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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

January 8, 2017 / Січень 8, 2017

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

Sunday after Theophany, January 8, 2017. *Our Venerable Father George.*

Tone 1: Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13. / Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17.

9:00 a.m. – (God's Blessing upon Roman, Mariya, Oleksandra, Khrystyna, Mariia & Blyshchak Family, req. Family) – **English.**

10:15 a.m. – **Pro Populo – Ukrainian.**

Sanctuary Candle: This week Sanctuary Candle is lit in Memory of † Nestor Hudziy, req. by Popovici Family

Monday, January 9, 2017. *Polyeuct Martyr.*

9:00 a.m. – Good health for Gloria Tolopka, req. Nataliya Popovici

Tuesday, January 10, 2017. *Gregory of Nyssa Bishop.*

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Robert & Leticia Nalewayko (4)

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

Wednesday, January 11, 2017. *Theodosius Venerable.*

9:00 a.m. - God's Blessing upon Luba, Petro, Roman, Oksana, Andriana, Sofiya, Ivan, Ruslana, Petro, Eva, req. Family (4)

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

Thursday, January 12, 2017. *Tatiana Martyr.*

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Fr. Popovici & Family, req. Nataliya Ivashko

Friday, January 13, 2017. *Hermolous and Stratonius Martyrs.*

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Stephanie Beeker, req. Nataliya Popovici

8:00 p.m. – Special Divine Liturgy, req. Mothers in Prayer

Saturday, January 14, 2017. *Venerable Fathers of Sinai and Raitho.*

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

Sunday after Theophany, January 15, 2017. *Our Venerable Father George.*

9:00 a.m. – **Pro Populo – English.**

10:15 a.m. – (God's Blessing upon Oleh, Nataliya, Vadym & Petryk Family, req. Family) – **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 9:00 am until 1:30 p.m. For more information please call the Rectory or contact the Director, Mrs. Izolda Maksym at (631) 225 -1203 or visit our web page:

ukrainskaschkola.com.

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups: ages (5 – 8) 1:35 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.; ages (8 – 12) 3:05 p.m. – 4:35p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 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 13, 2017 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: Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; Evenings by appointment. **Attention: Tuesday** 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 January 15, 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 – January 1, 2017. New Years Eve Party: 7,076.00

"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: \$125, Terapod: \$35, Pyrohy: \$24, Shoka: \$32, Initial: \$140, Energy: \$100, Christmas: \$300, Circumcision: \$265, Coffee: \$101, Annual Support: \$125, **Pledge: \$870.00, Sunday Offering: \$740.00, Total - \$2,833.00.**

Dear Parishioners: *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, January 1, 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 month of **January**, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

Our Church News:

1. We wish to express our deepest condolences and sympathy for Mrs. Nataliya Popovici and the Popovici family for the loss of her father, † Nestor Hudziy, who fell asleep in the Lord on January 5th. May his memory be everlasting.

2. Dear Parishioners, we would like to invite you to take part in our first Parish Council meeting for 2017 which will take place on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:15 p.m. We will discuss important matters at this meeting. Please make every effort to attend.

3. January collections: Regular church cleaning: The next free will donation will be collected on Sunday, January 15, 2017.

4. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a) our Parishioners: *For the year 2016, thanks to all of you who made Pyrohy, holubtsi, blintzes, etc. Total income was \$7,528.00, expenses were \$2, 641.00, our net profit was \$4,887.00.*

b) those ladies from the Rosary Society and Apostleship of Prayer and all our parishioners who donated their time and energy in organizing and preparing all the delicious food and baked items, for the New Year's Eve Banquet. The net profit was \$7,076.00. Also many thanks to those people, who stayed afterwards to clean, straighten up and wash all chair covers and table cloths.

c) Mrs. Helen Samilo who continues to voluntarily bake Prospora (Julian calendar) which was blessed last Sunday before Christmas and was distributed to our parishioners after Ukrainian Divine Liturgy and will also be enjoyed in our home at the beginning of our Christmas Eve dinner. **d) Mr. Sergey Shelestov** and his cleaning service who voluntarily cleaned our Church and parish hall on Tuesday, January 3rd. Through his voluntary services our parish has saved \$200.00; Mr. Sergey Shelestov also generously provided for his employees to stay until 5am on New Year's morning to clean after the New Year's Eve party.

e) M/M Slawomir and Helen Samilo for voluntarily setting up chairs and tables, etc. for our Julian calendar Christmas services. May God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.

