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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

January 13, 2019 / Січень 13, 2019

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

Sunday after Theophany, January 13, 2019. *Hemolaus and Stratonicus Martyrs.*

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

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo - English.

**10:15 am – God's Blessing upon All of Our Parishioners
(Pro Populo), req. Samilo Family - Ukrainian.**

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

Sanctuary Candle: This week Sanctuary Candle is lit in Memory of
✠ Laryssa V. Falkowski, req. Falkowski Family

5:00 p.m. – Special Devotion – Ukrainian.

Monday, January 14, 2019. *Venerable Fathers of Sinai and Raitho.*

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – Ukrainian.

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Mariya & Family, req. Family

Tuesday, January 15, 2019. *Paul & John Venerables.*

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

Wednesday, January 16, 2019. *Veneration of the Chains of Peter.*

**7:00 p.m. - ✠ Omelan Steszyn/Panakhayda/ {1st yr. Anniv.},
req. Steszyn Family**

Thursday, January 17, 2019. *Anthony the Great Venerable.*

7:00 p.m. - ✠ Iryna Jatsiv {Anniv.}, req. Iryna Popovych

Friday, January 18, 2019. *Athanasius & Cyril Archbishops.*

6:30 p.m. – ✠ Laryssa V. Falkowski {Anniv.}, req. Falkowski Family

Saturday, January 19, 2019 - Macarius Venerable.

9:00 am – Pro Populo - Ukrainian.

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

35 Sunday after Pentecost, January 20, 2019. *Our Venerable and God
– bearing Father Euthemius the Great.*

9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo - English.

**10:15 a.m. – (God's Blessing upon Myroslav Sabadylo & Family,
req. Sabadylo 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 9:15 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 **February 1, 2019 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, January 13, 2019 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 6, 2019.

"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: \$240, Tetrapod: \$115, Nativity: \$20, Church Debt: \$40, Holy Days: \$387, Donation: \$40, Flowers: \$20, Christmas: \$120, Annual Parish Support: \$50, Initial: \$120, **Pledge: \$715.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,336.00, Total - \$3,203.00.**

Dear Parishioners: *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday', January 6th, 2019. 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 2019 our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.*

Our Church News:**1. Upcoming events and January 2019 collections:**

A. Regular church cleaning: The next voluntary second collection will be collected on Sunday, January 20, 2019.

B. Dear Parishioners: Our Prospora (end of the Christmas season) Luncheon will be held on January 27, 2019 after the 10:00 am Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. **Bishop Paul will be our guest visiting the Parish and will Bless the Holy Altar on this day.** Admission will be \$20.00 per person. More information will follow in our next Bulletin.

C. Dear Parishioners: On the second Saturday of the Month, February 9, 2019 at 7:00pm, we will offer 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 February 8th, so that I am able to celebrate the Cumulative Liturgy, (General), for the Deceased that evening.

2. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. the following parish families who made an extra donation for the needs of our Church: Ms. Susan Oleshko - \$500; an Anonymous Donor - \$500; Ms. Carla Levin - \$200.

b. all our parishioners and all those who made special gifts to our church for Christmas Day (Julian Calendar), January 7, 2019 in a total amount of **\$4,289.00**. We also thank those who participated in our annual parish caroling event and those who made offerings for carolers to come to their homes. The total offerings were **\$4,710.00**.

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 the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy and will also be enjoyed in our home at the beginning of our Christmas Eve dinner.

d. **Volodymyr Sabalo and Andrew Popovici** who voluntarily set up chairs/tables, etc. for the Julian calendar Christmas holiday and for removal of same and for putting the wall back in place for the Saturday School classes.

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3. House Blessings with a special Prayer: It is a long standing custom among Ukrainians to have their homes blessed with the 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 arrange the time of your home blessing. If you have any questions, please ask Fr. Popovici. See attachment to our Bulletin.

4. Dear Parishioners: *Please refrain from lighting candles during the*

Divine Liturgy. The Divine Liturgy is the reenactment (in an unbloody manner) of the sacrifice of our Lord on the Cross at Golgotha. Recall what God said to Moses: Moses, remove your sandals because the place in which you stand is holy. Out of respect for Jesus Christ and to avoid distracting movements during the Liturgy, please light all candles either before the Liturgy has begun or after the final blessing. Thank you for your cooperation.

5. 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: The Third Petition:

20. Q. Is it necessary to do the will of God?

A. It is as necessary to do the will of God as it is to work out our salvation because Jesus Christ has said that they alone who have done the will of His Father shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

21 Q. In what way can we know the will of God?

A. We can know the will of God especially by means of the Church and of the spiritual superiors appointed by God to guide us along the way of salvation; we may also learn His most holy will from the divine inspirations that come to us and from the very surroundings in which the Lord has placed us.

22 Q. Should we always recognize the will of God in adversity as well as in prosperity?

A. Both in prosperity and adversity we should always recognize the will of God, who directs or permits all things for our good.

