SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
December 26, 2021

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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 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

Monday
December 27

Stephen - Protomartyr
Acts 6:8-7:5 & 47-60
Mt 21:33-42

Tuesday
December 28

20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia
James 3:1-10
Mk 11:11-23

Wednesday
December 29

Holy Innocents - Martyrs
James 3:11-4:6
Mk 11:23-26

Thursday
December 30

Anysia - Venerable Martyr
James 4:7-5:9
Mk 11:27-33

Friday
December 31

Melany - Venerable
1 Tim 6:11-16
Mt 12:15-21

Saturday
January 1

Circumcision of Our Lord
Basil the Great Archbishop
Col 2:8-12; Heb 7:26-8:2
Lk 2:20-21 & 40-52; Lk 6:17-23

SOLEMN
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
4:00PM St Nicholas Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY
January 2
Tone 7

Sunday Before Theophany
2 Tim 4:5-8
Mk 1:1-8

8:30 AM Confession
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Outdoors weather permitting)

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/
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

CHRIST IS BORN!
GLORY HIM!
SLAVONIC: Christos Razdajetsia! Slavite Jeho!

Please remember in your prayers:
Bob Taylor, 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 all who decorated the tree and the church for the Birth of Our Lord.

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.
He took the child and his mother and went to Egypt. (Matt. 2: 13-23)

Today's celebration of the Synaxis of the Blessed Virgin Mary shows us that the lives of Jesus and his parents were very similar to the lives of modern people. They experienced hardship, anxiety, and stress, just like other people. However, in all of this, Joseph and Mary showed complete trust in God. Trust is an important fruit of faith and love, of a Christian's spiritual life, and of his relationship with God. It is impossible to imagine the spiritual life of a Christian without trusting God. It is an important fruit of faith and personal knowledge of God.

To trust God means to accept God's advice, His teachings, and to carry them out, to see in them the certainty of success. Trust shows how important God is to us, that it is with his help that we can build a life and solve all things successfully. Trust is cooperation with God through enduring prayer, holy mysteries, helping others, and combining human effort and God's grace in daily life.

St. Joseph and Mary are wonderful examples of trust in God. When Jesus' life was in danger, Joseph calmly accepted God's counsel through an angel and immediately followed it. He does not argue with God, but takes Mary with the child and goes to Egypt, where the angel commanded him, and lives there until the Lord tells him to return to Bethlehem. This unconditional trust by Joseph in God saved the life of his family, including Jesus Himself. To trust is to allow God fully into your life, believing in his existence and the dependence of life on him. It is to allow God to act to the maximum, to help, to build my life, to protect in life, living according to his science, faithfully fulfilling all the commandments, accepting his will in everything.

Of the generous fruits of trust in God, Christ assures us with the words, "And whosoever shall leave the house in my name, brothers, sisters, father, mother, wife, children, fields, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit eternal life." (Matt. 19, 29).

Dear brothers and sisters, just as God once spoke to Mary and Joseph through an angel to protect the Child and them from Herod, so the Lord speaks to us through the Word of God. Let us preserve our faith and trust in it, and leave the solution of various difficulties to the wise God. Let us try to carry the faith in Jesus throughout our lives and return with it to our native land of eternity, in the home of our Heavenly Father, to sing to Him the hymn of glory "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Amen.

Calendars for the Liturgical year 2022 are available in the narthex of the church. Please take one per family.

Fr. Vasyl will be available for house blessings after January 9, 2022. Please email the office if you would like him to bless your home.

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/