5. We have for sale pyrohy with potatoes – \$6.00 per dozen; holubtsi (stuffed cabbage with meat and mushrooms), \$6.00 per package. All proceeds go to our church. This is a fundraiser.

6. 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.

7. Reminder to all parishioners and friends: no animals or pets are permitted to enter our church property because of the proximity of the sanctuary and the Blessed Sacrament. In accordance with the limits of our liability insurance policy, the only animals that are permitted in the church are 'service animals' such as seeing eye dogs. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this regard.

8. House Blessings with a special Prayer: It is a long standing custom among Ukrainians to have their homes blessed with holy water sanctified during the Feast of Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River.) If you would like to have your home blessed, please contact Fr. Popovici or call the office to make arrangements or to ask questions.

9. Dear Parishioners: *Our Prospora (end of the Christmas season) Luncheon will be held on January 29, 2017 after the 10:15 am Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. Admission will be \$25.00 per person. To bring the Christmas Season to a close, please plan to attend and celebrate as a parish family with Honored Artist of Ukraine Mrs. Iryna Lonchyna. More information is attached to our bulletin.*

Dear Parishioners: ANNOUNCING our 2nd parish pilgrimage: A MARIAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY SITES OF EUROPE is scheduled from April 23rd to May 4th, 2017. Only 43 seats are available. Join us on a ten day spiritual journey focusing on the apparitions of the Mother of God in Lourdes and Fatima. As St. Louis Marie DeMontfort, author of *True Devotion to Mary* said, "To Jesus Through Mary." **VISIT 3 COUNTRIES – STAY IN 10 CITIES – ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE SHOWERED WITH GOD'S BLESSINGS!** We invite you, not just on another trip, but a spiritual journey you will never forget. **For more information ask Fr. Popovici.**

House Blessing: *It is the custom among many Ukrainian and Eastern Christians to have their homes blessed with the holy water sanctified on the feast of Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River). The Purpose: The annual blessing of homes is a custom of special beauty and significance. We again ask Christ to bless and enter into our homes and our lives. We ask Him to be with us, as we desire to be with Him. We ask that by the sprinkling of blessed water, the Holy Spirit renew us, our families and our lives in our homes. As Christ brought salvation to the house of Zacchaeus; we ask the same for all those who dwell in our homes. Theologically speaking, the blessing of home constitutes an invocative blessing, meaning that by prayer and by the sprinkling of the Holy Water the priest invokes God's protection upon the home and those living in it. One of the prayers used in the blessing of homes declares: "Now, You, O Lord, protect also all those who dwell in this house from all harm and injury; grant them Jordan's blessing, purifications, which are for their salvation and life eternal." As our souls, so also our homes become tainted by the sins of those living in them and, consequently, lose God's protective power. Every year then, at the Feast of Theophany, they should be blessed again to secure for them God's blessings and protection. If you would like your home blessed, please write your name and daytime contact telephone number on a sheet of paper and drop it in the Sunday collection or call Fr. Popovici for an appointment. House blessings can be done through February 15, 2017.*

Altar Candles: For Mystical reasons the Church prescribes that the candles used at Liturgy (Mass) and at other Liturgical Functions be made of Beeswax: (1) The Pure Wax extracted by Bees from Flowers symbolizes the Pure Flesh of Christ received from His Virgin Mother, (2) the Wick signifies the Soul of Christ, (3) and the Flame represents His Divinity. Although the Two latter properties are found in all kinds of candles, the First is proper of Beeswax Candles only. It is, however, not necessary that they be made of Beeswax without any admixture. The Paschal Candle and the Two candles used at Mass should be made "ex cera apum saltem in maxima parte" (>51%), but the other candles in "majori vel notabili quantitate ex eadem cera". As a rule they should be of white bleached wax, but at Funerals, at the Office of Tenebrae in Holy Week, and at the Mass of the Presanctified, on Good Friday, they should be of yellow unbleached wax. Candles made wholly of any other material, such as Tallow, Stearine, Paraffin, etc., are Forbidden. It constitutes a Grievous Offense to celebrate Mass without any Light.



