







## Запрошуємо до нашої парафії

Раді вітати вас в парафії Благовіщення Пречистої Діви Марії Української Греко-католицької Церкви. Якщо ви хочете дізнатися більше про нашу церкву чи стати членом нашої парафії, прошу заповнити коротеньку форму та залишити в скринці. Отець Роман Олійник (тел. 215-776-1688) радо зв'яжеться з вами. Дякую!

Ваше ім'я \_\_\_\_\_

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## Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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**Confessions: 4:00 P.M. TO 5 P.M. ON SATURDAYS, 8:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M. ON SUNDAYS BEFORE/AFTER EACH DIVINE LITURGY OR BY APPT. IF YOU NEED TO SEE A PRIEST FOR A SPIRITUAL TALK AND HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE PASTOR. For Sacraments of Christian Initiations and Matrimony please notify the pastor in advance.**

### Liturgy Schedule:

**Saturday (12/30) – 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy + for all deceased**

**@4 PM Confessions & Rosary; @ 5 PM Divine Liturgy – for all parishioners**

**Sunday (12/31) – Mt 2:13-23 Sunday after Nativity @9:00 AM Divine Liturgy – for all parishioners; @10:30 AM Divine Liturgy + Stefan & Kateryna Bilous offered by Kuszniir's family**

### Next Week Calendar:

**Monday (1/1) – Circumcision of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, Lk. 2:20-21, 40-52; 6:17-23 @9:00 AM Divine Liturgy -for all parishioners**

**Tuesday (1/2) – Holy Father Sylvester, Mk. 10:2-12 @6:30 PM Divine Liturgy and Bible Study-for all members of the Bible study group**

**Wednesday (1/3) – Holy Prophet Malachia, Mk. 10:11-16 @8:00 AM Divine Liturgy – for Ukrainian soldiers**

**Thursday (1/4) – Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles, Mk. 10:17-27 @8:00 AM Divine Liturgy – private intention**

**Friday (1/5) – Theophany eve, Lk 3:1-18. 10:23-32 @8AM Vespers with Liturgy of Basil the Great and small blessing of water; @5 PM Great Compline with Litija (No Divine Liturgy)**

**Saturday (1/6) – Theophany Feast 9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy with Blessing of the water;**

**@4 PM Confessions & Rosary; @ 5 PM Divine Liturgy – for all parishioners**

**Sunday (1/7) –Sunday after Theophany, Mt 2:13-23 @10:00 AM Divine Liturgy +Walter Danko offered by Danko's family followed by parish Shedriy Vechir and Christmas Concert**

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

PLEASE PRAY FOR PRIESTS KIDNAPPED BY THE RUSSIANS AND SOLDIERS DEFENDING THE FREEDOM IN UKRAINE: REV. IVAN LEVYTSKIY, REV. BOHDAN HELETA, VOLODYMYR, NAZAR, PAVLO, YURIY, OLEG, VICTOR, VOLODYMYR, ANDREW, RUSLAN, ROSTYSLAV, NAZAR, VITALIY, MYKOLA.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO REQUEST A PRAYER FOR YOUR LOVED ONE.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH AND THOSE WHO HAVE REQUESTED OUR PRAYERS: SLAVOMYRA BILAS, YURIY KUROPAS, MARTHA MORACZEWSKI, KSENIA PIDHIRSKY, ROKSOLANA HARASYMOWYCH, STEFANIA NAZAR.

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Financial Report: 12/24-12/26 – Weekly offering -\$3873; Candles -\$322, Christmas Donations - \$6061, Kitchen Renovations-\$100, Ukraine Aid - \$600, Holidays - \$297, Other - \$259 Tot. collected: \$11,512

Thank you

Church Support – \$300 Khmil family, \$400 Hill’s family, \$1000 Tokarchyk family, \$500 Maria Sywulak, \$200 Iwaskiw’s family, \$200 Firko’s family, \$350 Mark Sywulak, \$500 Kohut’s family, \$200 Kryluk’s family, \$200 Eugene Kuropas and Christina Zawycky, \$300 Michalczyk’s family, \$250 Cahill’s family. Ukraine’s Aid: \$100 Roman & Luba Kujdych, \$100 John Szanaida, \$250 Mark Sywulak, \$150 Christine Perfecky.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY!**

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Visitation of the Sick - IF YOU WOULD LIKE FATHER ROMAN TO VISIT A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY, PLEASE CALL HIM AT (215) 776-1688 TO ARRANGE A VISITATION. IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE OUR LOVED ONES WILL RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE TIME OF ILLNESS.

