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Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY. Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch (107). Ven. Ignatii (Ignatius), Archimandrite of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—1435). St. Philogonius, Bishop of Antioch (323). St. Daniel, Archbishop of Serbia (1338).

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11.9-10,17-23,32-40 God provides something better for us, as the Prophets expected.

GOSPEL: Matthew 1.1-25 The genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.

EVE OF THE NATIVITY DIVINE LITURGY: The Vespertine Liturgy that is normally celebrated on the Eve of the Nativity is being moved to Valley Health Nursing Home. After the Royal Hours, there will be a short break while the space is set up for the Liturgy, and then we will move over to the Nursing Home to bring Christ to our brother and sisters who live there. All are, of course, invited to attend and sing.

CALLING ALL READERS: There is a list circulating asking for anyone who is interested to sign up to read during the Liturgical Services. In addition to regular Sunday services, there are many opportunities to read around the Nativity of our Lord. This announcement is for all established readers, and any others who would like to give it a try.

RAFFLE: The Lottery raffle is underway. If you would like to purchase any tickets, please see Dale or Nancy Richards.

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH ON THE RADIO!!!: AncientFaithRadio has been the premiere radio source on the internet for over 5 years. They are currently featuring many wonderful educational talks on the Nativity of our Lord. If you have the opportunity throughout your day to listen on the internet, point your browser to http://ancientfaith.com/specials/god_is_with_us.

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PICTURES: If you have any pictures of any events in the life of the Parish, please send them on to Fr James for inclusion on the website. There were many cameras at the Yolka, and it would be good to share the shots that were taken of that wonderful performance.

YOLKA THANKS: Many thanks to all who put so much effort into making the Nativity Yolka an offering that is pleasing to our Lord.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES: If there are any events missing from this list, please see Father James or call the Rectory at any time. Birthdays: Avis Byrda and John Penree. Anniversaries: None. Namesdays: David Chlus, Joseph Gale and Bela Gaspar.

PANIKHIDA: Please continue to remember in your holy prayers all of the departed of our parish, especially the newly departed Archbishop Job, the newly-departed Patriarch Pavel, the newly-departed Mary and the newly-departed Matthew. We will also be serving the memorial service for all of our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection, among them Stephen Keblish (1972), Anna Rinko (1986), Charles Chukrulya (1971), Michael Steciak (1989) and Wasil Krenichyn (1975). We especially remember Walter Jovorosky Sr, Walter Jovorosky Jr, John Prawlocki, Frank Prawlocki, Anna & Wasil Prawlocki, Paul & Kay Sokol, Mary Panarites and all of the faithful departed. May their memory be eternal!



“We should keep pure from gossip. To such things, the ears of those who have believed in Christ should be inaccessible. It appears to me that it is for this reason that the Instructor (Christ) does not permit us to say anything that is unseemly.” – St. Clement of Alexandria

The Layman's Personal Precepts

1. I will come to Church at least once every Sunday. A real reason will be necessary to keep me away. If there is such a reason I will read the service out of my Prayer Book.
2. I will come to Church on all of the major Holy Days of the year if at all possible.
5. I will come to Church on time and will participate and assist in the services of the Church. I will behave with decorum in Church and will not leave before the conclusion of services.
11. I will not lay myself open to defection from Christ's Church by participating in the religious meetings of non-Orthodox sectarians.

– The Orthodox Companion, p 233-234

The Jesus Prayer can be used at all times, all places: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.”

Schedule of Upcoming Events

Confessions are heard before Liturgy, and before and after Vespers.

Wednesday, December 23: 6 PM Daily Vespers
Thursday, December 24: 9 AM Royal Hours
1 PM Vespersal Divine Liturgy of St Basil at **Valley Health**
8 PM Nativity Vigil
Friday, December 25: 9:30 Divine Liturgy
6 PM Daily Vespers
Saturday, December 26: 9:30 Divine Liturgy for the Synaxis of the Theotokos
4 PM Great Vespers
Sunday, December 27: 9 AM Church School; 9:30 Liturgy

Is Given in Loving Memory of

Cornelius Mamrosch

By

Martha Mamrosch and Family

May his memory be eternal!