

# THE ST. ELIZABETH'S PARISH NEWS

## St. Elizabeth's Orthodox Church

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Sunday December 14th

Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

Epistle: Colossians 3:4-11

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24

### Icon of the Holy Family traveling to Bethlehem



### Weekly Schedule:

Wednesday 12/11 7:15 PM Moleben to St. Nicholas **Please e-mail me if you plan on attending!!!**

Saturday 12/20 10:30 AM Play Practice and Cleaning of Church 5 PM Great Vespers

Sunday: 12/21 10 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Youth Christmas Play!

This is the last full week before we celebrate the Birth of our Lord. Confessions are always available by appointment. But as a reminder, before and after Wednesday and Saturday's service, Confessions can be heard.

**Tropar Tone 2:** Blue book pg. 84 Red book pg. 99

**Tropar and Kondak for the Sunday of the Forefathers of the Lord:** Blue Book pg. 128 Red Book pg. 145

**Kondak Tone 3: Kondak of Preparation**

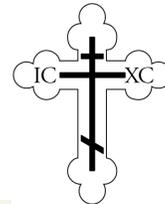


Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave\* where she will give birth in manner beyond understanding\* to the Word Who is in all eternity.\* Rejoice, therefore, universe, when you hear it heralded.\* With the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him Who chose to be seen as a newborn babe \* while remaining God in all eternity.

### What is Holy Night Supper?

What is this Holy Night Supper Business all about? Holy Night Supper is a tradition of the Carpatho-Rusyn people, as well as many other Eastern European ethnic groups and nationalities. Many families and villages from Eastern Europe have their own distinct and unique traditions. Some people lay hay on the ground and feed the animals of the home first, to remember that the King of the Universe humbled himself to be born unto us in a manger. Candles are lit on the table to remember that on this day, Christ, the Light of the World is born. The meal starts with a small clove of garlic and bread dipped in honey. The garlic represents the bitter things in life, and the world before Christ—the honey represents all of the sweetness and joys of this life; and the joy that Christ brought into our world.

There are many, many more traditions, and next week I will add more to this. But for now the important part for all of us is to remember that Holy Night Supper is about Christ and family. On Holy Night Supper the family joyously remembers the Birth of our Lord. And so, we as a family will be doing the same on December 24th at 5PM. Please come and joyously celebrate the birth of our new born King as a parish family!



## Announcements

**Confession:** We are in a fasting season. Receiving Confession before Christmas is an important thing for each of us to do—so that we have room in the inn of our heart for our new-born Saviour.

**Holy Night Supper:** December 24th, at 5pm, before Christmas Eve Vigil at 7PM. Please come and bring any Strict Fast food dish! A list of some traditional Holy Night Supper foods is in the Atrium. You can sign your name next to a dish you would like to bring. If you have any questions please ask!

**Christmas Play :** Practice after Church Today!

**Christmas Deep Clean:** The deep Clean will be on **Saturday December 20th @ 10: 30 AM**, in conjunction with the final practice for the Christmas Play. So bring your kids, and while they practice their play, we can all work together to make the Church ready for the Birth of our Saviour!

**Advent Lecture Series on ACROD.org:** Dec 17 @ 7PM- "The Christmas Heresy" - Very Rev. Protopresbyter Lawrence Barriger —This will be live streamed from the Cathedral in Johnstown at 7pm on Tuesday evening at this link, <http://www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/>.

**Panachida:** After Liturgy a Panachida will be offered for the repose of the Soul of God's departed servant Carl Paccio. Carl has been on our parish prayer list since my arrival in September. He was a devoted and loving father and he loved his Church. I grew up with Carl's children and always loved to be around him. He always had a kind word and smile. May his memory be eternal!

**Poinsettia:** Don't forget to support our Church and remember a loved one through the purchasing of these beloved holiday plants—Only \$15!



Visit  
from St.  
Nicholas!



Prayer List



Parish Visit's  
George Page!

Evelyn Melnikoff, Tyler, Maria, Pani Betty Jean Baranik, Fr. James Gleason, The Paccio Family, Johanna, James, Herbert and Mary Schleining , Patricia James, Anna, Basil, David, Dianna, Denise, Alex, Jason, George, Athanasia, Ethel, Kathy, Lester, Sally, Jack



Through the prayers of St. Elizabeth, the Birth-giver of God and Ever-Virgin Mary, the Forefathers of the Lord, and all the Saints, may our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ have mercy on us and save us!

