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**St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church**

**Protection of the Most Holy**

**Mother of God Cathedral**



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15 DECEMBER 2024 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- Sun-  
day of the Holy Forefathers of Christ

*(at the Divine Liturgy)*

**Tone 8      Troparion    *(Resurrection)***

You descended from on high, O Merciful One!  
You accepted the three day burial to free us from our sufferings!//  
O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to You!

**Tone 2      Troparion    *(Forefathers)***

Through faith You justified the Forefathers,  
betrothing through them the Church of the gentiles.  
These saints exult in glory,  
for from their seed came forth a glorious fruit:  
she who bore You without seed.//  
So by their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

**Tone 6      Kontakion    *(Forefathers)***

You did not worship the graven image,  
O thrice-blessed ones,  
but armed with the immaterial Essence of God,  
you were glorified in a trial by fire.  
From the midst of unbearable flames you called on God, crying:  
“Hasten, O compassionate One!  
Speedily come to our aid,//  
for You are merciful and able to do as You will!”

**Tone 4      Prokeimenon    *(Forefathers)***

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, / and praised and glorified is  
Your Name forever! *(Song of the Three Holy Children, v. 3)*

**V. For You are just in all that You have done for us! *(v. 4)***

**Epistle**

(257) Colossians 3:4-11 *(Forefathers)*

**Tone 4**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**V. Moses and Aaron were among His priests; Samuel also was among  
those who called on His Name. *(Ps. 98:6)***

**V. They called to the Lord and He answered them. *(Ps. 98:6)***

Gospel  
(76) Luke 14:16-24 (*Forefathers*)

### Communion Hymn

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

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### Announcements

**PRAY FOR UKRAINE!** The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh Valley sponsors weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine. The next Moleben service will be this **Tuesday, 17 December, at 6:30 PM HERE IN OUR CHURCH.** We urge everyone to attend and PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

**CHRISTMAS FAST:** A Reminder that the CHRISTMAS FAST has begun, during which we prepare for the Feast of the NATIVITY OF OUR LORD. We remind all our parishioners to use this time to apply themselves to more profound **prayer and fasting and especially to approach the Sacraments of Holy Confession and Communion.** Please check the schedule in the weekly bulletin for the divine services and opportunities for Confession.

**PARISH BOARD MEETING :** The Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Board will take place tomorrow evening, Monday 16 December immediately after Vespers. ALL PARISH BOARD MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

**CHRISTMAS AT THE SEMINARY - 21 DECEMBER**—St. Sophia Ukrainian Orthodox Theological Seminary in South Bound Brook, NJ will be hosting their annual CHRISTMAS AT THE SEMINARY - an OPEN HOUSE reception in the afternoon from 2 - 5 PM. It is an afternoon of good food, caroling and holiday cheer. ALL ARE INVITED! A caravan will be leaving from the Lehigh Valley at 12:30 PM. THERE IS NO CHARGE! All that is asked is that you sign up on the bulletin board near the chapel. A small donation of a gift card or household items for the Seminary is requested. For more information see the leaflet in today's bulletin.

ST. SOPHIA UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY  
1550 Easton Ave. - Somerset, NJ 08873

# Christmas AT THE Seminary

ENJOY A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY THE ST. SOPHIA SEMINARY CHOIR

Admission and holiday appetizers included with your donation of items from the White List

**GIFT CARDS:** Amazon, Costco, Home Depot, Restaurant Depot, Shop Fite, Target, Visa, Walmart

**CLEANING PRODUCTS:** Floor cleaner, bathroom cleaner, multipurpose cleaner, toilet bowl cleaner, disinfecting spray & wipes, wood polish & cleaner, stainless-steel cleaner, Swiffer duster refills, dishwasher detergent/pods, kitchen sponges

**LAUNDRY PRODUCTS:** HE laundry detergent/pods, Clorox, Oxi Clean, Starch Spray

**HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS:** Paper towels, toilet paper, 13 gallon kitchen garbage bags, Ziploc bags (all sizes)

SHOP ONLINE ON THE TARGET GIFT REGISTRY  
<http://tgt.gifts/StSophiaSeminary>

For more information, contact Fr. Vasy at 732-356-0070

Saturday  
**DECEMBER 21**  
2024  
2-5 pm

**COFFEE SOCIAL:** Today's coffee hour is hosted by THE PARISH BOARD.

Please pray for the sick and infirm of our Church: Fr. John Fencik, Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucul, Fr. Vasyi Dovgan, Fr. Mark Koczak, Tania Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, Gloria Dunski, Marie Hinkley, Mary Kennedy, John Milinchik, Daniel Melnichek, Michael Onushko, Nancy Onusko, Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, Dori Bochnak, Katheryn Solan, Mary Carol Bannon, Elsie Moroz, the Child of God Karina Strashinsky and the Child of God Johnny Walson.

