

2023 Christmas Schedule

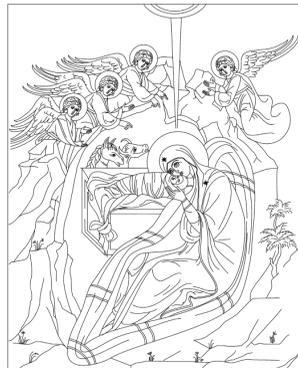


December 23
4PM Sunday Divine Liturgy – Northern Cambria

December 24
11AM Sunday Divine Liturgy — Revloc

Christmas Eve
4PM Vespers – Northern Cambria
6PM Christmas Divine Liturgy — Altoona
10PM Great Compline and Divine Liturgy – Northern Cambria

December 25
10AM Christmas Divine Liturgy — Revloc



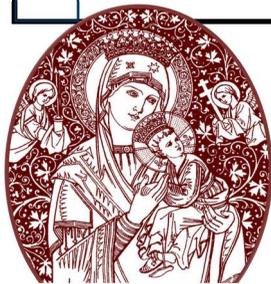
Know Your Church . . . Laity Formation

On the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers, 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).

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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Our Weekly Bulletin

Welcome to our Parish

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

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of Dec 17 to Dec 24, 2023

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| Sunday, Dec 17 | Sunday of the Holy Forefathers | ✠ Peter Kutchma |
| Dec 18 | No Liturgy | |
| Dec 19 | No Liturgy | |
| Dec 20 | Emmanuel Moleben | 3:30PM |
| Dec 21 | No Liturgy | |
| Dec 22 | No Liturgy |  |
| Dec 23 | No Liturgy | |
| Sunday, Dec 24 | Sunday of the Holy Fathers | |

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.

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

Colossians 3:4-11

Luke 14:16-24

Troparion - Tone 4

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

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.

Kondakion of the Holy Forefathers - Tone 6

Glory Be...

Armed by the Being that defies description, you defied the manmade idol, 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 10, 2023 - \$166.00. 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 - Envelopes are ready for you to pick up for the new year.

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

Christmas Dinner - The annual Christmas dinner will be Jan 7th . Please bring a dessert.

Blessing of Water - Water will be blessed on Sunday, January 7 following the Divine Liturgy

Blessing Homes - Father Andriy will bless homes in the Ebensburg/Cambria and Jackson Twp Areas on January 14 following the Sunday Liturgy.
Please see Father Andriy if you would like to schedule a different day or if you live in another area and would like him to come and bless your house.

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

When my son was four-years-old, we went camping in a primitive area with a tent. Prior to our camping trip, I had been explaining to him the importance of washing his hands and flushing the toilet. The only toilets in our camping area were outhouses, which he had not used before. After using the outhouse, he stepped out the door and yelled to me, "Hey mom, where is the flusher??"