

.....*continued*..... Remembering to visit those alone, those in care facilities, hospital, prison bringing the joy of Christmas and sharing what we have too all.

Praying for peace in the world and an end to all aggression. Especially pray for Ukraine and all the people.

Let us decide to de-commercialise Christmas, by agreeing to be spiritual making Christ the focus and to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord in moderation and good example, taking time to Explain to the children the real meaning of Christmas

On behalf of Fr. Alan Wizinsky, Fr. Vasyl Hoi, myself and our families we would like to wish you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas. May Christ our True God, born in a manger for the salvation of the entire human race, grant to you and yours his abundant and loving mercy.

With the love of Christ,
Very Rev. Fr. Mark Gnutel



Христос Рождается



Christ is Born!

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2022 - 2023 CHRISTMAS SERVICES

2022

Tuesday, December 20 - CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Anne Parish

Wednesday, December 21 - CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Michael Parish

Saturday, December 24 - EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

4:00 p.m. Family Divine Liturgy (English) - St. Anne Parish
followed by Potluck Supper –open to both parishes
Confirm your attendance with either parish office.

9:00 p.m. Nativity Compline & Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) - St. Michael

10:00 p.m. Nativity Compline & Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) - St. Anne

Sunday, December 25 - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Bilingual) - St. Michael & St. Anne Parishes

Monday, December 26 - Synaxis of the Mother of God

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Michael & St. Anne Parishes

Tuesday, December 27 - St. Stephen Protomartyr & Archdeacon

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Michael & St. Anne Parishes

2023

Saturday, December 31

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Anne Parish

4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Anne Parish

6:00 p.m. На подячну Службу Богу за прожитий 2022 рік -Парафія Св. Анни

Thanksgiving Liturgy for the Year 2022 - St. Anne Parish

Sunday, January 1 - New Year, Circumcision of the Lord, Feast of St. Basil

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Anne Parish

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Michael Parish

11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Anne Parish

Thursday, January 5 - EVE OF THE THEOPHANY - St. Anne Parish

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy & Solemn Jordan Blessing of Water outside by the ice cross

Friday, January 6 - THEOPHANY FEAST DAY - St. Michael Parish

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Solemn Jordan Blessing of Water

Come to church this Christmas and Rejoice with us in the Nativity of Our Lord!



Христос Рождається! Christ is Born!
Славте Його! Glorify Him!

Very soon we will be celebrating Christmas, it won't be long before we start wishing each other again a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Each household will once again be filled with lots of sweets and gifts for the festive season. Let us pause for a moment to understand what Christmas is about.

Firstly, Christmas is to be seen as Christ's entrance into this world for the salvation of the entire Human Race. When we say Christmas, we refer to the Incarnation of God; that is the mystery of God becoming a human being. This is a mystery since no human person will ever fully understand how it was possible for Christ our God to take on human flesh; no one will understand how it is possible that the eternal God became a little child. Only the Three Persons of the Holy Trinity comprehend this marvelous mystery.

All we humans can do is stand in awe before the mystery of the Incarnation and glorify the Trinitarian God.

It is important to understand why God became a human being. Why was Christ born? There are many answers to this question:

Why was Christ born? To restore the image of creation which God made in the beginning.

Why was Christ born? To live and dwell among us.

Why was Christ born? To grant redemption and salvation to our souls by setting Adam free from the ancestral curse, the original sin, and to reopen the doors of paradise, heaven and grant us eternal life.

Why was Christ born? To destroy all evil bondage and to remove the wall which divided God from us allowing humans to ascend into heaven and to renew all creation.

For all these reasons we prepare for the feast day of Christmas by inviting Christ into our lives. We can enjoy the decorations, music, gifts, and food, but we should go beyond these by cleansing and preparing our souls allowing the infant Christ to be born within us. We should also consider:

Receiving the sacrament of Confession.

Attending church for the liturgical services and receiving Holy Communion.

Reading the Gospel accounts of the birth of Christ and being faithful to the Christmas fast.continued on the next page.....