

**CHRIST IS BORN!  
GLORIFY HIM!**



**Christos Razdajetsja!**

**Slavite Jeho!**



Saturday, December 25, 2021

Gospel: [St. Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Epistle: [Galatians 4:4-7](#)

The Nativity According to the Flesh of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ / The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar / Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem who were watching their flocks, and went to see the Lord

## DECEMBER Bulletin Sponsor:

*Fr. Andrew in memory of my family & friends*

### Liturgical & Events Schedule

#### Saturday, December 25

9:30 am: (Note Time) Hours followed by Divine Liturgy / Christmas Carols  
1:00-4:00 pm: Free Christmas dinner  
NO VESPERS

#### Sunday, December 26 (Second Day of Christmas)

9:10 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy / Social

#### Friday, December 31

3:00 pm: Great Vespers

#### Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:20 am: Hours followed by Divine Liturgy  
4:00 pm: Great Vespers

#### Sunday, January 2

9:10 am Hours / Divine Liturgy / Social

## DECEMBER LITURGICAL ATTENDANCE

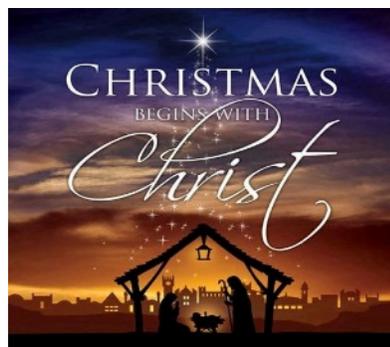
**Sun. Dec. 5:** 11 attended Liturgy / 6 Communicants

**Mon. Dec. 6:** 11 attended Liturgy (3 guests)

**Sun. Dec. 12:** 12 attended (1 being a guest); 8 Communicants

**Sat. Dec. 19:** 9 attended Vespers

**Sun. Dec. 19:** 18 attended Liturgy (2 of which were guests) / 10 Communicants



- Saturday, December 25- Free Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday, January 5- Theophany Holy Night Supper (**PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU ARE COMING**)
- Saturday, January 8- Blessing of the Lake
- Sunday, January 23, 2021 @ 1:00pm - Local March for Life in Port Clinton. The March is about an hour (about a mile) followed by a reception at Knights of Columbus. If one can't walk, prayers will be offered at the Knights until the March is completed
- Sunday, January 30- Annual Church Meeting

## JANUARY BULLETIN CANDLE SPONSORS

**Bulletin:** (\$50) From Fr. Andrew in memory of his Father George and Uncle Edward

**Chandelier:** (\$50) From Fr. Andrew for his Godmother Helen

**Altar Candles:** (\$50) From Fr. Andrew for all his friends & all former priest's & Bishop's

**Candles on the Tomb:** (\$25)

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) From Fr. Andrew for the Health of his Spiritual Father on the occasion of his 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary to the Holy priesthood

**Candles @ the Cross** (\$15)

**Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon** (\$15)



## Nativity of our Lord 2021

To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

My Beloved Children in the Lord,

**CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!**

I greet you all today on this Great Feast of our illumination. At the Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great for this Feast we sing:

When the Lord Jesus was born of the holy virgin, the whole universe was filled with light. The shepherds watched in the fields. The wise men worshiped and the angels sang. But Herod was troubled, for God had appeared in the flesh. He is the Savior of our souls! (Third Sticheron at “Lord, I Call”)

The Lord’s entry into the world invites us all to pursue this spiritual illumination, which is Christ, the Wisdom of God Himself. In the Gospel we read of the shepherds who leave their pastures to find the Infant Christ. Likewise, Magi, the wise men from the East, traveled in pursuit of true Wisdom, which they found lying in a manger. They came at great cost and with great effort to worship Christ and offer their gifts to Him. In return, the darkness of their hearts was lifted, and they left, refusing to return to Herod, but instead “departed to their own country by another way” (Mt 2:12).

But we know that not everyone wants this light that our Lord offers. Herod did not. We remember that he also pursued the Wisdom of God. But instead of seeking illumination from Him, Herod sought His blood, preferring earthly power to heavenly blessings. His vision was too narrow to see that in trying to protect his throne he was keeping himself in the darkness of sin, ignorance, and selfish ambition.

Seeing these examples before us, we need the light of Christ’s Nativity in our world darkened with confusion, anxiety, and temptations. We might struggle to see this light in our suffering world, racked by a pandemic, and with societal changes coming at an alarming rate. We acutely feel the words of St. Paul: “We know that the whole creation has been groaning in travail together until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as

sons, the redemption of our bodies” (Rom 8:22–23).

