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 9:00AM

(If unable to attend in person, our 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy is streamed via our Facebook page.)

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## 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

### Monday
**December 20**
Ignatius Bishop - Martyr  
Heb 11:17-23 & 27-31  
Mk 9:42-10-1

### Tuesday
**December 21**
Juliana - Martyr  
Heb 12:25-26 & 13:22-25  
Mk 10:2-12

### Wednesday
**December 22**
Anastasia Great Martyr  
Lame 1:1-18  
Mk 10:11-16
6:00 PM Divine Liturgy

### Thursday
**December 23**
Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete  
James 1:19-27  
Mk 10:17-27

### Friday
**December 24**
**Vigil of Christmas**
Eugenia Martyr  
**Royal Hours**  
PM Heb 1:1-12; Lk 2:1-20
9:00AM Royal Hours  
St. Nicholas Mission Vespers & Divine Liturgy  
7:00 PM Vespers and Divine Liturgy

### Saturday
**December 25**
**CHRISTMAS - BIRTH OF OUR LORD**
Gal 4:4-7  
Mt 2:1-7
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

### SUNDAY
**December 26**
**Tone 6**
**Sunday After Christmas Synaxis of the Theotokos**
Gal 1:11-19 & Heb 2:11-18  
Mt 2:13-23
8:30 AM Confession  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy

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**SUNDAY DEC 26**

**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)

**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 BEFORE CHRISTMAS  
December 19, 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. Thank you to those who organized the St. Nicholas and St. Lucy feast days' celebrations for the children.

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

| 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 lineage of Jesus is inseparable from our lineage; because in it God reveals himself, and by revealing himself, He reveals us to ourselves. The story of His life, this long story, reveals to us the meaning of our lives, because He takes our lives upon Himself and saves us. This is why His name is Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us." (Mt 1:23)

Jesus is both the fruit of the promise Abraham received and the fruit of the anointing of David. He is indeed the son of Abraham and the son of David. Among His ancestors, as well as among our ancestors to whom we owe our essence, there were different people: believers and sinners, and perhaps those who were both believers and sinners at the same time. There were the poor, especially after returning from exile, and there were also gentlemen. The human nature of Jesus is shaped by the lives of these people, just as our human nature combines the past of our ancestors with the history of our own lives.

The life of the Lord’s ancestors was an expectation and a sacrifice. This is how the Virgin Mary lived her life. And we also need to expect and sacrifice ourselves with her. Then we will bear the true fruit, which is Christ. We will be one with Him, one with Jesus. He is our hope that illuminated the night in Bethlehem.

In these days that separate us from the great feast of the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ, let us be in Him, filled with His Holy Spirit and faith, as in Mary and Joseph. Then we will be, for the glory of God and for the life of all those around us, the true fruit of God, who is with us and with whom we are.

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

**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.sscyrilmethodius.org/](https://www.sscyrilmethodius.org/)