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<u>Today's Commemorated Feasts and Saints</u>: Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ-Tone 2

Today, Sunday, December 25, Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Christmas Carols 9:45 am Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil 10 am Saturday, December 31, Great Vespers with Litia 5 pm Sunday, January 1, Circumcision of Christ/ Feast of Saint Basil the Great, Matins 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

For Healing and Good Health: Metropolitan Antony, Bishop Daniel, Protopresbyter William Diakiw, Pani Sonia Diakiw, Father John Harvey, Father Nestor Kowal, Panimatka Lillian Hnatko, Edna Knicely, Orycia Hammerschmitt, John Keffalas, Katheryna Dowbenko, Stephen Sheptak, Gregory Prokopchak, Jessica Burka, Amanda Burka, Tanner Noble, Nick and Arianna Coyle, Jean Markiw, Connie Markiw, Kathryn Tymkiw, Jack Povlick, Mary Ann Jurysta, Sherri Burka, Emil Russo, Helen Burka, Michael Romanyshyn, Mary Demarco, Nicholas Burka, 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 and Iraq

Memory Eternal: Paul Olenic, George Walek,

This morning we on behalf of our Parish community we welcome everyone who is worshiping with us as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! May the blessing of the Lord be with each of us for a joyous and merry Christmas and blessed coming of the New Year!

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORY HIM!

We wish to announce today that tomorrow everyone is invited to continue the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and the Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos at Transfiguration Monastery in Ellwood City" Matins at 8:30 am and Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am. Father Paisius will be serving Divine Liturgy there.

We wish to announce today that there will be NO Divine Liturgy here at Saints Peter and Paul on Tuesday, December 27 for the Feast of Saint Stephen the Proto Martyr as previously scheduled on the monthly calendar.

We offer a reminder that next Sunday, January 1, we will have Matins at 9 am and Divine Liturgy at 10 am as we welcome Father Bogdan and the faithful of Saint Anthony's Orthodox Church as we worship and celebrate the arrival of the New Year together.

We offer a reminder that following the Feast of Theophany or Epiphany we will again have the Blessing of our Homes. We again encourage everyone to make plans to invite Father Paisius to come for this wonderful part of the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord and please use the Blessing of Homes envelopes that are provided for this purpose.

We also wish to announce that on Sunday, January 8 at 1 pm we will have the 4th Annual Pan-Orthodox Great Blessing of Water at Moraine State Park at our regular location on the South Shore. We encourage everyone to join us as we extend the Feast of Theophany with the blessing of the waters at Lake Arthur in this way!

This morning we offer a word of thanks to the teachers and students of our Parish Church School for the wonderful and delightful Saint Nicholas Program we all enjoyed last Sunday. A word of thanks also to Ron and Rose Frenchak and everyone else who worked together to provide the wonderful Luncheon and thank you to Victor Pawluk for once again being our Parish Saint Nicholas!

We offer a word of thanks to everyone who donated for the beautiful poinsettias that are now beautifying our Church. A special word of thanks to Bob Shott for ordering and setting them up once again. Also a word of thanks to those who helped with the decoration of the Parish and the setup and decoration of the Christmas trees. May we all enjoy a blessed Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We again offer a reminder that the Parish 2017 Wall Calendars are available and can be found on the tables in the Church Basement. We thank Geibel's Funeral Home for their continued sponsorship of these calendars for our parish.

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!