

SUNDAY BEFORE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS



Icon of the Holy Ancestors

The Story of the Origin of Jesus Christ, Son of David, and the Rest of the Names

Matthew's genealogy is extraordinarily comprehensive in his theology of the roots of Jesus' story in the Old Testament. But that is only one part of the story of Jesus Christ. The story has a sequence as well; and the continuing sequence is what makes the genealogy "good news" for Matthew's audience and for us. Human being have been empowered to preserve, proclaim, and convey the salvation brought by Jesus Christ throughout history. The God who wrote the beginnings with crooked lines also writes the sequence with crooked lines, and some of those lines are our own lives and witness.

A God who did not hesitate to use the scheming as well as the noble, the impure as well as the pure, men to whom the world hearkened and women upon whom the world frowned – this God continues to work through the same melange. If it was a challenge to recognize in the last part of

Matthew's genealogy that totally unknown people were part of the story of Jesus Christ, it may be a greater challenge to recognize that the unknown characters of today are an essential part of the sequence. The proclamation of that genealogy in the Advent liturgy is designed to give us hope about our destiny and our importance.

By stressing the all-powerful grace of God, the genealogy presents its greatest challenge to those who will accept only an idealized Jesus Christ whose story they would write only with straight lines and whose portrait they would paint only in pastel colors. If we look at the whole story and the total picture, the Gospels teach us that Jesus' ministry was not thus; the history of the church teaches us that the sequence as not thus. God's grace can work even with people like us.

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Schedule for Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Vespers: 6:00 p.m.

Day of Feast: 10:00am and 6:00 p.m.

Confessions: See calendar or at any time by request.

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December 18, 2022

Sunday before the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This Sunday: Epistle Hebrews 11: 9-10;17-23;32-40 Gospel Matt 1:1-25

Next Sunday: Epistle Galatians 4:4-7 Gospel Matt 2:1-12

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Sunday 12/18	Parastas:+Eddie Maciag and +Cathy Beck by Maciag Family
Monday 12/19	No Liturgy
Tuesday 12/20	8:00am Divine Liturgy: +Carri Norris by Murari/Stoffer Family
Wednesday 12/21	8:00am Divine Liturgy: +Rev. Anton Moisin
Thursday 12/22	8:00am Divine Liturgy: H/S All sick and homebound of the parish
Friday 12/23	9:00am Royal Hours for the Nativity
Saturday 12/24	6:00pm Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy: Eve of Nativity
Sunday 12/25	10:00am Divine Liturgy: Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Church Bulletin donated in December by Pete and Dodi Zbuka.

All scheduled services will be held and can be viewed and prayed with at <https://stgeorge.click2stream.com/>. Make sure to click on the volume to unmute at the bottom right hand corner.

Coffee Hour is in the small hall provided by Bob and Nancy Maciag in loving memory of siblings, +Eddie Maciag and +Cathy Beck. Thank you!

Sunday Collection: December 11, 2022

Loose	\$25.00
Sunday envelopes	\$983.00
Clergy Retirement Fund	\$190.00
Disaster Relief	\$25.00
+Amparo Adkins by Emil Alecusan	\$25.00
+Amparo Adkins by Virginia Rogers	\$25.00
Candles	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total	\$1,313.00

Someone lit a candle and prayed for you last Sunday:

In memory of all Zagan Family Members	The Zagan Family
+All family members and angel +Trisha	Del and Sandy
H/S All family members	Del and Sandy
In memory of loved ones	Doru Jacobs and Ann Fosnaught
H/S Tim and Julie Shocksnyder	Doru Jacobs and Ann Fosnaught
H/S Denny Popa	Mark Botean
+Ana Popa	Mark Botean
H/S Kathy Walsh	Walsh Family
H/S Toni McElroy	Walsh Family
H/S Ed Makach and Robin Offner	Walsh Family

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Special Announcement:

Please pray for: Joe Oprean, Thomas, Vicky Dash (Doug Babb's sister), Tony Orlando, Tim Shocksnyder, Troy Kilpatrick, Sadie Dexter, Neil Weakland, Edward Sutek, Lanette Fliger, Baby Gage Glyder-Roska, Friedrich Neading, Clore Family, Rodriguez Family, Patron Family, Seesan Family, Suzie Dragos,

George and Maria Marcu, Bob and Barbara Greavu, Virginia Rogers and all who need our prayers.

Our prayers worked for Jack Figel! His cancer has been removed successfully!

Sick and/or homebound: Mary Cornea (Home), Esther Dershaw (Sprenger Health Care Rose Lane Nursing and Rehabilitation; 5426 Hill Mill Ave NW; Massillon 44646), Alex and Theresa Gonyias (Home), Sr. Agnes Scalero (St. Joseph Center), Ann Stimer (Home), Aurelia Lupsor (Canton Christian Home), Doris Rotar (home in Florida)

Altar Candelabrum for December 2022 is donated **by Deb and Tim Reichel** in celebration of our wedding anniversary.

Left Iconostasis Candelabrum for December 2022 is donated **by Ileana and Romulus Mihalteanu**.

Right Iconostasis Candelabrum for December 2022 is donated **by Del and Sandy Schock** in loving memory of **+Trish Schock, daughter for her birthday on December 2.**

Blessed Virgin Mary Candelabrum for December 2022 is donated **by Danny and Cyndi Ardelean** in loving memory of **+Charles and +Mary Ardelean**.

