

St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Rev. Vasyl Vladyka

Sunday, January 4th, 2015 • Sunday Before Theophany • Tone 5

Apostle: 2 Timothy 4 Verses 5-8 • Gospel: Mark 1 Verses 1-8

Mass Schedule

Saturday	01/03	5:00 PM	†	Wolodymyr Janiw	By Family
Sunday	01/04	9:00 AM		For All Our Parishioners	
Monday	01/05	9:00 AM			
Tuesday	01/06	9:00 AM		Theophany of our Lord Blessing of Water	
Wednesday	01/07	9:00 AM			
Thursday	01/08	9:00 AM			
Friday	01/09	9:00 AM			
Saturday	01/10	5:00 PM		For All Our Parishioners	
Sunday	01/11	9:00 AM		For All Our Parishioners	

Please remember in your prayers all those who are homebound, in care facilities or impeded by illness. May our Lord restore them to complete health.



2015 Parish Collection Envelopes and 2015 Calendars will be available after December 15, 2014 in the church hall. Please check that you are picking up the correct name. If you are new to the parish and would like envelopes, please see Father Vasyl or call the rectory on (732) 366-2156.

Annual Festival of Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2015 at 3:00PM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. During the concert a collection will be taken for the needs of the Ukrainian Army. Choirs from different parishes will participate. Everyone is welcome.

The Ukrainian National Federal Credit Union is offering a \$25.00 credit to any child 16 years of age or younger for opening a new account. The Gift Certificate needed is in the front vestibule. This offering is valid from Jan. 01, 2015 to Jan. 31, 2015.

Pastor's Thank You

Dear Parishioners,

During this time of celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, it is important to recognize the many dedicated volunteers that assist our Parish community for the benefit of all. These individuals fill their hearts with kindness and gratitude and in turn make St.

Mary's a special place. Various duties such as preparing pyrohy, cantoring, maintaining the church grounds and serving on the Parish Councils contribute to this success. Thank you all for your continued support of our parish. God is with us in all of you who share so willingly for the benefit of so many others. May God bless you. Многая Літа!

Fr. Vasył



Prayer for Vibrant Parishes

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepard, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be Your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it Your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News.

Strengthen us with Your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God.

Bless us with faithful and spiritual leaders and grace them and us with Your wisdom inspiring all of us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom.

Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love.

Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Savior, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit.

Amen.



With the events taking place in Ukraine, we offer the following petitions in today's mass to our brothers and sisters and their efforts to secure victory for their cause:

O good and loving Master, look down with compassion, heal, comfort and protect Your servants who are wounded and suffering in Ukraine, and receive the souls of all those who have lost their lives from the violence, let us pray to the Lord.

We also pray that the Holy Spirit may open the hearts and minds of all in Ukraine to

wisdom, grace and prayer so that sincere dialogue may lead to peace and reconciliation, let us pray to the Lord.

A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us
*“Blessed are the Peacemakers for
they shall be called Children of God.”*
At this hour, we fervently pray that
Your Holy Spirit may inspire men and
women in Ukraine to become Peacemakers.
May they seek reconciliation and dialogue
and end the violent confrontation and killing.
May they restore tranquility to their nation
and restore human rights, democratic principles
and religious liberty to their troubled land.
God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort
the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the
souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom.
And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her
Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine.
And may each of us always live our lives
as instruments of Your Peace.
Amen.