

Elements of the Liturgy Roles in the Liturgy

No Christian, by virtue of an office or liturgical role, has any claim to greatness before God; all that we do in the liturgy is delegated by our Mother the Church. But by the same token, not all who take part in the liturgy do so in the same way.

- The bishop is a successor to the apostles; it is his responsibility to teach, to govern, and to ensure that the Church's liturgy, like her teaching and laws, is carefully observed.
- The priest is our representative before God, offering sacrifice and praying on our behalf; at the same time, he is the representative of Jesus Christ, empowered to bless, to forgive sins, and to make present the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ.
- The deacon is responsible for order in the liturgical assembly. In the litanies, he announces the things for which we pray; he calls for our attention at various points in the services, and directs the people at prayer in a variety of ways. He may preach and read the Gospel, but does not bless the people.
- The reader chants the appointed sections of the Old Testament and Apostolic readings, and may also lead certain services in the absence of a priest.



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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.

651 days or 93 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 22	Sunday of the Holy Fathers	Mary Catherine Hoover
Dec 23	No Liturgy	
Dec 24	Vespers - 4PM NC; Liturgy - 6PM Atoona Compline and Liturgy - 10PM NC	
Dec 25	Birth of our God and Savior Jesus Christ	10:00AM
Dec 26	No Liturgy	
Dec 27	No Liturgy	
Dec 28	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Dec 29	Sunday after Christmas	✠Charles Lutak from Barbara Kline

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 Fathers

Hebrews 11:9-10;17-23;32-40

Matthew 1:1-25

Troparion - Tone 6

Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

Troparion of the Holy Fathers (Tone 2)

Great are the achievements of faith! In the fountain of flames, the three holy youths rejoiced as by the water of rest, and the prophet Daniel was revealed shepherding lions like sheep. Through their intercession, O Christ God, save our souls.

Kondakion of the Holy Fathers (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 Fathers

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the work You did in their days.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

You saved us from our oppressors and put to shame those who hate us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Candles - Six day candles are available for donation in the altar area and on the Tetrapod for \$150/ candle for the year. See Deacon Chris.

Self light — \$3.00 - 6 day candles \$1.00 - 10 hour 50¢ - beeswax candle

Weekly Collection - December 15, 2024 - \$405.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday - \$295.00 Candles - \$5.00 Improvements - \$15.00

Holy Day - \$10.00 Flowers - \$20.00 Misc. - \$40.00 Diocesan - \$20.00

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

An angel was feeling rather blue with the uniform sameness of heaven and went to see St. Peter. "All I do," the angel said, "is play the harp endlessly, and I'm getting bored." St. Peter asked, "What would you rather do?"

The angel answered, "I like to dance." "We don't allow dancing here in heaven," St. Peter said, "but I can see you need a change so I will allow you to take advantage of a once-in-an-eternal-lifetime offer. I will allow you 24 hours leave to return to earth and dance." "I'm gone," the angel said and in a trice the angel was in California and quickly found a dance hall run by Samuel Frank. Checking the harp and wings, the angel boogied and danced and had a great time until just seconds remained of the leave. The angel grabbed up the wings and immediately was in heaven again. Returning to St. Peter, the angel said, "I'm back and I am so happy. I'll never feel bored again." St. Peter said, "That's wonderful, but where is your musical instrument?" "Oh, no," the angel said, "I left my harp in Sam Frank's Disco."