St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, December 6th, 2015 • 28th Sunday After Pentecost • Tone 3 Apostle: Colossians 1 Verses 12-18 • Gospel: Luke 17 Verses 12-19

Mass Schedule

Saturday	12/05	5:00 PM	†	Mary & Marshall Zawerucha	By M. Schadt
Sunday	12/06	9:00 AM		For All Our Parishioners	
Monday	12/07	9:00 AM			
Tuesday	12/08	9:00 AM			
Wednesday	12/09	9:00 AM			
Thursday	12/10	9:00 AM			
Friday	12/11	9:00 AM			
Saturday	12/12	5:00 PM	†	Nicholas, Barbara, Mary and Wasyl Sowirka	By Kathy and Larry Birgl
Sunday	12/13	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.

<u>Church decorating</u> for Christmas will take place on Monday, December 7th at 6:30PM. All are invited to help with the festivities.

<u>2016 Parish Collection Envelopes</u> and 2016 Calendars are available for pick-up 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. *Please be sure to check off or clearly write in amount of your donation on the envelope, so that we can maintain accurate records of your donations. Also, please check that you have placed money inside the envelope as we receive a few empty envelopes every week.*

<u>From November 14th through Christmas Eve</u>, in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord, our church begins the spiritual journey of the pre-Christmas Fast known as Philip's Fast or *Philipilka*. Please prepare to worthily celebrate the Birth of the Savior of the World, Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a voluntary fast period. Please observe it as you are able to best prepare yourself for Christmas- Good Deeds, Volunteering, Confession, Fasting.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24 9:00PM: CHRISTMAS EVE – GREAT COMPLINE WITH DIVINE LITURGY

DECEMBER 25 10:30AM: CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY

DECEMBER 26 5:00PM: SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS

DECEMBER 27 9:00AM: FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN

Please take notice of the photos in the Church Vestibule. These are pictures that were taken of the work completed this year by Father Vasyl and his family. The church stairs were repointed and steamed cleaned, the church ceiling was repaired and painted, the church basement window was repaired, an area of the driveway was repaired, a new sump pump was installed in the rectory, the main sewer line was cleared out in the rectory, plywood and insulation was installed in the rectory attic, baseboard heating was added to one room in the rectory, a bush and roots removed from side of church and grass seed was put down. The church paid only for the cost of the materials. All labor was donated by Father Vasyl and his family, saving the church thousands of dollars.

With the events taking place in Ukraine, we offer the following petitions in today's mass to our brothers and sisters:

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.

Lord have mercy (3 times)

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.