2023 Christmas December 23 4PM Sunday Divine Liturgy – Northern Cambria



Laity Formation

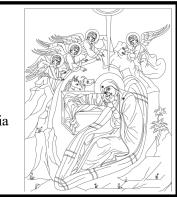
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Know Your Church

December 24 (Christmas Eve) 11AM Sunday Divine Liturgy — Revloc 4PM Vespers – Northern Cambria 6PM Christmas Divine Liturgy — Altoona 10PM Great Compline & Liturgy – Northern Cambria

**December 25 (Christmas Day)** 10AM Christmas Divine Liturgy — Revloc



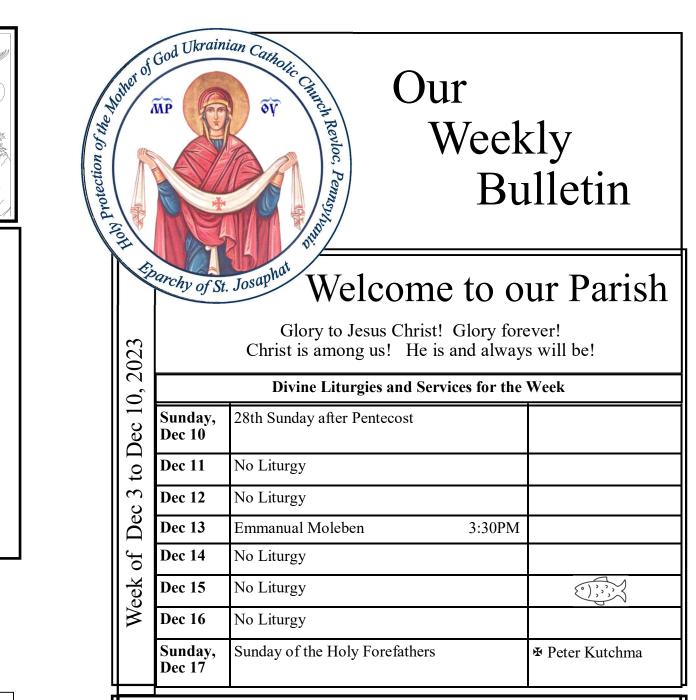
The conception of the all-holy virgin Mary in the womb of Anna is celebrated on December 9 in the Byzantine tradition, for a natural reason, that the Eastern ancients thought a girl was in the womb one day less than a boy. However, the feast is now celebrated together with the Roman Church on December 8, nine months before her birth on September 8, because she is the patron of the United States. It is clear that this is a preparation for the birth of Christ on Christmas, for the first sticheron of the feast begins: "The barren Anna leaped for joy when she gave birth to Mary the Virgin who in turn will give birth in the flesh to God the Word." Mary, the daughter of Anna and Joachim by way of natural birth, is to be the temple of the Word of God incarnate for our sake and for our salvation.



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Anyone wishing to be a member of the parish, contact Fr. Andriy

Immaculate Conception -	Holy Protection of the Mother of God	Immaculate Conception -
St. Mary's	Ukrainian Catholic Church	St. Mary's
Ukrainian Catholic Church	560 Cambria Avenue	Ukrainian Catholic Church
3711 Campbell Avenue	PO Box 194	2024 20th Street
Northern Cambria, PA 15714	Revloc, PA 15948-0194	Altoona, PA 16601



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 kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

#### 28th Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 14:16-24

## Tropar (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. Glory be ...

Colossians 1:12-18

#### Kondak

You arose from the tomb, O compassionate Lord, and led us out from the gates of death. Today Adam exults and Eve rejoices, and the prophets together with the patriarchs unceasingly acclaim the divine might of Your power. Now and ...

## Theotokion

Today the Virgin stands before us in the church, and together with the choirs of saints invisibly prays to God for us. Angels are worshipping with hierarchs apostles, exult with the prophets, for the Mother of God prays in our behalf to the eternal God.

# Prokeimen

Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing. *verse*: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout unto God with the voice of joy. Sing to our God, sing; sing to our King, sing.

# Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia *verse:* In You, O Lord, have I hoped that I may not be put to shame forever. Alleluia, Alleluia

*verse:* Be a protector unto me, O God, and a house of refuge to save me. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Communion Verse* Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3)

# PARISH NEWS

 Weekly Collection - December 3, 2023 - \$265.00. Thank you for your generosity.
Relief for Ukraine - Amount collected to date \$6,483.00.
Saturdays with Jesus - Catechism classes will be January 13th Adults 10:00-12:00 and Children 2:00-3:30.
2024 Envelopes - Anyone who currently does not have envelopes and would like a box for next year, please see Deacon Chris. Envelopes will be distributed in early December.

Christmas Flowers - Anyone wishing to donate a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please write their name on the envelope.

## What is "Saturdays with Jesus"?

Saturdays with Jesus is a monthly gathering to learn more about our church and faith. We will be taking a closer look at the words of the Divine Liturgy. This will be for the next several months.

Classes will be January 13 Adults 10 to 12 Children 2 to 3:30

### **Prayer List**

**Parishioners:** Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard.

**Friends of the Parish:** Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Linda Kusmierski.

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

# Joke of the Day

After I paid for my items in an adorable Italian shop, the salesperson smiled and said "Grazie," Italian for "thank you." My Italian isn't very good, but I knew that the Italian word for "you're welcome" was the same as the name of a spaghetti sauce. So I confidently replied "Ragú!" and walked out of the store. A few blocks later, it hit me: I had the wrong spaghetti sauce. "You're welcome" is prego.