

**ST. MARY'S
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Dec.24, 2023

SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

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SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of MaryAnn Donnely by Linda Wibly
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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MON. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners



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TUE. 10:30 a.m. +Nicholas & Mary Zatchok by Grandchildren

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WED. 10:30 a.m. +Elizabeth Turjanica by Daughter, MaryAnn

THU. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

FRI. 10:30 am. No Liturgy

SUNDAY AFTER AFTER CHRISTMAS

Dec. 31, 2023

SAT 4:30 p.m. +William J. Bailey Sr. by Martha Pallay Page 302
SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

Your Birth, O Christ our God , has shed,upon the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those who worshiped the stars have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice, and to know You, the Dawn from on high. Glory to You, O Lord!

CHURCH DONATIONS Dec. 17 2023
Monthly Dues..\$4.00 Candles \$82.00
Christmas \$700.00
Offertory..... \$875.0.00

SOCIAL GAMES

Games are played every Sunday Games begin at 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE : NO BINGO DEC..24TH CHRISTMAS EVE.

ALSO...WE will have BINGO on SUNDAY..NEW YEARS EVE..

Doors open at 3:00 p.m. and Bingo begins at 5:00 p.m. Pork or Kielbasi Dinners will be available for purchase. We will also be selling deserts. *Plan to Come ring in the New Year with us!!*

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Father Richard, Deacon John, Linda, Bill & Dan would like to wish each of you a Very Merry & Blessed Christmas. May the spirit of Christmas always be with you not only today but throughout the New Year! May the Feast of our Lord's birth bring you rich blessings from above to fill you and enrich you with peace, health, and happiness. May you and your loved ones have a Blessed and joyous Christmas!

Christ is Born!
Christos Razdajetsja!



Glorify Him!
Slavite Jeho!

Krisztus Megszületett!
Dicsóitsuk Ot!



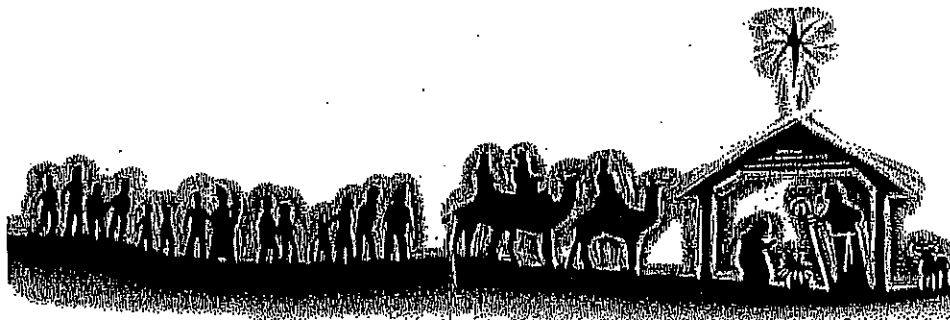
CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

"I bring you Good News of great joy which shall be to all the people, for today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord." These words of the angel to the shepherds brought joy to their hearts. The same words arouse in our hearts the joy that God has visited His people, that God is with us. Jesus' birth in Bethlehem for our salvation is not a legend of literature, nor a myth of the imagination. It is a real and concrete fact. Because of this, Christmas will never lose its real meaning. As often as the word is pronounced, it will proclaim the birth of our Savior. Christmas, the birthday of the light of the world, will always reveal God's infinite goodness and love, a love that opened the closed heavens to the mystery of the inner life of God. St. Paul tells us God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race." Our Lord's coming on earth is God's plan of salvation, a sign of His love and mercy. It is a plan that triumphs over misfortunes, sufferings, and even death. "God so loved the world He gave His only Son." No other person in history has touched the lives of so many people as the Infant Child of Bethlehem. No other event has changed the course of history as the event of that First Christmas Day.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Dear Lord, in this holy Christmas season may we draw nearer to you. How wise you were to reveal yourself in the presence of a little baby, the Christ child. You demonstrated the power and the depth of your love for each of us. Thank you for showing us that Christmas begins in the heart, and for the love that it teaches. Help us now to keep the light of the Christmas message burning brightly all year through. Amen.

May heaven and earth rejoice prophetically this day. May angels and people spiritually celebrate, for God appeared in the flesh to those groping in darkness and resting in a shadow. Having been born of a Virgin, a cave and a manger received Him. Shepherds relate a miracle.; The magi from the East brings gifts to Bethlehem, while we, with unworthy lips, render Him angelic praise. "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth, for the hope of nations has arrived."



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him