Be encouraged! It is into our world, “groaning in travail,” that our Deliverer is born. God in His love for mankind did not leave the world in darkness but came as its Savior. Even today Christ has “shone to the world the light of wisdom” (Nativity Troparion). We can see this light by unreservedly following the gospel and trading the earthly for the heavenly. Because of the light which shines from the cave this morning, the shadows of ignorance are dispelled and we are able to perceive the world as an object of God’s eternal love. For Herod, Christ’s Nativity brought anxiety and a troubled heart. For us today, we are offered illumination and joy. Like the shepherds, Magi, and angels let us behold the Incarnation of the Son of God with reverence and pious hope, in full knowledge that the “King of kings and Lord of lords” (Rev 19:16) is born for our redemption.

With all the blessings of the Feast, I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada

### The Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

#### Commemorated on December 25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, was born of the Most Holy Virgin Mary in the city of Bethlehem during the reign of the emperor Augustus (Octavian). Caesar Augustus decreed that a universal census be made throughout his Empire, which then also included Palestinian Israel. The Jews were accustomed to be counted in the city from where their family came. The Most Holy Virgin and the Righteous Joseph, since they were descended from the house and lineage of King David, had to go to Bethlehem to be counted and taxed.

In Bethlehem they found no room at any of the city’s inns. Thus, the God-Man, the Savior of the world, was born in a cave that was used as a stable.

“I behold a strange and most glorious mystery,” the Church sings with awe, “Heaven, a Cave;

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## Understanding the Bible: Recognizing Christ by Fr. Lawrence Farley

In earlier posts we spoke of the challenges to be faced in understanding the Bible in all its rich complexity. We spoke of the necessity of recognizing that the Bible contains many literary genres and that it is a very old book. We conclude this series by suggesting that to fully grasp the Bible's meaning, we need to recognize Christ there when we meet Him—including when His prophetic shadow appears in the Old Testament.

Given the many genres in the Bible, we should expect Christ's presence there to be varied, and present in many different ways. Some ways are straightforward: when Jeremiah prophesies that God would raise up for the House of David a righteous branch, a man who would reign as king, deal wisely, and execute justice and righteousness in the land (Jeremiah 23:5f), we can easily identify this as being fulfilled in Jesus. When Isaiah prophesies that on the mountain of Zion Yahweh will make a feast for all peoples and destroy the covering of death spread over all nations (Isaiah 25:6f), we can also easily see in this the provision of Christ for all the world when He instituted the Eucharist and destroyed death. Finding Jesus in the Prophets is comparatively simple. We need to dig more deeply when reading other literary genres.

In the Psalter, for example, we need to remain alert to details in the poetry which found striking similarity in the life of Christ. When the psalmist describes his feeling of abandonment and persecution by saying that a company of dogs and evildoers surrounded him, that they pierced his hands and his feet, and then despoiled him even of the clothes on his back (Psalm 22:16f) we can see a vivid picture of Christ's crucifixion—not, of course, that the psalmist suffered crucifixion or even that he was predicting Christ's crucifixion. But the poetry of abandonment and suffering contained too many striking coincidences with Christ's crucifixion to be a true coincidence.

Or take, for another example, the psalmist's lament of his betrayal by a close friend. Someone in the psalmist's life had turned against him. His friend had shared sacred table fellowship with him on countless occasions, and then lifted up his heel to kick him when he was down (Psalm 41:9). This fit

precisely the betrayal of Christ by Judas, who literally received bread from His hand at the Last Supper and then immediately went out to betray Him (John 13:18, 21f). Once again, the coincidence is too staggering to be a true coincidence.

Sometimes the realities of our life in Christ are hidden away in historical narratives. Take for example the story of the Flood. In this story, Noah and his family (a total of eight persons) come through a flood of water which brings death to the old world of guilt and sin. When they finally emerged from the Ark, they entered a new world—a world washed clean from sin, a world where they could begin again. The first thing they did after emerging into this new world was to offer sacrifice (Genesis 8:20).

This is precisely the story of every Christian baptism. In baptism, we come through the water, leaving our old life of guilt and sin behind. When we emerge from the water, we enter a new world of righteousness, a life washed clean from sin where we can begin to live again as the children of God. And the first thing we do after our baptism is to receive the Eucharist, the sacrifice the Church offers to God every Sunday. There are even other details confirming the presence of Christ's salvation hidden in this story. In baptism we are anointed with olive oil so that we receive the Spirit's blessing—just as the dove (later a symbol of the Holy Spirit) returned with a sprig of olive in its beak. It is therefore not surprising that as early as the First Epistle of Peter the Church has found in the story of Noah and the floodwaters an image of Christian baptism (1 Peter 3:20f).

