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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 6, 2018 / Січень 6, 2018**

**DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday, January 6, 2019.** Theophany of Our Lord.

**Festal Tone:** Epistle: Titus 2:11 – 14 & 3:4 - 7. / Gospel: Matthew 3:13 – 17.

**Note:** It's a **\*\*Holy Day of Obligation\*\***

**9:00 a.m. – Pro Populo - Divine Liturgy with Blessing of water – E.**

*Note: after the Liturgy will be anointing and distribution of a blessed Prospophora.*

**10:30 am – God's Blessing upon Maria Gotra & Family,  
req. Gotra Family) – Ukrainian.**

**Monday, January 7, 2019.** Synaxis of John the Baptist.

**9:00 – 10:00 am – Confessions**

**10:00 a.m. – Pro Populo – Ukrainian.**

*- Myrovannia, anointing with blessed oil and distribution of blessed Prospophora after Divine Liturgy*

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019.** Our Venerable Father George.

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

*Myrovannia, anointing with blessed oil and distribution of blessed Prospophora after each Divine Liturgy*

**6:45 p.m. – Panakhyda in Memoriam**

✠ **Metropolitan Constantine Bohachevsky**

**7:00 p.m. – Pro Populo – Ukrainian**

**8:00 p.m. – Panakhyda in Memoriam** ✠ Mary Ann Levin {1<sup>st</sup> yr. Anniv.},  
req. Carla Levin

**Wednesday, January 9, 2019.** Polyeuct Martyr.

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

**Thursday, January 10, 2019.** Gregory of Nyssa Bishop.

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

**Friday, January 11, 2019.** Theodosius Venerable.

**9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon All (Special Intention),  
req. by Mothers in Prayer**

**Saturday after Theophany, January 12, 2019 - Tatiana Martyr.**

**6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)**

**7:00 p.m. – (Special Intention) ✠ for Deceased, req. by Our Parishioners**

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

**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.**

**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 – December 30, 2018.**

*"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: \$160, Coffee: \$150, Tetrapod: \$5, Nativity: \$15, Church Debt: \$25, Pyrohy: \$18, Christmas: \$55, Annual Parish Support: \$50, Energy: \$5,

**Pledge: \$705.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,072.00, Total - \$2,260.00.**

**Dear Parishioners:** *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday', December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. May God bless you all for your generosity.*

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

**Attention:** *To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of 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. Dear Parishioners:** **On the second Saturday of the Month, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 January 11<sup>th</sup>, so that I am able to celebrate the Cumulative Liturgy, (General), for the Deceased that evening.

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

**C. 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.

**2. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:**

**a.** Mr. Volodymyr Gereta, Mr. Roman Vaskiv, Mr. Svyatoslav Podolskiy who recently voluntarily performed needed work in our parish center.

**b.** those ladies from the parish especially to: Mrs. Mariya Dankova, Ms. Ganna Maksymova, Mrs. Olena Yakubovska, Mrs. Iryna Gereta, Mrs. Nataliya Popovici, Mrs. Oksana Romanyuk, Mrs. Nataliya Antonov, Mrs. Yaroslava Klymovets, who continued to help on Sunday and Monday to prepare food served during the New Year's Eve party. Also many thanks to those people, who stayed afterwards to clean and straighten up, and re-install the pews and the chairs in our church and who came the following day to wash all the chair covers and table cloths. **A net profit of \$4,520 was realized.**

**c.** Mr. Petro Dankov, Andrew Popovici, Volodymyr Sabalo who stored all of the chairs, table, pews and wall after New Years Eve Party and cleaned and prepared the second floor coffee room for our Sunday coffee social hours.

**d.** Mr. Martin Smith who continued to perform other needed work in our parish center/church this past week.

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

**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.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER: The First Petition:**

11 Q. What do we ask in the First Petition when we say: Hallowed be Thy Name?

A. In the First Petition: Hallowed be Thy Name, we ask that God may be known, loved, honored and served by the whole world and by ourselves in particular.

12 Q. What do we intend when we ask that God may be known, loved, honored and served by the whole world?

A. We intend to beg that unbelievers may come to the knowledge of the Lord God, that heretics may recognize their errors, that those no longer in unity with the Catholic Church may return to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, that sinners may repent, and that the just may persevere in well-doing.

13 Q. Why do we first of all ask that the Name of God may be sanctified?

A. We first of all ask that the Name of God may be sanctified, because the glory of God should be nearer our hearts than all other goods and interests.

14 Q. How can we promote the glory of God?

A. We can promote the glory of God by prayer, by good example, and by directing to Him all our thoughts, affections and actions.

**The Second Petition:** 15 Q. What do we mean by the Kingdom of God?

A. By the Kingdom of God we mean a threefold spiritual Kingdom; that is, the reign of God in us, or the reign of grace; the reign of God on earth, or the Holy Catholic Church; and the reign of God in heaven, or Paradise.

16 Q. In the words: Thy Kingdom come, what do we ask with regard to grace?

A. With regard to grace we beg that God may reign in us by His sanctifying grace, by which He deigns to dwell within us as a king in his palace; and that He may keep us ever united to Himself by the virtues of faith, hope and charity, through which He reigns over our intellect, our heart and our will.

17 Q. In the words: Thy Kingdom come, what do we ask regarding the Church?

A. Regarding the Church we ask that she may be spread and propagated ever more and more throughout the world for the salvation of mankind.

18 Q. In the words: Thy Kingdom come, what do we ask regarding Heaven? A. Regarding Heaven we beg to be one day be admitted into that Paradise for which we were created and where we shall be perfectly happy.

**The Third Petition:** 19 Q. What do we ask in the Third Petition: Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven?

