep our web page active. **May God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.**

5. Those parishioners who desire to have their homes blessed after Epiphany, kindly telephone Father Popovici at (631) 225-1168 to schedule a date and time. **House blessings can be done through February 15, 2018.** See the attachment to our Bulletin.

6. Traditionally **Sorokousty** (Gregorian calendar) begins on the Saturday before the Sunday of Meat fare (Carnevale) which this year is February 3, 2018. During Lent, Sorokousty will be held on Saturdays. Kindly provide the names of your loved ones whom you wish to have remembered in our prayers.

7. Dear Parishioners: If you have any unopened and unused merchandise (**with tags and in new condition**) that you don't need, consider donating it for our "Chinese Auction" scheduled for November.

8. We have a variety of **pyrohy** for sale (separate container of onions included) – the cost for one dozen is \$6.00. All proceeds go to our parish. This is a Fund Raiser.

9. Dear Parishioners: in your box of Weekly Envelopes there is an envelope marked "**Annual Parish Support**". *Please remember to make this donation which is a minimum donation for registered parishioners.* Collected funds will be used to keep our Church in good standing.

10. Dear Parishioners! In a short time we will have information about our next Pilgrimage: "Steps of the Saints" – Italy (Rome, Padua, Asisi, etc). Save the dates: September 16 – 28, 2018. More information is attached to our Church Bulletin.

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

Law: More recently, the existence of married clergy in the East has been used as an argument for making priestly celibacy optional in the West. Questions posed by the Latin Church about its own life and discipline can only be answered by that Church from within its own tradition. The fact that some priests are married and some not has ever been a question of debate in the East. As Pope Paul VI noted, "If the legislation of the Eastern Church is different in the matter of discipline with regard to clerical celibacy...this is due to the different historical background of that most noble part of the Church, a situation which the Holy Spirit has providentially and supernaturally influenced." Vatican II, in this matter, stated, "While recommending ecclesiastical celibacy this sacred Council does not by any means aim at changing that contrary discipline which is lawfully practiced in the Eastern Churches. Rather the Council affectionately exhorts all those who have received the priesthood in the married state to preserve in their holy vocation and continue to devote their lives fully and generously to the flock entrusted to them." The Eastern Churches have a deep reverence for the celibate state as lived by monks and nuns. The episcopate, the fullness of the priesthood, is only bestowed on celibate priests. The Second Vatican Council sought the restoration of the permanent diaconate. The deacon has always had a central role in the liturgical life of many Eastern Churches, but under the influence of the Latin Church, the diaconate came to be seen as a step towards ordination to the priesthood.

The permanent deacon, both in the West and the East, is ordained "not unto the priesthood, but unto the ministry." Nevertheless, the deacon is seen as a member of the hierarchy and not a layman. In the Liturgy, the deacon is at the service of the bishop and through him the entire Church. The deacon also has a role in preaching, As the *Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches* states, "Bishops, priests and deacons, each according to the grade of his sacred order, have [preaching] as their foremost duty."

God and His Perfections: God is the Supreme Being. This means that God surpasses all creatures, is the self – existing and infinitely perfect Spirit. A spirit is an immortal and bodiless being, endowed with intellect and free will. God is self – existing. This means that no one created God and that God does not need any creature in order to exist. God is infinitely perfect. This means that God has all perfections in an unlimited degree. Some of the perfections of God are: God is eternal. This means that God always was and always will be and that He never changes. (He always remains the same). God is all good. This means that God is infinitely lovable in Himself, and that from His fatherly love every good comes to us. God is all – knowing. This means that God knows all things, which were, are, and will be; He even knows our most secret thoughts, words, and deeds. God is all – present. This means that God is simultaneously in every place. God is almighty. This means that God can do everything that He wills. God is all – wise, all – holy, all – merciful, and all – just. God sees us and watches over us with loving care. God’s loving care for us is called Divine Providence.

