

Elements of the Liturgy

The Body in Worship

We stand before God out of respect, and as a sign of our attentiveness; it is the customary posture for prayer in the Byzantine tradition. In particular, we stand for any prayer which ends with a doxology (praise of the three persons of the Trinity), and for the reading of the holy Gospel.

We bow before God, make prostrations to the ground, bow our heads or kneel as a sign of repentance and humility. (Kneeling in particular is particularly connected with penance, and by ancient custom, we do not kneel in church on Sundays, or during the season of Pascha, in honor of the Resurrection.) These are natural or cultural symbols, but the Church has made them her own, adding particular meanings to each. For example, during the services, the priest and deacon bow to each other, and to the gathered faithful, as a sign of respect and acknowledgment.

The priest, deacon and servers, and sometimes the people as well, move through the body of the church in procession. The Great Entrance in the Divine Liturgy, and the intercessory procession of Litija on feast-days at Vespers, are particular features of the Byzantine Rite. When a procession is made only by the clergy and servers, the people will often attentively follow its progress, and ask God's blessing as it passes.

Like singing, processions form us into a community through participation in a communal action, and they can both symbolize spiritual progress and inspire us to make it a reality, by giving us a direction for our desires - by giving us a destination.

In a certain way, liturgical actions like these are similar to the Holy Mysteries, in that they can be effective symbols: they represent a spiritual attitude or grace, and lead us to pray for that grace, and act upon the grace we have received, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Of course, much depends on our own willingness to cooperate with God; the things we do in the liturgy can help us acquire a pattern of life that befits a disciple of Christ.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

100th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars



October 4, 2026

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.

658 days or 94 weeks

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

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Sunday, Dec 15	Sunday of the Forefathers	
Dec 16	No Liturgy	
Dec 17	No Liturgy	
Dec 18	No Liturgy	
Dec 19	No Liturgy	
Dec 20	No Liturgy	
Dec 21	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Dec 22	Sunday of the Holy Fathers	Mary Catherine Hoover

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 5

Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

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, 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

Weekly Collection - December 8, 2024 - \$345.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday - \$265.00 Candles - \$5.00 Improvements - \$5.00

Holy Day - \$10.00 Flowers - \$10.00 Misc. - \$50.00

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Dinner - The annual Christmas Dinner will be on Dec. 29 following the Liturgy.

Please sign-up how many will be attending the dinner. Please bring a dessert.

Blessing of Water - Father will bless water on Jan 5 following the Divine Liturgy.

Blessing of Homes - Father will be blessing homes in the Ebsenburg, Cambria and Jackson areas on Jan 12. Please let Deacon Chris know if you would like your home blessed.

If you live in another area or would like father to visit another day, please see Father Andriy.



Christmas Schedule 2024

Christmas Eve Tuesday, December 24

4:00 PM Vespers - Northern Cambria

6:00PM Divine Liturgy - Altoona

10:00PM Great Compline
and Divine Liturgy - Northern Cambria

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25

10:00AM Divine Liturgy - Revloc

Prayer List

Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Kevin Blem, Pat Bodenski.

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

Joke of the Day

A priest and pastor from the local parishes are standing by the side of the road holding up a sign that reads,

"The End is Near! Turn around before it's too late!"

"Leave us alone you religious nuts!" yelled the first driver as he sped by.

From around the curve they heard screeching tires and a big splash. "Do you think," said one clergyman to the other, "we should just put up a sign that says 'Bridge Out' instead?"