

Protection of the Most Holy Mother Of God

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30th Sunday after Pentecost-Sunday Before the Nativity

Tone 5 Troparion (*Resurrection*)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection..

Tone 4 Troparion (*Forefeast*)

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! Adorn yourself, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit; if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam.// Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning.

Tone 5 Kontakion (*Resurrection*)

Thou didst decent into hell, O my Savior,/ shattering its gates as almighty; /resurrecting the dead as Creator, /and destroying the sting of death./ Thou has delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of Man, /and we all cry to thee: "O Lord, save us!

Tone 6 Kontakion (*Forefeast*)

In Bethlehem, seeing wrapped in swaddling bands, Him who holds the whole earth in his hand, let us bring prefestal hymns beforehand to her who gave birth to him, for mystically she rejoices, carrying in her bosom the Son of God."

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

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: Hebrews 11: 9-10, 17-23, 32-40

Tone 4 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us. (Ps 43/44:1)

v: For You have saved us from them that oppose us, and have put to shame those who hate us. (Ps 43/44:7)

Gospel:

Matthew 1: 1-25

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 32/33:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Schedule of Services

Sunday, Jan 03	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Wed, Jan 06	3:30 PM	Vesperal Liturgy of the Nativity (Chapel)
	9:00 PM	Great Compline
Thurs, Jan 07	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Fri, Jan 08	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (Sobor of the All- Holy Theotokos)
Sat, Jan 09	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy (St. Stephen the Proto-Martyr)
	4:00 PM	Vespers
Sun, Jan 10	9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy

Prayers: Among your daily prayers, please remember the sick and shut-in of our Church and Parish: Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucut, Tanya Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, Madeline Chorney, John Chorney, Susan Cooke, Gloria Dunski, Joan Hepner, Jennie Kramer, Eva Lazor, Mary Maksymiak, Daniel Milinichuk, Michael Onushko, Rosalie Onushko Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, Mary Radio, William Radio, Kathryn Solan, Michael and Elsie Moroz, Myroslav Kmet, Mariya Kmet, Andriy Kmet, Dan Gulack. Michael Lobus, Russel Haas; Rodney Townes, Karina Strashinsky; Greg and Tanya Chubenko, Katherine Cox

* **The servant of God, Steven Amey**, having previously been baptized with water in the name of the Holy trinity will be received into the Holy Orthodox Church at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, 01/06 just prior to the Vesperal Liturgy. We wish him every good grace that comes from the Holy Spirit and may God increase in him the work already begun in accordance with His will.

Vichnaya Pam'yat: We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of **William Rocoe** who entered into eternal rest on 12/31. At the request of the family, funeral services will be private.

Resource for pre-school families: Beginning Monday, January 4, a daily email with prayers and videos. Free sign up at www.orthodoxfaithandlearning.org

Readers: 01/03 Robert Noecker; 01/10 Richard Bodnar; 01/17 Rdr. James McKeown