The Blessed Trinity: There is only one God. In God there are three Divine and Consubstantial Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father is God and the first Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Son is God and the second Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit is God and the third Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Blessed Trinity – this is one and the same God in three Divine Persons. The word Trinity means the unity of three in one. The three Divine Persons are distinct from one another. The three Divine Persons are perfectly equal to one another, because all are one and the same God, because all have one and the same Divine Nature. We cannot fully understand how the three Divine Persons, though really distinct from one another, are one and the same God. This is a supernatural mystery. A supernatural mystery is a truth which we cannot fully understand, but which we believe, because God has revealed it to us. The Blessed Trinity was revealed to the people for the first time at the baptism of Jesus Christ: God the Father spoke from the heavens, God the Son was baptized in the (river) Jordan, and God the Holy Spirit was manifested under the appearance of a dove and descended upon Jesus.

Creation and the Angels: God is the Creator of heaven and earth and of all things which are in heaven and earth. He is the Creator of the visible and invisible world.

God created heaven and earth by His almighty word. He said: “Let there be...” And thus it came into being. “To create” means to make something out of nothing. This, only the Almighty God can do. The chief creatures of God are angels and human beings. Angels are created spirits who have no bodies but have intellect and free will. When God created the angels, He bestowed on them great wisdom, power, and holiness. However, not all the angels remained faithful to God; some of them sinned. The angels who remained faithful are called the holy or good angels. God rewarded them with the eternal happiness of heaven, where they see God, pray to Him and glorify Him. The good angels help

us by their prayers. They are also God’s messengers and our guardians. Our guardian angels help us by their prayers, they protect us in dangers, and they inspire us to do good. There are nine choirs of angels: angels, archangels, principalities, powers, virtues, dominations, thrones, cherubim, and seraphim. The number of angels is very great. The angels who did not remain faithful to God were cast into hell. They are called fallen angels or devils. Their leader is Satan. The evil spirits try to harm us (chiefly) by tempting us to sin. Some temptations come from evil spirits; other temptations come from ourselves or from persons and things about us. We can always resist temptations, because no temptation can force us into sin. God will always help us, if we ask Him for such help and listen to his holy promptings.

The Creation of the First Human Beings: A human being (man or woman) is a rational being who has an eternal and supernatural destiny. A human being is composed of body and an immortal soul. The soul is a rational and immortal spirit created to the image and likeness of God. The human soul is like unto God in that it is a spirit, which has intellect and free will, and is destined to eternal life. The human soul will never die, because it is immortal. At the moment of death of a human being the soul is separated from the body, in order that it might begin its eternal life, happy or unhappy, in the next world. At the end of this world the human body will rise and be re – united with its soul. And will share in the soul’s eternal happiness or eternal punishment. We know about the creation of the human being from the Old Testament of Sacred Scripture. The first man was named Adam, and the first woman was named Eve. They were the first parents of the entire human race. God bestowed on Adam and Eve sanctifying grace. This made them children of God and gave them the right to heaven. God bestowed on Adam and Eve still other gifts: He gave them happiness in paradise, great knowledge, and control of the passions by reason, and freedom from suffering and death.

The Fall of the First Human Beings – Original Sin: God gave Adam and Eve the commandment not to eat of the fruit of a certain tree that grew in Paradise. But Adam and Eve did not obey the commandment of God. They ate of the forbidden fruit. When Adam and Eve sinned, they lost sanctifying grace, the right to heaven, and they lost the special gifts. God sentenced them to suffering and bodily death. They began to feel in themselves a strong inclination to evil. Besides this, God expelled them from Paradise. On account of the sin of Adam we, his descendants, come into the world deprived of sanctifying grace. This sin in us is called *original sin*. Thus, we inherit the punishment of Adam, as we would have inherited his gifts, had he been obedient to God. Through original sin we inherit the punishment of Adam; death, suffering, ignorance, and a strong inclination to sin. God is not unjust in punishing us on account of the sin of Adam, because original sin does not take away from us anything to which we have a strict right as human beings, but only the free gifts, which God in His goodness would have bestowed on us if Adam had not sinned. The sacrament of Baptism cleanses us of original sin by means of sanctifying grace. The Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from original sin in view of the merits of her Divine Son, and this privilege is called her Immaculate Conception.