



Luke 17: 12-19

The lesson from Luke 17:12-19 primarily focuses on the importance of gratitude and expressing thanks, highlighted by the story of ten lepers who were healed by Jesus, but only one, a Samaritan, returned to thank him, demonstrating that true faith is accompanied by a thankful heart, even when receiving great blessings; this story also emphasizes Jesus' compassion towards marginalized people like the Samaritan.

Schedule of Divine Services: December 8th, 2024

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sat. 4:30 p.m. +Marilyn Bailey by Sister, Nancy Zone Page 141

The Feast of the Maternity of the Holy Anna, mother of Our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary

Sun. 10:30 a.m. Health and Blessings of Parishioners

Mon. 10:30 a.m. + Martha Ilko by Mr. Oggie Angel

Tue. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

Wed. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy

Thu. 10:30 a.m. + Elizabeth Turjanica by Daughter, Mary Ann

Fri. 4:30 p.m. No Liturgy

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

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Sat. 4:30 p.m. + Brian Zordich by Loving Family

Sun.10:30 a.m. Health and Blessings of Parishioners

Today the bonds of bareness are loosed, for God has heard the prayers of Joachim and Anna. He promised, beyond hope, the birth of their Godly daughter. The indescribable, himself, born of her as a mortal, commanded us through the angel to sing to her: Rejoice, O woman full of grace, The Lord is with you.



December 8th

The Feast of the Maternity of the Holy Anna, mother of Our Blessed Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary: According to tradition, Joachim and Anna were childless for fifty years of their married life. In their old age, they were promised that a daughter would be born to them. After nine months, St. Anna bore a daughter, blessed by God and by all subsequent generations of humanity: the most holy Theotokos, the ever-virgin Mary. St. Anna was the youngest daughter of the priest Nathan from Bethlehem, descended from the tribe of Levi. She married St. Joachim, who was a native of Galilee. The Conception of the Virgin Mary by St. Anna took place in Jerusalem. In the icon for this feast, saints Joachim and Anna are usually depicted with hands folded in prayer; their eyes are also directed upward and they contemplate the Mother of God, who stands in the air with outstretched hands; under her feet is an orb encircled by a serpent (symbolizing the devil), which strives to conquer all the universe by its power. There are also icons in which St. Anna holds the Theotokos on her left arm as an infant. On St. Anna's face is a look of reverence. Traditionally, this Feast is especially venerated by pregnant women.

December Events and Meetings

Choir presents 2024 Christmas program

Sunday December 22 at 2:00 pm

The PBCAC (Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir) invites you to experience the joy of the Nativity season on Sunday December 22 as they present "Joyfully We Sing!" a choral showcase of beloved music of the Holy Birth of our Lord. The program will begin at 2:00 pm at St Elias Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road in Munhall, Pa. The Choir's signature "Cookie Reception" will be held in the church social hall following the program. All are warmly welcome!

Special Thank You!

We would like to thank our decorators, Martha & Mike Sklepko for the beautiful decoration of our Church for the Nativity of our Lord. We are indebted for their time and talent that they extend to us every year.

May God bless them both!

Christmas Eve Procession

This year at the beginning of our Christmas Eve Divine Liturgy Fr. John will process from the back of the church to the manger with the Christ Child.

We ask all children that would like to participate in the procession to please meet Father in the back of the church 15 minutes before the start of Divine Liturgy