We offer one more example: that of the patriarch Joseph, whose long story is told in Genesis 37-50. Joseph was the one destined by God to rule over all his brothers. His brothers, however, were jealous of him and betrayed him. They disowned him and sold him into slavery. Yet God was with Him, and He exalted him to a place of sovereign authority in Egypt. This was, Joseph said, all part of God's plan to bring life to the world. His brothers meant their betrayal for evil, but God turned it to good (Genesis 50:20).

In the life of Joseph, we see a foreshadowing of the life of Christ. Christ also was destined to rule over all Israel as the Messiah. Yet His foes were jealous of His popularity and disowned Him, giving Him up to Pilate for crucifixion. Nonetheless, God raised Him from the dead and gave Him a place of authority over all *Con't Pg 7*

## VIGILS- DECEMBER 19

**Tamara Blackford (1)** In memory of Rob

**Susan Guzy (2)** In loving memory of Aunts Mary & Rita Vichnaya Pamyat, For the health of Marguerite, Stephanie's husband & Bernie's mom

**Laura Kovach(4).** For health of Betty K., Ben F., Earl R., Mary P., Andrea J., Wendy R., Mark M., Dana M., Bodhi C., Hattie K., Molly K., David M., Kathie J., Joe H., Margi H. , and Joe S., and Pete Rynski. For health and recovery of Marguerite B., Stephanie R., George K., and Nancy S. Safe travels for family and friends. Birthday blessings to Carol and Roland.

**Sandy Martin (2)** For health and healing of Marg, special intentions

**Royhab (2)** for the health of Marianne Royhab & Stephanie Royhab

**Diane Tryon (2)** Anniversary blessings to Kathryn and Greg, 3 years. Special intentions

**Twarek (9)** For the health of Amber, For the health and recovery of Zach, Health and recovery of Marguerite, Health and recovery of Dorothy 'Dottie' Goldman, Health and recovery of Joe Schutt, Health and recovery of Jamie Philpot , Jim, Stephanie, Ron, Ezra, Health of David, Helen Lis and Tina's dad, Earl, Matt, Tom, Loren, Joe, Sonya, Margi & Joe, Betty, Jackie, MaryAnn & Bob, Chuck, Bohdi, Diane, Stella, Jake, Cheryl, special intentions, special intentions

### DECEMBER: RESTRICTED FUND DONATIONS

**Dec. 5:** \$60 Flowers; \$100 Zoe for Life

**Dec. 12:** \$230 Flower; \$100; \$100 Zoe for Life

**Dec. 19:** \$130 Flower donations; \$25 Food Pantry; \$75 Zoe for Life; \$100 Catastrophic Fund

## DECEMBER BULLETIN

### CANDLE SPONSORS

**Bulletin:** (\$50) From Father in memory of his family & friends reposed in December

**Chandelier:** (\$50) From Jean for the Health and safe travels for her daughter Jessica and son-in-law Justin and for the children Hayden, Rowan, & Silas as they travel to their new deployment & home in Japan

**Altar Candles:** (\$50) From Father in memory of the former pastors of this parish & Hierarchs from the Diocese in the month of Dec.

**Candles on the Tomb:** (\$25) From Tammy in remembrance of her father William and husband Robley

**Eternal Light & Icon Screen:** (\$25) From Jean in memory of her father William Pipenur

**Candles @ the Cross** (\$15) From Sandy for the hlth of Marguerite

**Candles @ St Tikhon's Icon** (\$15) for the health of Tim and safety of Nicholas, Tikhon & Gleice

### DECEMBER: MONTHLY TITHE ONLY

Goal Pledged per month: \$4,825

Dec. 5: \$490

Dec. 12: \$950

Dec. 19: \$1,415

**Month Total: \$2,855**

### DECEMBER: OTHER INCOME

Goal for the month in this category: \$2,670

**Dec. 5:** \$25 Candles; \$105 Vigils; \$180 Holy Day Donations

**Dec. 12:** \$35 Candles; \$85 Vigils; \$50 donations; \$160 Holy Day donations; \$25 Candles on the Tomb

**Dec. 19:** \$15 Candles; \$85 Vigils; \$250 Holy Day Donations;

**Month Total: \$1,015**

### DECEMBER CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Week of Dec. 26 Natalie



## PRAYER LIST- UPDATED DECEMBER 20

**HIERARCH'S / CLERGY:** His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; Archbishop Benjamin from San Fransico; John Duranko (Father's home pastor); James Gleason (Father's Spiritual Father); Moses Berry; Gregory Grivna; Emilian Hutnyan; Joseph Von Klarr; Michael Kuzara; John Zabinko Deacon Paul Gansle, Deacon Peter Rentsch, Deacon Michael Wison / Sub-deacon Wylie Meath