The Fourth Petition

23 Q. What do we ask in the Fourth Petition: Give us this day our daily bread?

A. In the Fourth Petition we beg of God all that is daily necessary for soul and body.

24 Q. What do we ask of God for our soul?

A. For our soul we ask of God the sustenance of our spiritual life, that is, we pray the Lord to give us His grace of which we stand in continual need.

25 Q. How is the life of the soul nourished?

A. The life of the soul is nourished principally by the food of the word of God and by the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

26 Q. What do we ask of God for our body?

A. For the body we ask all that is necessary for the sustainment of our temporal life.

27 Q. Why do we say: Give us this day our daily bread, rather than: Give us bread this day?

A. We say: Give us this day our daily bread, rather than: Give us bread this day, to exclude all desire of what is another's; and hence we beg the Lord to help us in acquiring just and lawful gains, so that we may procure our maintenance by our own toil And without theft or fraud.

Prayer Reminder: Please remember God created each of us to know Him, to love Him and to obey Him. Knowledge precedes love. We cannot love that which we do not know. Through diligent and thoughtful prayer, we receive the Graces necessary to know God and to be worthy of His great love for us. Jesus taught that if we deny God the love and honor due Him, He will deny us before His Father at the Seat of Judgment. Jesus waits for us in the tabernacle. You are invited to pray in our church or at home to be united with us in prayer at 9:00 pm every evening. It is hoped that at least one parish family will pray in church each evening. Those who remain home or who are otherwise occupied should remember to pray at about the same time each evening so that we may make our supplication to God together.

Altar Table

In the center of the Sanctuary there is the Altar Table. This symbolically represents the altar in heaven before the Throne of God. This notion of a heavenly altar is biblical (Isaiah 8, Revelation 8, Heb 13:10). The Holy Altar has multiple symbolic meanings. First, it represents the Throne of God. Through the sacraments celebrated upon this altar God's saving and sanctifying grace is bestowed upon all Catholic people. It is also Golgotha, the place where Jesus was crucified. It is upon this altar that we participate in the Passion of our Lord and Saviour. Finally, it represents the Tomb of Christ. It's through Christ's death that eternal life was granted to all His people. This final representation is highlighted in the Resurrection Matins service celebrated every Sunday because the morning Gospel is proclaimed from the right or southern side of the altar symbolising the angel announcing the risen Christ to the myrrh bearers.

We have mentioned how the entire church building is centered around the altar. The Book of the Gospels is perpetually enthroned on the altar. It is on the altar that we offer the bloodless sacrifice of Christ to the Father. And from the altar we receive Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In Eastern Tradition the altar is often carved of wood or stone. It is usually vested with colorful material to show its divine and heavenly character. On the altar one always finds the antiminsion. This is the cloth depicting Christ in the tomb which contains the signature of the bishop and is the permission for the local community to gather as the Church. "Antiminsion" means literally "instead of the table." Since the bishop is the proper pastor of the Church, the antiminsion is used instead of the bishop's own table which is, obviously, in his own church building, the cathedral—the place where the bishop has his chair (cathedra). The antiminsion usually contains a relic (normally a part of the body) of a saint which shows that the Church is built on the blood of the martyrs and the lives of God's holy people. This custom comes from the early Church practice of gathering and celebrating the Eucharist on the graves of those who have lived and died for the Christian faith. Usually, a relic of a saint is embedded in the altar itself as well. Also on the altar there is a tabernacle, often in the shape of a church building, which is a repository for the Blessed Sacrament reserved for the sick and the dying.

On the Altar which we notice:

1. The "**Artoforion**", or Tabernacle, in which is contained the Blessed Sacrament or Host. This Host is prepared once annually during the Day of the institution of the Sacrament, Holy Thursday. The Host, which is Holy Communion is deposited in the Artoforion for all emergencies, for people to receive when there is no time to celebrate the complete Liturgy. Because the Lord is fully present in the Tabernacle we must always bless ourselves and bow every time we cross the middle aisle.

2. The **Golden Book of the Gospels**, from which the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel Lesson of the day.

3. The **Antiminsion**, or imprinted Cloth depicting the Burial of the Lord and in which are contained Relics of a Saint. This Antiminsion is unfolded at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Faithful and without it the Liturgy cannot be celebrated.

4. The **Blessing Cross**, which the Priest uses for blessing the Congregation.

5. The **Prayer Book**, from which the Priest reads the Prayers of the Divine Liturgy.

6. The **Eternal Vigil Light or lamp**, which burns olive oil and is always lit in front of or on top of the Artoforion.

7. The **Candle Sticks** which are used for adornment of the Altar.

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 Grace. 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, 2019.