Number of Candles at Liturgy (Mass): We have no documentary evidence that candlesticks were placed on the Altar during the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice before the Tenth Century. Leo IV (847-855) declared that only the Relics of Saints and the Book of the Gospels might be placed on the Altar. The custom of placing candlesticks and candles on the Altar became general in the Sixteenth Century. At a Pontifical High Mass, celebrated by the Ordinary, Seven candles are lighted. The Seventh candle should be somewhat higher than the others, and should be placed at the middle of the Altar in line with the other Six. For this reason the Altar Crucifix is moved forward a little. In Requiem Masses, and at other Liturgical Services, e.g. Vespers, the Seventh candle is not used. If the Bishop celebrates outside his diocese, or if he be the Administrator, Auxiliary, or Coadjutor, the Seventh candle is not lighted. At a Solemn High Mass, i.e. when the celebrant is assisted by a Deacon and Subdeacon, Six candles are lighted. At a High Mass (missa cantata), which is celebrated without the assistance of Deacon and Subdeacon, at least four candles are required. At low Mass celebrated by any Bishop, four candles are usually lighted. At a strictly low Mass celebrated by any priest inferior to a Bishop, whatever be his dignity, only two candles may be used.

It is not lawful to offer Holy Mass without lighted candles, and if the candles are in danger of being blown out by the wind, they must be protected by lanterns.

Other: Six candles should also be lighted at Vespers and Lauds when the Office is sung on Great Feasts, but on less solemn occasions two or four suffice. Candles are also used in Excommunications, the Reconciling of Penitents, and other exceptional functions. They play a conspicuous part in the rite of the dedication of a church and the blessing of cemeteries, and an offering of candles is also made at the Offertory of an Ordination Mass by those who have just been Ordained. In the conferring of all the Sacraments except that of Penance, it is enjoined that candles should be lighted. At a Baptism a burning candle is put into the hand of the Catechumen or of the Godfather as representing the infant.

Benediction: A minimum of twelve candles is prescribed for any public exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. As a rule the color of candles should be white, though gilded and painted candles are permitted under certain restrictions. In Masses for the dead however and in Holy Week yellow or unbleached wax is used. It is also fitting that the candles for Liturgical purposes should be blessed, but this is not prescribed as of obligation.

Votive Candles: Candles were, and are, commonly used to burn before shrines towards which the faithful wish to show special devotion. The candle burning its life out before a statue is symbolic of Prayer and Sacrifice.

Advent Candles: The Advent wreath is a special symbol composed of a wreath of evergreen, in a circle, with 4 candles, 3 purple and one pink. One candle is lit every night during Advent. One purple one during the first week of Advent, the second purple one nightly during the second week, and so on, until during the fourth week all four candles are lit. Some people also place a large white candle in the center to be lit on Christmas Day. The purple candles are penitential and represent the Advent fasting season. The pink candle is for the joy surrounding the impending birth of Jesus. The evergreen symbolizes God is with us always and will never change. The circle symbolizes that God is Eternal, with no beginning and no end. The light of the candles reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World, and soon we will celebrate the day of His Birth.