**MATUSHKII:** Pani Patricia Duranko; Virginia Lecko; Maura McCarnthey; Roberta Spengler; Margaret Zabinko

**PARISHIONERS & THEIR FAMILIES:** James Bargdill (Schutt); John Beadle (Elchisco); Marguerite Bird; Maryann Cook (Twarek); Michael Glovinsky; Shirley Gresh (Glovinsky); Joseph Habegger (Kovach); Charisse (Hileman); Betty Kovach; David LaValle (Fr); Helen Lis; David Mazurik; Child Stella Miller (Elchisco); Nancy Naiser (Royhab); Earl Rindfleisch; Helen Jean Rofkar (Elchisco); Joe Rose; Sonya Rose; Ron Royhab; Maryann Royhab; Stephanie Royhab; Joe Schutt; Dacia Snider (Hileman); Diane Tryon; Greg Tyron; Tom Twarek; Child Bodhi (Cassell); Elinor Williams (Golob); Kathryn Tryon & her unborn baby

**OTHER REQUESTS:** Marge Dziama; Child Ezra; Baby Finn (Cassell); Zoe Finley (ABL);; Ruthe Flewelling; Ben Franklin (Kovach); Dorothy Goldman (Twarek); Donald Gresh (Glovinsky); Andrea Joy (Kovach); Ann Marie Krynock (Timko); Maria (ABL); Jake Lipstraw (Twarek); Mark Ludvik (Guzy); Mark Masica (Kovach); Pauline Meath (Fr); Karen Muzyka (fr); William Romanchak (Fr); Sandy Scafaria (Hileman); Janice Timko; George Timko; Loren Welch (Fr); Chuck Wiedenhoft (Twarek); Sara (Jake); Chris Quotap (Fr)

**MILITARY:** Alex, Nathan Brown, Craig Cassell, Cory Deaton , Jake Ellithorpe, Jordan Fulton, Alena Grabavoy, Nicholas & Tikhon

**CAPTIVES:** Metropolitan Paul (Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo), Archbishop John Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo, The UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; Those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world



**NOTE:** ABL (Archbishop's request) / Please let FR. Andrew know who can come off the list or be put on.

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### ***CATASTROPHIC RELIEF FUND***

Purpose of fund: To provide some small financial assistance to a parishioner, family member or community member who has suffered a catastrophic event.

Funds will be offered at the discretion & blessing of the Rector and the discretion of the Board.

This money can also be used for outreach programs in the parish.

Thank you and God bless!



### **BUILDING / RESTORATION FUND**

Our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming!  
Fund Purpose: To collect funds to pay for the restoration, repair and beautification of the building and parish room. This will avoid using general funds which are earmarked for budgetary items.

Please consider contributing generously to the *Building/Restoration Fund*.

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the cosmos. His Jewish brothers meant their betrayal and work for evil, but God turned it to good, so that Christ's betrayal and death brought life to the world. Israel, in looking at the life of Christ, could hardly say that God would never allow His Messiah to suffer, for their own history was filled with such examples of righteous suffering—including that of the patriarch Joseph.

The task of finding the footsteps of Jesus throughout the Hebrew Scriptures requires prayerful discernment. Some of His footprints are easy to see; others need a keener eye. Ultimately the task of finding the foreshadows belongs not to individuals alone, but to the Church as a whole, for the task of exegesis and interpretation is the work of centuries, as wise men build upon the work of their forefathers. But the task brings its own reward. The New Testament looks back to Christ, even as the Old Testament looks ahead to Him. In all of the Bible, we find the face of Jesus.

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**Galatians 4:4-7 (Epistle, Nativity)**

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.