A. In the Third Petition: Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven, we beg the grace to do the will of God in all things by obeying His Commandments as promptly as the Angels and Saints obey Him in Heaven; and we also beg the grace to correspond to divine inspirations and to live resigned to the will of God should He send us tribulations.....

**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.

**The Deeper the Sorrow the Closer is God***By Priest Dimitry Vidumkin*

.....But the words of the Holy Hierarch reveal to us the deepest truth, that the feeling of the Lord's closeness and His sympathy for our sorrow takes away the power of sorrow. And it not only takes away the power of sorrow, but in the midst of the actual sorrow, it instills in the soul a source of joy and consolation. Here is how St. Ignatius wrote about this, citing the example of the holy martyrs: The holy martyrs sang a joyful song in the fiery furnace, walking on nails, along the edge of the sword, sitting in boiling cauldrons of water and oil. So will your heart also draw grace-filled comfort to itself through prayer, keeping vigilance over itself, and in the midst of depression and misery will sing a joyful song of praise and thanksgiving to God. *Especially in this regard, there is great gratitude rightly due to God for sorrow. No matter how opposed we may be to such gratefulness, no matter how strange the glorification of God during and for afflictions may seem to us, it is this same kind of glorification that will save us from even greater misfortune; that is, despair, grumbling, and wavering greatly in our faith.* Here is how Saint Ignatius speaks of this, through his own experience: "Glory be to God!" Mighty words! During times of sorrow, when the heart has thoughts of doubt, faintheartedness, displeasure, murmuring; when these thoughts encompass the heart, we must force ourselves to frequent, unrushed, dutiful repetition of the words, "Glory be to God!" Whoever will believe the counsel suggested here with simplicity of heart, and has experienced it in reality, will see the wonderful power of the glorification of God; he will rejoice at the acquisition of such useful, new knowledge, and at having acquired new weapons to be so strongly and conveniently used against mental enemies. From only shouting these words [Glory to God], uttered at the gathering gloomy thoughts of sadness and despondency, just from the sound of these words, uttered with effort, as if only with the lips, as if to the air, these words will scatter and put to flight the princes of the air [the demons.] As a strong wind scatters dust, this scatters away all gloomy thoughts... In your tribulations and sorrow, begin to cry from your heart. Repeat without questioning the words, "Glory be to God!" *You will see a sign, you will see a miracle! These words will drive away the tribulation, call for comfort in the heart, and do what the intelligence of the learned, and the wisdom of the wise of the earth cannot do. That understanding, that knowledge, that wisdom will be put to shame, and you will be delivered and healed by believing in a living faith that has been proven to you; and you will send up Glory to God!. "The deeper the sorrow, the closer is God."* Deep wounds are important and necessary for our religious experience. They are an opportunity for us to feel and find God, *though He is not far from each one of us.* (Acts 17:27) This opportunity is determined by the Providence of God, a key aspect of which is the correction and focus on the positive consequences of those moments in our life that cause us suffering. However this is only an opportunity, not an inevitability. Often it happens that a person, having misconceptions about himself and God, chooses the wrong path in moments of sorrow; he therefore begins to grumble, becomes angry, and departs from faith—and consequently, he approaches despair. And the negative consequences of such a spiritual danger greatly exceed the initial reason it was provoked. *God becomes closer to us, insofar as we strive for this closeness ourselves. And we should not look for this closeness only when we are in trouble, but rather we should strive for it always. It is very important to understand this, because only union with Christ, the desire for which should characterize the daily reality of every Christian, is that invariable condition in which no afflictions are too terrible for him.* For as St. Ignatius said: "Our temporary suffering in itself doesn't mean anything, we give it meaning by our attachment to the earthly and everything perishable and our coldness to Christ and eternity."

**The Church has instituted Consecration and Blessings;**

**Holy Water** is used during a consecration or blessing. Holy water is a symbol of purity and holiness. Just as ordinary water is used as a cleansing agent, holy water is used as a spiritual cleanser through the workings of divine grace.

**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, 2018.***

**Quotations to Stir the Soul to Repentance:** If we review the various ages of history, we will see that in every generation the Lord has offered the opportunity of repentance to anyone willing to turn to him.

CLEMENT, 1c, *A Letter to the Corinthians.*

**The Friendship of God:** Our Lord, the Word of God, first drew men to God as servants, but later he freed those made subjected to him; He himself testified to this: I do not call us servants any longer, for a servant does not know what his master is doing. Instead I call you friends, since I have made known to you everything that I have learned from my Father. Friendship with God brings the gift of immortality to those who accept it. IRENAEUS, 2c, *Against heresies.*

**But Deliver Us From Evil:** When we say: 'Deliver us from evil' there is nothing else left for us to ask. Invoking the protection of God against evil means asking for everything we need. CYPRIAN, 3c, *On the Lord's Prayer.*

**And Lead Us Not Into Temptation:** Abraham was tempted and Joseph was tempted. But neither yielded to the temptation, because neither said 'yes' to the Tempter. Praying the Lord's Prayer means asking God to "give us the strength to overcome the temptations you permit us to encounter." (1 Corinthians 10:13). CASSIAN, 4c, *On the Lord's Prayer.*

**A Few Drops of Blood Renews the Whole World:** Many indeed are the wondrous happenings of that time; God hanging from a cross, the sun made dark and again flaming out; for it was fitting that creation should mourn with its Creator. The temple veil rent, blood and water flowing from His side; the one as from a man, the earth shaken, the rocks shattered because of the rock; the dead risen to bear witness to the final and universal resurrection of the dead. The happenings at the sepulcher and after the sepulcher, who can fittingly recount them? Yet no one of them can be compared to the miracle of my salvation. A few drops of blood renew the whole world, and do for all men what the rennet does for the milk: joining us and binding us together. GREGORY NAZIANZEN, 4c, *On the Holy Pasch.*