Easter/Pashcal Candle: The Easter Candle is prepared during the Easter Vigil Service of Light

The symbolism of Christ's triumph over the Darkness of Sin and Death is most apparent when the Paschal Candle is prepared each year during the Easter Vigil Service on Easter Eve. This is the night when Christians everywhere

celebrate the passage of Jesus Christ from Death to Light. As the Sacred Triduum continues, we first gather in the Darkness to kindle a New Fire, in anticipation that we will be Inflamed with the New Hope. Christ Our Light is Proclaimed, and as the Easter Light spreads throughout the Assembly, we marvel at the Power of the Resurrection of Christ . This is the night when we attune our ears to the Power of God's Word. Like those who sit around campfires and tell stories, we gather around the Flame of the Easter Candle and share the greatest stories of our Christian Treasury. We hear the central stories of salvation that lead us to embrace the story of Christ's Triumph over Death. "He is not here, He is risen!" Preceding the Procession, a fire is kindled. Symbolically this is the fire which ignites all Light. Traditionally, before lighting the candle from the New Fire, the candle is inscribed with a Cross, an Alpha and Omega, and the current year. This reinforces the point of Christ's Presence among us now and throughout Eternity. The following accompanies the inscribing: "Christ Yesterday and Today, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to Him and all the ages; to Him be glory and power through every age for ever. Amen" As the candle is carried in Procession into the Dark Nave (main body) of the Church, so Christ Lights our way out of darkness. During the Procession, the priest bears the candle and lifts it high and sings, "Christ our light," to which all respond, "Thanks be to God!" There is no missing the point! Christ is present in the midst of that Assembly. We're not pretending to reenact Christ's Physical Resurrection. We're not simply recalling an ancient event when Christ was present. The reality in the message of the Resurrection is that the Risen Christ is present here today, with and for us. We are gathered in darkness to wait and look for the Resurrection. Gradually we enter into the reality that Christ is risen and is present among us. The Paschal Candle is placed on its stand near the Baptismal Font, as a visual reminder that in our Baptism we are Crucified and Resurrected with Christ . The candle is lighted at each celebration of Baptism, at which time small baptismal candles are lighted from it for presentation to the Baptized or Sponsor. This act is a visual reminder of the integral connection between Baptism and Easter. For funerals, the Paschal Candle is lighted and placed in its stand at the head of the casket during the funeral rite. In a visual way, the Paschal Candle proclaims the message of Romans 6:3-4,8-9 "Are you not aware that we who are Baptized into Christ Jesus are Baptized into His Death? Through Baptism into His Death we were buried with Him, so that, just as Christ was Raised from the Dead by the Glory of the Father, we too might live a New Life. If we have died with Christ, we believe that we are also to live with Him. We know that Christ, once raised from the Dead, will never die again; death has no more power over Him".

Sanctuary Light



In the Old Testament God commanded that a lamp filled with the purest oil of olives should always burn in the Tabernacle of the Testimony without the veil. The Catholic Church prescribes that at least one lamp should continually burn before the Tabernacle, not only as an Ornament of the Altar, but for the Purpose of Worship. It is also a Mark of Honor. It is to remind the Faithful of the Presence of Christ , and is a profession of their Love and Affection. Mystically it signifies Christ , for by this material light He is represented Who is the "True Light which enlighteneth every man" (John 1:9). The lamp is usually suspended before the tabernacle by means of a chain or rope, and it should hang sufficiently high and removed from the altar-steps to cause no inconvenience to those who are engaged in the Sanctuary. It may also be suspended from, or placed in a bracket at the side of the Altar, provided always it be in front of the Altar within the Sanctuary Proper. The altar-lamp may be made of any kind of metal, and of any shape or form. According to the opinion of reputable theologians, it would be a serious neglect, involving grave sin, to leave the Altar of the Blessed Sacrament without this light for any protracted length of time, such as a day or several

nights. For symbolical reasons olive oil is prescribed for the lamp burning before the altar of the Blessed Sacrament , for it is a symbol of Purity , Peace , and Godliness . Since pure olive oil, without any admixture, causes some inconvenience in the average American climate, oil containing between 60 and 65 per cent of pure olive oil is supposed to be legitimate material. Where olive oil cannot be had, it is allowed, at the discretion of the Ordinary, to use other, and as far as possible vegetable oils. Gas and electric lights are not allowed in its stead.