About Holy Water: Water signifies the Holy Spirit's action in Baptism, such that in the manner that "by one Spirit [believers] were all baptized", so they are "made to drink of one Spirit". Thus the Spirit is also personally the living water welling up from Christ crucified as its source and welling up in Christians to eternal life. On Theophany, that is, the Day of the Lord's Baptism, every year a great miracle is performed. The Holy Spirit, coming down upon the water, changes its natural properties. It becomes incorrupt, that is it does not spoil, remains transparent and fresh for many years, receives the grace to heal illnesses, to drive away demons and every evil power, to preserve people and their dwellings from every danger, to sanctify various objects whether for church or home use. Therefore Eastern Christians with reverence drink Holy Water - a great Agiasma (holy thing), as the Greeks call it. Catholics should always have at home enough Theophany water so that it will last the whole year, and make use of it at every need; in cases of illness, leaving on a journey, whenever one is upset, students when going to examinations, etc. They do well who daily, before eating any kind of food, drink a little Holy Water. It strengthens the powers of our soul - if it is done, of course, with prayer and reverence, and one does not merely expect from it a mechanical result. Every priest should take care to bless a sufficient quantity of water for his church, so that it will be on hand for the course of the whole year for every need and to be given out to those who ask for it; and parishioners should provide for themselves at Theophany with Holy Water for the whole year and even so that it can be kept for future years. The Church, blesses water and it becomes a sacramental which is capable of powerful blessings. You should sanctify things in your home. It's a custom of going around all the rooms of the house which is blessed on Theophany with a censer, with all the rest of the family carrying candles and singing the Theophany Troparion, to bless everything with holy water on a regular basis. The demons see the water, even after the water dries on the walls and you cannot see it, (except if you have sprinkled it on paper, the marks never go away then), the demons still see it, and you have marked your house as a dwelling of Christians. But of course, if you do this, then you must live as a Christian. What happened to the man who had the demons taken out of him, and the demon went around deserts and rocky places, and desolate areas, and found no place to dwell? What did the demon do? He got seven other demons worse than himself, and he went back to the man. They found his soul was all swept and garnished inside, but since the man had not lived a virtuous life since his deliverance from the one demon, and the demons were able to make their abode in him, and the last state of the man is worse than the first! There is responsibility placed upon you, brothers and sisters, because of the grace you have been given - because of your Baptism. As Baptized Catholics, you are responsible for living according to how you have promised to live. The good news is that you are ABLE to do it, because the God-man made you able to do it! God revealed Himself, and continues to reveal Himself to us, as we are able to understand Him. As we become more pure, He reveals more of His purity to us. And we ascend like eagles! That is the meaning of Theophany.

Why does the priest bless our homes after the Feast of the Epiphany?

The sanctification of the home takes place with prayer and the sprinkling of holy water, so that all creation might receive the sanctification that the River Jordan received at the time of the Baptism of Our Lord by St. John the Baptist. The priest, at this annual visit, asks God to have mercy on the house, to rid it of every evil and to fill it with every blessing. Since our homes cannot be brought to the Church, the Church, through the priest, goes to the home of every parishioner. There the sprinkling of newly sanctified water finishes the service of blessing that began in the Parish Church. As our souls, so also our homes become tainted by the sins of those living in them and, consequently, lose God's Grace(s). Every year, then, at the Feast of the Epiphany, they should be blessed again to secure for them God's blessings and protection. Just as the faithful cleanse their soul of sin at least ONCE A YEAR, and the church is blessed with the newly blessed water every year, so should the homes of the faithful be yearly blessed to invoke God's blessings and protection on it and its inhabitants. As we renew the insurance on our home every year, so we should renew our House Blessing via our pastor or priest which is of more importance to our spiritual life. As we welcome our priest during the holy season of Epiphany to bless our home, let us be mindful that he is bringing to us the "blessing of Jordan," and that unless God protect and bless our home, we "labor in vain." (Ps. 127:1)

Actual or Personal Sin:

Original sin is not the only kind of sin. There are still other sins, which are called actual or personal sins; these are sins, which we ourselves commit. Actual sin is any willful thought, desire, word, action, or omission forbidden by the commandments of God. Actual sins can be divided into mortal and venial. Mortal sin is a grievous violation of the commandments of God. Such a sin is accordingly called mortal, because it deprives the sinner of sanctifying grace, the supernatural life of the soul. Besides that, mortal sin makes the person an enemy of God. It takes away from the person all the merits, which he (she) had earned to that point for good works. It deprives the person of the right to everlasting happiness in heaven and makes him (her) deserving of everlasting punishment in hell. A sin is mortal when these three conditions are present: 1) *The thoughts, desires, words, actions, or omissions must be seriously wrong.* 2) *The sinner must be mindful of the serious wrong.* 3) *The sinner must fully consent to the serious wrong.*

Venial sin is a slight violation of the commandments of God. It does not deprive the soul of sanctifying grace. A sin is venial when the offense is not serious; or when the offense is serious, but the sinner is not aware of this or does not fully consent to it. Venial sin harms us inasmuch as it lessens our fervor in the service of God. It weakens our power to resist mortal sin. It also brings down on us punishment in this life or in purgatory. The sacrament of Confession (also called Penance) is the sacrament by which the priest in the name of Jesus Christ absolves the sinner of sins committed after Baptism, if the latter is sincerely repentant and confesses these sins.