**Matthew 2:1-12 (Gospel, Nativity)**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.



## DECEMBER Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES	BIRTHDAYS
12-5-2004: Archbishop Mark of Philadelphia 12-19-1971: Retired Bishop Seraphim of Sendai 21- Ed & Irene Vangeloff 27- James & Lauren Jerome 12-27-2014: ArchBishop Paul of Chicago 31- Justin & Jessica Issler 31- Fred & Christi Soski 31- Jimmy & Christine Billy	1-Ileana Bruner 1- Thomas Mcdonald 1- Holly Mesavage 2- Kira Weisend 4- Chris Lariccia 4- Steven Calzone 5- Mat. Laryissa Bremer 6- Mat. Susan Northrup 6- Paul Demkosky Sr 8- Joe Rose 9- Pauline Meath 9- Angie Dardovsky 11- Tina Rindfleisch 11- Emmelyn Monschein 12- Rowan Issler 13- Gabe Mazurik 17- Tim Heffernan 23- Teri Cassell 23- Sean Williams 25- Darlene Mazurik 28- Carol Mazurik 30- Jeff Stokely 30- Christina Adzima

### 40 DAY REMEMBRANCE

**Dec. 26:** Donald Keegan  
**Jan. 9:** Victims of the school shooting in Detroit/  
 Police officer killed in GA  
**Jan 16:** Fr. John Loejos  
 Jan. 30: rchpriest Fr. Michael Macura

### READERS

Saturday, Dec. 25     Ron  
 Sunday, Dec. 26     Tim  
 Sunday, Jan. 2        Ron

### For Your Prayers

**Diane Tryon**  
 109 Joslyn Street  
 Arcadia, OH 44804

**Marguerite Bird**  
 512 Ottawa Street  
 Marblehead, OH 43440

## NOVEMBER / DECEMBER Reposed

Michael Guzy (1927) Mary Lou Hobson (2015) Mary Hritsko (1948)- Anna Holodnak (1951) John Danchisen 1-Helen Elchisco (1990) 3- Mary Hubicki (2013) 8- Bill Soltis (2014) 8-Mary (Marika) Lefas (2019) 10- Michael Basala (1991) 12- Anna Bretz (2002) 13- Joseph Mazurik (1986) 13- Archimandrite Seraphim Oblivantseff (1954) Former Pastor 15- Michael W. Belenky (1971) 18- Archbishop Job (2009) 19- Edward Malchisky (2001) 20- Julia Brosojah Millie (1953)	0- John Mazurik (2017) 20- William Pipenur (2003) 21- Mary Sennich (1985) 22- Antonima Vecsey (1972) 22-Susan La Valle (2019) 23- Steven Danchisen (1982) 23- Fr. David Sedor (2008) 24- Alexandra Turkul (1980) 24- John Bird <b>No year Provided</b> 26- Fr. Robert Sally (2002) 26- Julia Malchisky (1971) 28- Fr. John Kuchta (2019) 29- Alexandra Dotsenko (1980) 30- Bishop Boris (2000) 30- Rita Felenchak (1996) 30-Ed Pehanich, Sr (2019) 31- Jevgeny Cernonok (1980) 31- Robert LaVallee (2007) 31- Hermenegildo Guerrero Peter Onyock (1952) Anna Mazurik (1968)
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**Sunday after the Nativity: Commemoration of the Holy Righteous David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Brother of the Lord & Second Day of Christmas Commemorated on December 26**

The Holy Prophet-King David, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, and Saint James the Brother of the Lord are commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity. If there is no Sunday between December 25 and January 1, their commemoration is moved to December 26.

At an early date, some churches in the East began to commemorate certain important figures of the New Testament at the time of Theophany, and later during the Nativity season. In Syria, for example, Saint Stephen (December 27), Saints James (April 30) and John (September 26), and Saints Peter and Paul (June 29) were commemorated near the end of December.

In Jerusalem, the saints mentioned above were combined with a feast that the Jews of Hebron celebrated on December 25 or 26 in honor of the Old Testament Patriarch Jacob. Later on, the Christians substituted Saint James (October 23) for Jacob, and then the commemoration of the Brother of the Lord became associated with his ancestor King David. In time, Saint Joseph was linked with Saints David and James.

Saint Joseph had four sons from his previous marriage: James, Judah and Simon (or Symeon), and three daughters: Esther, Martha, and Salome, who was the mother of Saint John the Theologian.

**POINSETTIA FOR CHRISTMAS**

(Please help defray the cost of our Christmas flowers. You can purchase in Memory of or health of someone. Cost: \$20/flower.)