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### Schedule for this Week

**SUNDAY - 15 December - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Sunday of the Holy Forefathers**  
*Ephesians 4:1-6 Luke 14:16-24*

**9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**

**Monday, 16 December - The Holy Prophet Haggai**

*1 Timothy 1:1-7 Mark 9:42- 10:1*

*6 PM - Weekday Vespers*

*6:30 PM - Parish Board Meeting*

**Tuesday, 17 December - The Holy Prophet Daniel and the Three Youths Ananias, Azarias and Mishael**

*Hebrews 11:33- 12:2 Mark 10:2-12*

6:30 PM - MOLEBEN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD FOR THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF UKRAINE - **HERE IN OUR CHURCH.** (Sponsored by the Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy)

**Wednesday, 18 December - The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions**

*1 Timothy 1:18-20; 2:8-15 Mark 10 :11-16*

**Thursday, 19 December - The Holy Boniface the Merciful of Tarsus**

*1 Timothy 3:1-13 Mark 10:17-27*

**Friday, 20 December - The Holy Hieromartyr Ignatius the Godbearer, Bishop of Antioch**

*Hebrews 10:32-38 Mark 9:33-41*

*9 AM - Divine Liturgy*

**Saturday, 21 December - The Holy Martyrs Thyrsus, Leucius and Callinicus**

*Galatians 3:8-12 Luke 13:19-29*

**SUNDAY - 22 December - TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST- Sunday before the Nativity- Sunday of the Holy Fathers of Christ**

*Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40. Matthew 1:1-25*

**9:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY**

**Оголошення**

**МОЛИМОСЯ ЗА УКРАЇНУ!** Братство українського духовенства в Долині Лехай спонсорує щотижневі молебні за мир і добробут України. Наступний Молебен буде цього **вівторка, 17 грудня, о 18:30 ТУТ, В НАШІЙ ЦЕРКВІ.** Закликаємо всіх бути присутніми та **МОЛИТИСЯ ЗА УКРАЇНУ!**

**РІЗДВЯНИЙ ПІСТ:** Нагадуємо, що розпочався РІЗДВЯНИЙ ПІСТ, під час якого ми готуємося до свята РІЗДВА ГОСПОДНЬОГО. Нагадуємо всім нашим парафіянам використати цей час для більш глибокої молитви і посту, а особливо для приступу до Таїнств Сповіді та Причастя. Будь ласка, дивіться розклад у тижневому бюлетені щодо богослужінь та можливостей для Сповіді.

**ЗАСІДАННЯ ПАРАФІЯЛЬНОЇ УПРАВИ:** Чергове місячне засідання Парафіяльної Управи відбудеться завтра ввечері, у понеділок 16 грудня, відразу після Вечірні. **ЗАПРОШУЮТЬСЯ УСІХ ЧЛЕНІВ ПАРАФІЯЛЬНОЇ УПРАВИ.**

**РІЗДВО В СЕМІНАРІЇ - 21 ГРУДНЯ**—св. Софійська Українська Православна Теологічна Семінарія в Саут-Баунд-Бруку, Нью-Джерсі, проводитиме своє щорічне РІЗДВО У СЕМІНАРІЇ - прийом ДНІВ **ВІДКРИТИХ ДНІВ** у другій половині дня з 14:00 до 17:00. Це післяобідній день смачної їжі, колядок і святкового настрою. **ЗАПРОШУЮТЬСЯ ВСІ!** Караван вирушить із долини Ліхай о 12:30. **НЕМАЄ КОМІЦІЇ!** Потрібно лише записатись на дошці оголошень біля каплиці. Просимо зробити невелику пожертву у вигляді подарункової картки або предметів домашнього вжитку для семінарії. Для отримання додаткової інформації дивіться брошуру в сьогоднішньому бюлетені.

**КАВА:** Сьогоднішня година кави організована ПАРАФІЯЛЬНОЮ УПРАВОЮ.

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