Parish Facebook – PLEASE JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AS WE STARTED POSTING A LOT OF INFORMATION ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE :

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/UKRAINIANKBVM](https://www.facebook.com/ukrainianbvm)

January Birthdays/Anniversaries: ¼ Andrew Tershakovec, 1/10 Ihor Kusznir, f.Roman, 1/16 Karola Rac, 1/20 Joanne Labiak, 1/25 Olha Smolynets Happy Birthday and Mnohaya Lita! *IF WE MISSED YOUR BIRTHDAY, PLEASE LET US KNOW.*

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THANK YOU TO MY DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS FOR YOUR PRAYERS, CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND GIFTS. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY FOR MNOHAJA LITA! F.ROMAN AND FAMILY.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**JANUARY 7, 2024 AFTER @10 AM LITURGY (ONLY ONE LITURGY!!!) - PARISH SHEDRIY VECHIR WITH OUR CHOIR AND VERTEP PERFORMANCE TO BENEFIT “REVIVED SOLDIERS UKRAINE FOUNDATION”**

- ✓ We will have our parish lunch (sviachene) after 10 AM Divine Liturgy. We invite everyone for this special event as we will share together the joy of Christmas as a parish family. We will also invite Ukrainian soldiers who are undergoing rehabilitation in local hospitals sponsored by Revived Soldiers Ukraine Foundation.
- ✓ We will have only **one Liturgy at 10 AM**. We invite the parishioners to contribute to this wonderful event by preparing a dish. Please coordinate with Stefania Perrong (215-284-8030).
- ✓ We left in the back of the church (prytvor) **a sign up sheet**. There will be a suggested donation for shedriy vechir.
- ✓ Our Vertep players will have a collection at the end of the performance. All the proceeds will go to support our soldiers. They will also have t-shirts and other souvenirs for sale.

CATECHISM – Christmas break until we resume in **January 14**. We still accept children for catechism classes for the age group 4-7 years old and those who received the Sacrament of Penance.

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WELCOME NEWCOMERS FROM UKRAINE – we are happy to welcome newcomers from Ukraine.

CANDLE REQUESTS – you can request a special offering for candles to be light in memory of your loved ones, thanksgiving, anniversary, other. The candle can light at the main sacristy lamp (eternal light), Tetrapod, Altar. Suggested donation - \$10. Please place your candle requests in the collection basket with a date requested (1 week period).

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### Theophany Services Schedule:

**Friday, January 5 Theophany Eve**

**8:00 AM Vespers with the Liturgy of Basil the Great and small blessing of water**

**5:00 PM – Great Compline with Litija (No Divine Liturgy)**

**Saturday, January 6–Theophany**

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of water**

**Sunday, January 7**

**10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy**

**Followed by parish “Shedriy Vechir” lunch and Christmas concert (Parish choir and children’s Vertep)**



### ***Communion Hymn***

Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest (Psalm 148:1).\* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous (Psalm 32:1).\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

### **Feast of Theophany:**

This holy day is one of the earliest Great Feasts of the Church, dating back to the 2nd century, with a significance attributed to it greater than Christmas. In Eastern churches, the feast commemorates Christ's baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. The literal translation of the word *Theophany* is manifestation of God from the Greek form "Theos". It is the manifestation of Christ's Divinity in the revelation of the Holy Trinity. This is profoundly held as the doctrine of the Trinity and is what identifies all Christians as "Christian". To be known as Christian is to affirm the Triune nature of God.

Theophany in the Eastern churches is associated with spiritual enlightenment, renewal of all creation, and most importantly, the sanctification of the Jordan water, as in the water for all to be saved through baptism. Baptism is victory over the darkness of sin, in which the elements of light and water are the visible outward symbols of spiritual illumination, purification and cleansing.

An alternate name sometimes used interchangeably with Theophany is *Epiphany*. This also refers to a manifestation, in this case the prefix "epi" meaning above, as manifestation from above, derived from the Greek language. The primary focus of Epiphany in the Latin rite differs from the primary focus of Epiphany or Theophany in the Eastern rite. These differences evolved in the early centuries of the Catholic Church.

The term *Epiphany* is mainly associated in the Latin rite church with the appearance of the Magi to the Christ Child. Thereby, many simply refer to the feast as "Three Kings". The Roman Catholic church in current practice in the United States celebrates Epiphany on the Sunday between Jan 2 and Jan 8.

The Eastern churches have retained the original form of the feast (Christ's baptism) as an immovable feast, celebrated always on January 6. January 5 is always a day of fast in the Eastern rite. Eastern churches have never adapted the United States custom of moving holy days or feast days to Sundays. Holy days and feast days continue to be celebrated on the exact liturgical calendar date.

## **Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!**

### **Church Membership and Information**

We welcome you to Annunciation Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church. If you would like more information about our church or wish to become a member of our parish, please fill out the form below and Father Roman will contact you. Thank you!

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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