Prescura for 2022: Amparo Adkins, Annie Collins, Esther Dershaw, Suzie Dragos, Elena Florea, Ann Fosnaught, Mariana Greavu, Ileana Hotiu, Nancy Maciag, Maria Marcu, Debbie Murari, Virginia Rogers, Kathy Walsh, P-sa. Patricia Wendt, Dodi Zbuka and P-sa. Gabriela Marginean

Announcements:

Thank you to all who pledged in 2022. Funds are needed in order to meet the expenses every month of the year in order to sustain our church. Contact Ann in the office to check if you need to verify if you completed your pledge. Tax letters will go out in the middle of January. Make sure all 2022 giving is done by December 31, 2022!!

2023 Pledge forms are on the Narthex table. Please fill one out!!

St. George Romanian Orthodox Church on 30th Street will host a **Reverse Raffle** on February 18, 2023. Contact the office for tickets at \$65 a piece.

Save the Date: The 10th Annual Women's Retreat: From Fallen Passions to Apatheia-Pursuing the Virtuous Life. At Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, Ohio. February 24-26, 2023. Retreat Master: Fr. Thomas Loya, STB, MA. Contact Joan for info at 865-696-7809

Save the Date: The 2nd Annual Men's Retreat: The Gift of Prayer. At Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont, Ohio. March 10-12, 2023. Retreat Master: Fr. Cyril Pinchak, SJ. Contact Karl Busam for more information at 419-626-6811 or karl.busam.77@gmail.com.

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Parish events:

The second day of **Colinda/Christmas Caroling** will take place TODAY. Let Ann know if you would like the carolers to come to you and/or if you want to share the joy of Jesus' birth through music.

Choir practice will be Tuesday, December 20 at 6:30pm.

Sarmale (Cabbage rolls) can be purchased! \$25 per baker's dozen (13 pieces). Order by Tuesday, December 20. Pick up is between NOON and 1pm on Saturday, December 24.

There will be a **reception** following Divine Liturgy on Christmas day, Sunday, December 25. All are invited to bring some appetizers or desserts to share. Thank you for your generosity at this celebration of Jesus' birth!

St. George Romanian Byzantine Catholic **Prayer Group** in cooperation with **Our Lady of Montligeon** will meet on Wednesday, December 28. The focus will be praying for our deceased loved ones. We will aim to meet the last Wednesday of each month starting with Divine Liturgy, Rosary and other prayers. See Tony Orlando or Annie Collins for more details or information. See for <https://montligeon.org/en/> for more information.

There are plans for a **New Year's Eve party** for parishioners and close friends. It will start at 8:00pm and BYOB. Food will be provided. \$30 per person or \$50 per couple.

Ladies Auxiliary dues are \$10, you can pay your dues to Carol Popa. Thank you!

To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

The following is a confidential report on several candidates being considered for a ministry position.

Jesus: Seldom stays in one place very long period he's single. Some say he has a Messiah complex.

Peter: Too blue collar. Has a bad temper. Has even been known to curse. Claims to have visions.

Paul: powerful CEO type leader and fascinating preacher. Considered short on temper, unforgiving with younger ministers, seemingly harsh, and has been known to preach all night. Controversial on women's issues. Little chance that he'll ever marry.

Timothy: too young.

Judas: his references are solid. A steady plotter. Conservative and pragmatic. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. We're inviting him to preach next Sunday. Possibilities here.

Do Something Beautiful for God by Mother Theresa

In God we live and move and have our being. It is God who gives life to all, who gives power and being to all that exists. But for His sustaining presence, all things would cease to be and fall back into nothingness. Consider that you are in God, surrounded and encompassed by God, swimming in God.

Happy Birthday! La mulți ani!!

Lucretia Bikis – December 18th

Frank Getz – December 21st

Rachel Bollon – December 21st

Kate Sima – December 24th

Advertising Opportunity – business card size:

outside businesses - \$50 per month or \$450 per year

cathedral businesses - \$20 per month or \$150 per year

This is a good opportunity to know the talent in our parish and to grow your business!



**Financial strategies.
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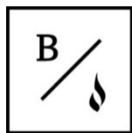
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**Merry
Christmas**

	Mon 12/19	Tue 12/20	Wed 12/21	Thu 12/22	Fri 12/23	Sat 12/24	Sun 12/25
	Christmas Fast - Common abstinence (unless otherwise noted)					Christmas Eve	Dispensation (Harti)
	St. Boniface	St. Ignatius of Antioch,	Frank Getz's birthday	Anastasia, martyr, the	10 Martyrs of Crete	Kate Sima's birthday	Christmas Day
			Rachel Bollon's birthday		Abstinence	Strict fast and	+CHRISTMAS DAY -
			Abstinence			Vigil of the Nativity. St.	Nativity in the Flesh of
			Juliana of Nicomedia,				
8am		Liturgy: +Carri Norris by Murari/Stoffer Family 8am - 9am	Liturgy: +Rev. Anton Moisin 8am - 9am	Liturgy: H/S All sick and homebound of the parish 8am - 9am			
9am					Royal Hours - Nativity of the Lord 9am - 11am		
10am							Divine Liturgy: Christmas 10am - 12pm
11am							
12pm							Christmas social 12pm - 1pm
1pm							
2pm							
3pm							
4pm							
5pm							
6pm							
7pm		Choir practice 6:30pm - 7:30pm				Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy: Eve of Nativity 6pm - 8pm	