Saints Cyril and Methodius
Byzantine Catholic Church

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Sunday
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy
First Sunday of the month: One Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM
(If unable to attend in person, our 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy is streamed via our Facebook page.)

E-Mail: sscyrilmethiodius@gmail.com
Web Site: sscyrilmethiodius.org
| **SUNDAY**  
| **December 12**  
| **Tone 4** | **Sunday of the Forefathers**  
|  | Col 3:4-11  
|  | Lk 14:16-24 | 8:30 AM Confession  
|  | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
|  | 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
| **Monday**  
| **December 13** | **Eustratius & Others Martyrs**  
|  | Eph 6:10-17  
|  | Lk 21:12-19 | 6:30 PM Divine Liturgy  
|  | Saint Lucy  
| **Tuesday**  
| **December 14** | **Thyrsus and Others - Martyrs**  
|  | Heb 9:8-10 & 15-23  
|  | Mk 8:22-26  
| **Wednesday**  
| **December 15** | **Eleutherius Bishop - Martyr**  
|  | Heb 10:1-18  
|  | Mk 8:30-34 | 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy  
| **Thursday**  
| **December 16** | **Haggai - Prophet**  
|  | Heb 10:35-11:7  
|  | Mk 9:10-16  
| **Friday**  
| **December 17** | **Daniel Great Prophet**  
|  | Heb 11:8 &11-16  
|  | Mk 9:33-41 | 6:00 PM Divine Liturgy  
| **Saturday**  
| **December 18** | **Saturday Before Christmas**  
|  | Sebastian and Others - Martyrs  
|  | Gal 3:8-12  
|  | Lk 13:18-29 | 4:00 PM St. Nicholas Mission Divine Liturgy  
| **SUNDAY**  
| **December 19**  
| **Tone 5** | **Sunday Before Christmas - Of the Holy Fathers**  
|  | Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40  
|  | Mt 1:1-25 | 8:30 AM Confession  
|  | 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
|  | 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy  

Call the parish office (919-239-4877) to make an appointment or to speak with Fr. Vasyl (908-404-0777).

**SSCM CHURCH/HALL SCHEDULE**

The **St. Nicholas Mission** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church every Saturday at 4:00 PM.

The **Eritrean Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

The **Coptic Orthodox** celebrate their Divine Liturgy in our church from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meets the second Tuesday of every month. If you have any questions or concerns you would like addressed at the next meeting, please contact one of the members: Mike Carpenter, Paul Tooley, Paul Cwik, Will Leatherwood, Dan Pope, Marie Taylor, and Mike Sapsara.

You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is under the Tetrapod for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation or donate online via our website. "Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth." (Dt. 8:18) November Donations: $5,529.47

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**2020 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL** - The annual Bishop's Appeal is upon us. An excerpt from the November ECL from Bishop Kurt follows: "I ask once again, take care of your own needs and/or your own parish first. If you have extra and would like to help me with my work for the Eparchy, and for the weaker parishes, please consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal this year. God will not be outdone in generosity." However, money will not fix our clergy shortage. It is much more important that we pray. May God grant that young men give their lives to him as priests. + Kurt. As a parish we have been generously blessed to have a priest and deacon from our Eparchy. Bishop Kurt is supporting our needs. Please give as generously as possible. We will reap much more than we sow. Trust in the Lord. Please visit the Eparchy’s website for more information: https://www.eparchyofpassaic.com/
Sunday of the Forefathers  
December 12, 2021

If you are new to our area or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not a home for you, we warmly invite you to become part of our parish family. If you wish to register with our parish, please email Michelle Rubush at:

sscyrilmethodius@gmail.com

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!  
GLORY FOREVER!  
SLAVONIC: SLAVA ISUSU CHRISTU! SLAVA NA VIKI!

Please remember in your prayers:
Augustine Griffith, Mary Jo and Bill Smith; Jerry Kingery; Sophia Rose; John Patrick Rose; David Hoover; Cameron Shuey; Dale Blair; Bernadette’s parents and aunts: Andrew, Etta, Martha and Yolanda; Father Mark and family; Father Vasyl and family.

Please pray for the repose + of the souls of our faithful departed:
+Holly Kingery, +Elizabeth Macario, +Luke Morgan, +Natalie and John Morgan, +Rev. Fr. Richard Rohrer, +Gloria Shuey, +Victor Quintero, +Maria Victoria Quintero

In Blessed Repose, Grant O Lord, Eternal Rest to the Soul of Your Departed Servants and May their Memory be Eternal.

