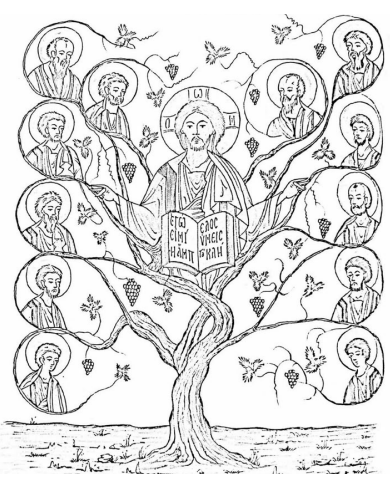


Sunday of the Holy Fathers



On the Sunday before Christmas, known as the Sunday of the Ancestors, we commemorate all the ancestors of Christ. Matthew 1:1-25 provides the genealogy of Jesus Christ and the account of His birth. Verses 1-17 trace Jesus' royal lineage from Abraham through King David to Joseph, the husband of Mary, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah's lineage. In verses 18-19, Joseph learns that Mary is pregnant. Being a righteous man, he plans to divorce her quietly to avoid public shame. However, in verses 20-21, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream, reassuring him to take Mary as his wife because her child was conceived by the Holy Spirit. This emphasizes the miraculous nature of Jesus' conception, affirming that it is part of God's divine plan. Verses 22-23 highlight that these events fulfill the prophecy from Isaiah 7:14, which states that a virgin will conceive and give birth to a son called Immanuel, meaning "God with us." The angel explains that Jesus will save His people from their sins, highlighting His role as the Savior. Finally, in verses 24-25, Joseph obeys the angel's command, takes Mary as his wife, and names the child Jesus when He is born. The readings and hymns of this day reflect on the faith and righteousness of these ancestors, acknowledging their part in God's plan for the Incarnation. It serves as a reminder of the continuity of God's work through generations and the fulfillment of His promises.



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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.
287 days or 41 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 21	Sunday of the Holy Fathers	✠ Ann Berzansky
Dec 22	No Liturgy	
Dec 23	No Liturgy	
Dec 24	Vespers & Liturgy at 4PM - NC Liturgy 6PM – A Compline & Liturgy at 10PM - NC	
Dec 25	Nativity of our Lord and Savior, JesusChrist	10:00AM
Dec 26	No Liturgy	
Dec 27	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Dec 28	Sunday of the Holy Fathers	✠ Charles Lutak Kline Family

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 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 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 to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen

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

Weekly Collection - December 14, 2025 - \$115.00. Thank you for your generosity.
Sunday - \$100.00 Candles - \$5.00 Flowers - \$10.00

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Dinner - The Annual Christmas dinner will be January 4th. Please bring a dessert.
Blessing of Water - Water will be blessed on January 4th . Bring your containers for water.
Blessing of Houses - Father Andriy will bless houses in the Ebensburg area on January 11th.
World Marriage Day - A special Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Feb. 14th at 11:00AM in our parish. There will be a Divine Liturgy, renewal of vows, photos followed by a lite luncheon in our church hall. Please complete and return the below form no later than Sunday, January 11, 2026
Pyrohy Pinching Days - Get your pinching fingers ready for January 23 and January 30.
Pyrohy Sales - Once again our parish we be selling pyrohy for Lent. Orders are due by January 21. Tell your friends and family to come and buy our pyrohy.

Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24
4:00 PM Vespers - Northern Cambria
6:00PM Divine Liturgy - Altoona
10:00PM Great Compline
and Divine Liturgy - Northern Cambria
Christmas Day Thursday, December 25
10:00AM Divine Liturgy - Revloc



2025 Christmas Schedule

Prayer List	Millie 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, Pat Bodenski, Wendy Haggerty, Angel and Walt Wooden, Marian Blem, Ken Urgolitus, Jason Jones, Sarah Wilson, Lori Sedlock, Helen Farster, Bekka Facemire. To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.
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Joke of the Day

The parents began to assemble the special Christmas gift they had for their children. They had ordered a kit for a tree house and received the plans for it. However, the materials they received were for a sailboat. They wrote to the company to complain. The company's reply: "While we regret the inconvenience this mistake must have caused you, it is nothing compared to that of the man who is out on a lake somewhere trying to sail your tree house."