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29 December Sunday After Christmas David, Joseph, and James

Sat 28 Dec	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	Parishioners of St. John's
Sun 29 Dec	9:00am	+Daniel Silvano by Jenny Dressler
Wed I Jan	9:00am	Circumcision of our Lord / St. Basil the Great HGB Pat Mc Laughlin by Mary Glatz
Thr 2 Jan	9:00am	+Audrey Cortez by Gavino Cortez
Fri 3 Jan	9:00am	Parishioners of St. John's
Sat 4 Jan	3:15pm	Confessions
	4:00pm	+George & Ann Mehallick by Son Jeff and Family
Sun 5 Jan	9:00am	+Michael Stone by the Schrack Family

7 Branch Candles are given for the repose of the soul of +Elisa Nocella by her Family

Parish Income 22 December Offertory \$1,1680; Loose \$820; Candles \$136; Fuel \$150; Flowers \$125; Christmas \$290; Holy Days \$105; Maintenance Fund \$50; A/C Fund \$5,000; Bishop's Appeal 170; Total \$8,506 Month to date \$32,682

Divine Liturgy This Weekend

Red Book: ; Opening Hymn O Come All Ye Faithful (Christmas Carol Booklets)

Green Book Tone 7 p.156; Sunday After Christmas p. 302

Green Book: Beneath your Compassion p. 454 #B

Please remember in your prayers: parishioners, family and friends recovering from illness and surgery:

Arcadia at Limerick: Nancy Erdek; **Frederick Living:** Sarah Roshoa, and also: Fr. Nicholas de Prospero, Audrey Gluszyk, Mary Beth Hollowell, Anna Marie Hunter, Keith Hunter, Barbara Lenhart, Mark Lewis, Cletus McLaughlin, Daniel Mc Laughlin, Pat McLaughlin, David Mondik, Dillon Richard, Maksym Stetsenko, Earl Stong

Christ is Born Glorify Him As we celebrate this 5th day of Christmas let us remember that as effort went into the preparation for Christmas, we need to continue our striving to make the 12 days of Christmas days on which we spend prayer time before the manger in our homes meditating on the Mystery of the Incarnation of Christ who gives His life to us so that we will not be afraid to give our lives to serve Him.

Happy New Year With the Feast Day of the Circumcision of our Lord and St. Basil the Great this coming Wednesday, we begin the New Year. Try to start the coming New Year with attending Liturgy and thanking God for the Blessings He gave us in the previous year and making a good resolution to take our spiritual duties more seriously in the New Year and follow a rule of prayer which brings discipline into our lives for without discipline there is no civilization, as we know it.

2025 Jubilee Holy Year The New Year will be filled with spiritual gifts and blessings for those who have Faith enough to keep its observances. One characteristic observance of a Holy Year is the pilgrimages to Jerusalem and Rome to visit the Holy Shrines and have our Faith renewed and strengthened. Check the ECL for notices about our Eparchial Pilgrimage to Rome led by Bishop Kurt. A Holy Year is a time when God grants special graces. If you need help with a huge problem, this the time to petition God's mighty help. There will be special events coming soon which will highlight the Holy Year.

2025 Church Envelopes and Calendars are available in the church hall this weekend. If you need church envelopes please fill out the information requested on the sign up sheet and they will be provided. If you do not use church envelopes, it is difficult to make a statement of your donations needed for IRS purposes. Whether you use them or not, everyone should be registered as a parishioner of our parish. Parish registration forms are available for your convenience, completed forms can be placed in the collection basket.

The Fall Bishop's Appeal began in October. We ask each of our families to pledge a donation to this annual appeal to help our Eparchy be an instrument of the spreading of the Gospel of Christ through charitable works made possible through your donations made in His Name. The list of those who benefit from your donations is long and a worthy one. Remember our Lord said "as often as you did it for the least of my brethren, you did it for me." Our donations are a win / win. They show our gratitude to God for His Blessings and are a helping hand to those who need one.

Our Parish Cemetery is both a privilege and a challenge. We are fortunate that we can go and visit our loved ones buried there, bring them flowers and pray for their souls. Our challenge is keeping up with the never ending maintenance of the grounds. Witness that the fence has been breached for the third time, this year. The perpetual care of the cemetery is our responsibility and we ought to shoulder it by our donations to the Cemetery Collection which this year was under \$1,000 toward an annual, ordinary expense of about \$25,000. Please donate if you can.