In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills must be paid. Thanks to all who continue to serve our church with their time, talent, and treasure. To all who devoted their time to support the market before, during and after the event, thank you!

Do you want to share the Catholic faith? Would you be interested in participating in street evangelization? Marie Taylor and Karen Quintero have been going out on a Saturday afternoon, asking the Holy Spirit to touch the hearts of people walking by and start a conversation about the Catholic faith by distributing free rosaries, medals, and pamphlets. They are looking to add another person (or two?) to increase the possible opportunities. Email Karen at karennquintero@gmail.com if you’d like to know more.

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Many thanks to our church cleaning volunteers which means no one is cleaning more than once every two or three months. Volunteers may do the cleaning anytime during the week when the church is not in use. Please contact Marie Taylor at marie@8taylors.com if you want to participate in this very important ministry for our church. Thank you to our current volunteers!

| Nov 28-Dec 4 | Will & Sam Leatherwood | Jan 2-Jan 8 | Heidi Cwik/Joe Deaton |
| Dec 5- Dec 11 | Marie Taylor | Jan 9-Jan 15 | Lisa Rose |
| Dec 12-18 | Travis Kingery | Jan 16-22 | Mary Carpenter |
| Dec 19-25 | Margie Tooley | Jan 23-29 | Nathan Tooley |
| Dec 26-Jan 1 | Karen Quintero | Jan 30-Feb 5 | Lance Morgan |

As we approach the holiday season, please keep in mind that the annual St. Nicholas Tree is set up in the church. In keeping with the traditions of St. Nicholas, this tree has been our “giving tree” for many years and provides the opportunity to contribute money to benefit an orphanage in the Ukraine and provide a monetary gift to the family of Father Iouri Koslovskii.
The Lord gave free will to man and thus showed his great love. But, as the story of Adam and Eve teaches us, there was a tragedy: Man made a choice and obeyed the evil spirit. If we think about the deeds of Eve and Adam, we can see that they used God's gift of free will in search of happiness, but it turned out to be a curse. Happiness became misfortune.

Something similar happened to today's invited guests. The host invited them to the party and wanted to make his dear guests happy. Go, everything is ready, he said. But, they did not respond, because they made other choices: One sought happiness in the field he had bought. Another sought happiness in his business. Still another sought happiness in marriage.

Look at the strange behavior of the host. He does not lock himself in, does not complain that he was bypassed. The host keeps calling. This has been and will always be the case with God's call. God never stops. He is the Creator. He will be able to change everything and find a way out of everything.

Note that those who did not come did not spoil the holiday feast. This may mean that nothing can hinder the Lord's work. There will be other people, it will be different, but everything will happen. The celebration will not happen only for those who do not choose to come. For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

Therefore, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we must consider the voice of God, His call. Because if we don't respond, who knows if there will be another chance for us? We ask for the gift of wisdom so that we can make the right choices in this world full of offers and in which we are offered temporary joy, yet which already bring sorrow and unhappiness.

And the work of God will continue and those who come will be happy, because God does not look at the person! God rejoices in those who respect Him and gives to them great dignity. This dignity cannot be equated with any human glory or luxury. This dignity is the sonship of God. Inheritance of His Kingdom. Amen.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THESE IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES.**

**Sunday, December 12** Second Sunday before the Nativity (Sunday of the Forefathers), and the feast of the Theotokos of Guadalupe. Divine Liturgy at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

**Monday, December 13** is the **St. Lucy Feast Day**. Divine Liturgy at 6:30 PM with an anticipated visit from St. Lucy! We hope she brings St. Lucy buns!

**Wednesday, December 15 and Friday, December 17.** Divine Liturgy 6:00 PM

**Sunday, December 19:** Sunday before the Nativity (Sunday of the Ancestors of Christ). Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM. Church decorating after the 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy. PLEASE PLAN TO HELP!

**Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve:** Royal Hours 9:00 AM  
(St. Nicholas Mission Vespers and Divine Liturgy 4:00 PM)  
Vespers and Divine Liturgy 7:00 PM

**Saturday, December 25 - Nativity**  
Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM - Please note, Father Vasyl will depart immediately following this Liturgy to travel to the South Carolina Mission in Fort Mill, SC to celebrate the Divine Liturgy.
We are very blessed to have a wonderful website which is maintained by Mary Ann and Chris Meyer. A wealth of information is available. Be a regular visitor! [https://www.ss Cyrilmethodius.org/](https://www.ss Cyrilmethodius.org/)

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