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Clergy: Father Paisius McGrath, Pastor Protopresbyter, William Diakiw, Attached Parish Board President: Karen Sheptak

Choir Director: Eric Prokopchak

<u>Today's Commemorated Feasts and Saints</u>: 29th Sunday after Pentecost- Tone 4; Sunday before the Nativity of Christ and Nativity Eve

Today, Sunday, December 24, Nativity Eve, Divine Liturgy 10 am Blessing of Prosphoras for Holy Supper NO COFFEE HOUR Great Compline 8 pm

Monday, December 25, Nativity of our Lord, Orthros 9 am Christmas Carols Divine Liturgy 10 am

Tuesday, December 26, 2nd Day of Nativity and Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos, Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Wednesday, December 27, 3rd Day of Nativity and Saint Stephen, Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

Saturday, December 30, Great Vespers 4 pm

Sunday, December 31, Leavetaking of Nativity, 3rd Hour and Christmas Carols 9:45 am Divine Liturgy 10 am NO COFFEE HOUR

For Healing and Good Health: Metropolitan Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Pani Sonia Diakiw, Father John Harvey, Father Nestor Kowal, Panimatka Lillian Hnatko, Mary Keffalas, Kathryn, Brian, Ron Radio, Orycia Hammerschmitt, Stephen Sheptak, Gregory Prokopchak, Jessica Burka, Amanda Burka, Tanner Noble, Nick and Arianna Coyle, Jean Markiw, Kathryn Tymkiw, Jack Povlick, Mary Ann Jurysta, Sherri Burka, Emil Russo, Helen Burka, Michael Romanyshyn, Eva Bilowich, Patty Hnatko, Rose Hnatko, Sherri Markiw, Ethan Rock, Scott Cygan, Metrophan Martin, Ronna Frenchak Pindel, Lovie Tymkiw, Donna Grey, Helen Olenic, our brothers and sisters suffering in Ukraine, Syria, Iraq and Egypt

Memory Eternal: Shirley A. Smith

This morning we offer a word of thanks to the teachers and students of our Parish Church School for the wonderful and enjoyable Saint Nicholas Day Program we all enjoyed last Sunday. Thank you also for everyone who helped with the set up for the delicious luncheon and to Saint Nicholas for his wonderful visit.

Today we have arrived at the Eve of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and we pray that each and every member of our parish community and our families will have a blessed and joyous celebration of Christmas and a blessed and happy New Year! As we gather together with friends and family this Christmas let us all give thanks that truly God is with us and has blessed us all with many blessings and especially the Nativity of our Lord and Savior!

As we celebrate this festal season let us all join together as a parish community in the liturgical celebrations of this joyous season. Let us join together as we celebrate this time in prayer and worship with the various services given to us by our Holy Church as a useful and beneficial celebration of God having come down and dwelt among His people.

This morning in our bulletin we offer a message from our beloved hierarchs on the occasion of the Nativity of our Lord. Please take this epistle home with you and read carefully the wise and inspiring words from our hierarchs.

We offer a word of thanks to everyone who made donations for the beautiful poinsettas that now decorate and beautify our Church for this festal season. A special thank you to Bob Shott for ordering and arranging them, to the Shott and Dally families for the beautiful Christmas wreaths, and to Lee and Dottie Vordos for the poinsettas for the Icons of Christ and the Theotokos. Thank you to all for your generosity!

We offer a reminder today that our Parish calendars for 2018 are available for pick up on the tables in the Church basement. Thank you to Geibel's Funeral Home for their continued sponsorship of these calendars for our parish community.

This morning we announce again that our 2018 Parish Annual Meeting will be held following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, January 28. 2018. As a parish community we will gather together to review the life of our parish community in 2017 and look forward to the new year of 2018. We will also have the election for our Parish Executive Board positions of Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and one Director. For anyone willing to serve the Parish in any of these positions, please talk with Father Paisius or a member of the Executive Board.

We offer word of appreciation and thanks to everyone who came out to help with the Parish Pirohi Sale this past week and through the past year. Our next Pirohi Sale will be on Thursday/Friday, January 18/19 and we invite everyone to come back to help us in the New Year.

MAY CHRIST OUR GOD GRANT TO HIS SERVANTS ALL OF THE FAITHFUL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND ALL OUR VISITORS TODAY, PEACE, HEALTH AND SALVATION AND MAY HE SAFEGUARD AND KEEP US ALL FOR MANY YEARS!