

St. Mary Magdalene Byzantine Catholic Church

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SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS – OF THE ANCESTORS

Sat. Dec. 21st 4:00 p.m. † Michael Basalla from Janet Dempsey
 Sun. Dec. 22nd 9:00 a.m. Third Hour
 9:30 a.m. For the Christian Family of St. Mary Magdalene

Tues. Dec. 24th 4:00 p.m. **Vespers & Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil for Christmas**
 † Very Rev. Mitred Archbishop John Kachuba
 from the Flemming Family

Wed. Dec. 25th 10:00 a.m. **Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord**

Thurs. Dec. 26th 9:00 a.m. **Synaxis of the Theotokos**
 † Joseph & Anna Pauley from Gene & Betty Pauley

Fri. Dec. 27th 7:00 p.m. **Feast of St. Stephen**
 † William Basalla from Dorothy Basalla

Sat. Dec. 28th 4:00 p.m. † Michael Basalla from Janet Dempsey
 Sun. Dec. 29th 9:00 a.m. Third Hour
 9:30 a.m. For the Christian Family of St. Mary Magdalene

LITURGY INTENTIONS: If you would like to have a Liturgy for the living or deceased contact Father or call the rectory office. **CONFESSIONS:** 45 minutes before Liturgy.

SANCTUARY LAMP: Dec. 22nd – Dec. 28th: † Robert & † June Slepecky by Family

SUNDAY ENVELOPE OFFERINGS

Dec. 14th – 15th

Saturday & Sunday Offerings..... \$942.00
 Candles..... \$128.00
 Loose Cash and Checks..... \$54.00
 Christmas..... \$30.00
 Christmas Flowers..... \$10.00
ENVELOPE OFFERINGS..... \$1164.00

Additional Offerings: Roof Replacement.....\$400.00

LITURGY ATTENDANCE

Dec. 14th – 15th

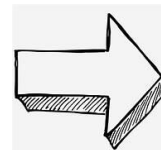
Sat. Dec. 7 th	Adults	27
	Children	1
Sun. Dec. 8 th	Adults	32
	Children	10

CONDOLENCES to JoAnn Emley and family members on the passing of Allan Emley. His funeral was held on Friday, Dec. 20th. Mr. Emley was St. Mary Magdalene's former choir director. Eternal Memory Allan surrounded by the music of Heaven.

PRAY FOR THE SICK & SHUT IN OF OUR PARISH FAMILY: Jean Caithmal, Ron Gaydosh, Fr. Michael Moran, Fr. Lawerance Wolf, Carol Morino, William Oleski, June Shirilla, Karen Verba, and John Verba.



BIRTHDAY WISHES ! to our parishioners Poppy Heinly who celebrates her special day on Sat. Dec. 21st and Ronald Gaydosh who has a birthday on Christmas. May God Grant both of you may happy and blessed years!



PLEASE check your church mailboxes! Also, remember to pick your 2025 Sunday Offering envelopes and the 2025 calendar in the back of the church.

FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR OUR CHURCH CUPOLA AND ROOF REPAIR

As of 12/19/2024 our generous parishioners have donated \$33,400 to repair our church roof. Repairing the leaking cupola needs to be repaired first and this requires a specialized roofing company. We are in the process of gathering our quotes to address the cupola and then we will be gathering quotes for remaining church roof repairs.





THE ICON OF THE NATIVITY

The icon of the Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ is the visual rendition of the meaning of the Gospel of Christmas. One of the songs of the Liturgy says: "Today the Virgin gives birth to perfect Essence and the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible. The angels sing his glory with the shepherds; the wise men journey with the star; for there is born for us an Infant Child, God Eternal."

Visually the Icon of the Nativity of Christ teaches us the true meaning of Christmas. First, it teaches the indisputable reality of the birth of God into the world: God takes on human form. Secondly, it teaches the effect of this wondrous event on the world and its ultimate "re-creation" as God wants it to be.



Father Vasyl wanted each of us to have the opportunity to read the book, **Holy Moments....a handbook for the rest of your life by Matthew Kelly.**

The author of this book lets us learn how to let Holy Moments show us what is possible in our lives and how we can explore our soul's potential.

Father Vasyl will pass out the book following the Divine Liturgy. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