**Twarek Family**(3 Flowers)

- For the health of family & friends
- For the health of our parish family
- In Loving Memory of our parents, grandparents & all departed relatives

**Royhab Family** (2 flowers)

- For the Health of the Royhab Family
- For the Health of the Libb Family



**Jean Hileman** (1 flower)

- For Blessings received

**Fr. Andrew** (10 flowers)

- For the health of all parishioners and their families & all that support our church
- For the health of the Police & Fire Departments of both Summit, IL & Marblehead, OH
- For the health of the Mayor and council & all village businesses & residents of Marblehead
- For the health of all my family & friends & my spiritual father, Fr. James
- The Coast Guard Station, border patrol & all military
- In memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas, my ordaining Bishop
- In memory of my parents George & Dorothy
- In memory of my grandparents Steve, Mary, Justina, Matthias
- In memory of my godparents Andrew & Helen & all my family and friends
- In memory of all the Diocesan Hierarchs, Former Hierarchs of the Carpatho-Russian Dioceses, Former Pastors, & all the Diptych's of this parish

**Basil Glovinsky** (9 flowers)

- For the health of Tim & Mary
- For the health of Archpriest Andrew and all the parishioners of Holy Assumption & their families
- In Loving memory of my wife Jean
- In Loving memory of my parents Anthony & Martha
- In Loving Memory of my in-laws George & Catherine & family
- In Loving memory of my grandparents Lucas & Mary & uncle Mike
- In loving memory of my God-parents John & Helen Beadle
- In loving memory of my brothers & sisters & family
- In Loving memory of the Archpriest Father Peter & his Matushka Sonja Tutko

**Mike & Diane Tryon** (2 flowers)

- In loving memory of our parents
- In loving memory of the departed aunts & uncles

**Bird Family** (2 flowers)

- In appreciation of family & friends
- In blessed memory of family & friends

**Martin Family** (2 flowers)

- For the health of family & friends
- In Loving Memory of family & friends

**Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen and  
third Day of Christmas**

**Commemorated on December 27**

The Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen was the eldest of the seven deacons, appointed by the Apostles themselves, and therefore he is called "archdeacon." He was the first Christian martyr, and he suffered for Christ when he was about thirty. In the words of Asterias, he was "the starting point of the martyrs, the instructor of suffering for Christ, the foundation of righteous confession, since Stephen was the first to shed his blood for the Gospel."

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Saint Stephen preached Christianity and defeated Jewish teachers of the Law in debate. The Jews maligned Saint Stephen, saying that he had uttered blasphemy against God and against Moses. Saint Stephen came before the Sanhedrin and the High Priest to answer these charges. He gave a fiery speech, in which he recounted the history of the Jewish nation, and denounced the Jews for persecuting the prophets, and also for executing the promised Messiah, Jesus Christ (Acts ch. 7).

During his speech, Saint Stephen suddenly saw the heavens opened and Jesus Christ standing at the right hand of God. The Jews shouted and covered their ears, and rushed at him. They dragged him out of the city and stoned him, but the holy martyr prayed for his murderers. Far off on the heights stood the Mother of God with the holy Apostle John the Theologian, and She prayed fervently for the martyr. Before his death Saint Stephen said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. O Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Then he joyfully gave up his pure soul to Christ.

The body of the holy Protomartyr Stephen, left to be eaten by beasts, was secretly taken up by the Jewish teacher Gamaliel and his son Habib, who buried Stephen on his estate. They both believed in Christ, and later received holy Baptism.

Saint Stephen is also commemorated on August 2 (Translation of his relics) and on September 15 (Uncovering of his relics in the year 415).

**Archbishop Paul's Travel Schedule:**

**Holy Trinity Cathedral, Chicago, IL,**  
December 23rd to 25th

Nativity Services

**St. Mark Church, Rochester, MI,**  
December 26th

Ordination of Mason Baker to the Sub diaconate  
Tonsure of two readers, presentation of Diocesan  
Grammotta

**Holy Ascension Church, Albion, MI,**  
December 31st to January 1st

Ordination of Deacon Anthony Saunders to the  
Priesthood

**Holy Trinity, Detroit, MI,**  
January 1st to 2nd

**St. Makarios Mission,**  
January 8th to 9th

**St. Nicholas Church, Joliet, IL,**  
January 15th to 16th

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**THANK YOU**

Thank you Susan for donating \$100 toward the wine  
order in January.

Thank you Laura for donating toward the wine.

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**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE ORDERED**

If anyone is interested and willing to donate, the follow-  
ing items will be ordered soon:

Charcoal	About \$30
Incense	About \$100
Paper	About \$175