

Sunday of the Forefathers

The Sunday of the Holy Forefathers is the Sunday that falls between December 11-17, the second Sunday before the Nativity. The ancestors of Christ according to the flesh are remembered on this Sunday of the Nativity Fast. All the great Fathers and Mothers and Prophets of the Old Testament, starting with Adam, Abraham, the Righteous Sarah, Isaac and Jacob, including Holy Prophet Elias and Daniel, and concluding with Holy Prophet Zechariah and Elizabeth, Joachim and Anna, Holy Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist and The Theotokos. They lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of the nations of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3, 22:18).

Today is the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, which is always celebrated two Sundays before the Nativity. Next Sunday is the Sunday of the Holy Fathers, and Nativity follows shortly thereafter on Tuesday. This is part of our preparation for the great feast of our Lord's incarnation. We have already been preparing by fasting. Now the pace is quickening. You can feel it.

Let us ask ourselves why is it that we have this particular reading, about the Great supper, two Sundays before the Nativity? What is it that the church is trying to teach us, and why do we remember the Holy Forefathers today? We cannot but scratch the surface of what this parable means in the Christian life, but it is here primarily because one cannot celebrate a feast without being morally prepared.

This parable tells us sins to avoid, attitudes to avoid. It tells us to wake up! It tells us to be ready.

We commemorate the Holy Forefathers today, because they indeed were part of the preparation for Christ. Without them, there would have been no God-man, Jesus Christ, because He was born of a woman, who was of their lineage, and, if this is not exactly so in a physical sense, their prophesies and piety prepared the way for the coming of Christ. That was part of God's plan.

As Eastern Christians, we never forget from whence we are come. We not only remember that we are from the dust of the earth, but we also remember those who have preceded us, and indeed, are joined to us, in piety, and in faith, and in struggle. We never feel disassociated from our history.



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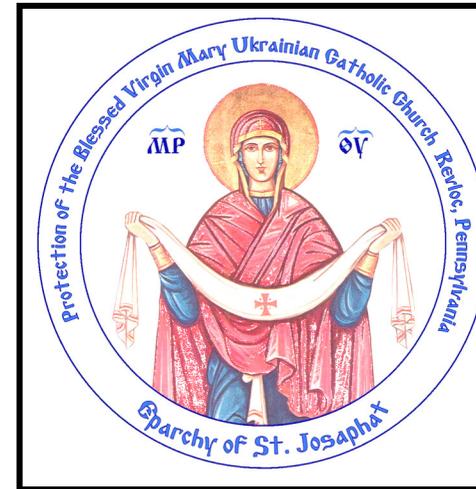
Weekly Liturgy Schedule			
Weekend		Week Day	
Saturday	4:00PM Northern Cambria	Monday	6:30AM Northern Cambria
Sunday	9:00AM Northern Cambria	Tuesday	6:30AM Northern Cambria
	11:00AM Revloc	Wednesday	6:00PM Revloc
	5:00PM Northern Cambria		

Liturgy schedule may change due to Holy Days throughout the year.

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Our Weekly Bulletin

Week of
December 13 to 20, 2020

Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
Christ is among us! He is and always shall be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Dec 13	Sunday of the Holy Forefathers	✠ Thomas De Haven
Dec 14	No Liturgy	
Dec 15	No Liturgy	
Dec 16	No Liturgy	
Dec 17	No Liturgy	
Dec 18	No Liturgy	
Dec 19	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Dec 20	Sunday of the Holy Fathers	✠ Brenda Maslak

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our family in Christ. You have found your way home.

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

Colossians 3:4-11

Luke 14:16-24

Troparion (Tone 3)

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion of the of the Holy Forefathers Tone 2

By faith you justified Your ancestors and through them in advance you betrothed the Church taken from the nations. The saints exult in glory; from their seed comes the blessed fruit, the one who bore You without seed. By their prayers, O Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Kondak of the Holy Forefathers Tone 6

Glory Be...

Armed by the Being that defies description, you defied the manmade idol, O thrice bless'd youth. In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God: "In Your mercy, O Gracious One, hasten and come to our aid," for You can do whatever You will.

Prokeimen of the Holy Forefathers

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

Alleluia of the Holy Forefathers

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

They called on the Lord, and He heard them.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - December 6, 2020 \$410.00 Thank you for your generosity.

Confessions - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

Activities - All activities are cancelled except for the Divine Liturgy on Sunday

Safety Precautions - With the increase in cases of the virus and to keep our church open, remember to social distance and wear a mask

Saturdays with Jesus - The next meeting will be Saturday, January 12, 2020.

10:00AM - Anyone 12 to adult 2:00PM. - Children from 5 to 11

Christmas Flowers - Those wishing to donate flowers please use the envelope from your box.

Anyone wishing donate in memory or in honor of someone please write their name on the back of the envelope.



2020 Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24

4:00PM - Divine Liturgy - Northern Cambria

10:00PM - Divine Liturgy - Northern Cambria

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25

9:00AM - Divine Liturgy - Northern Cambria

11:00AM - Divine Liturgy - Revloc

Prayer List

Parishioners: Michael Lutak, Kathy Ott, Michael Yendzik, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Michael Lutak Jeremiah Hunt

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Joke of the Day

The priest, in his Sunday sermon, used "Forgive Your Enemies" as his subject. After a long sermon, he asked how many were willing to forgive their enemies. About half

held up their hands. Not satisfied he continued for another twenty minutes and repeated his question. This time he received a response of about 80 percent. Still unsatisfied, he lectured for another 15 minutes and repeated his question. With all thoughts now on Sunday dinner, all responded except one elderly lady in the rear. "Mrs. Jones, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have any." "Mrs. Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?" "Ninety three." "Mrs. Jones, please come down in front and tell the congregation how a person can live to be ninety-three, and not have an enemy in the world." The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, very slowly turned around and said: "It's easy, I just outlived them all."