



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Ukrainian Catholic Church**

**(St. Mary's)**

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**Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m. Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin**

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 08-15, 2019**

**Sunday December 08 26th Sunday after Pentecost – Maternity of the Holy Anna**

**EPISTLE EPH.5:9-19 7 GAL.4:22-31; GOSPEL: LK.17:12-19 & 8:16-21 TONE 1**

**8:00AM – Matins/Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular**

**For +Elias & +Emilia Onyszkewycz from Lydia Bargiuk**

**Sunday, December 15 Sunday of the Forefathers**

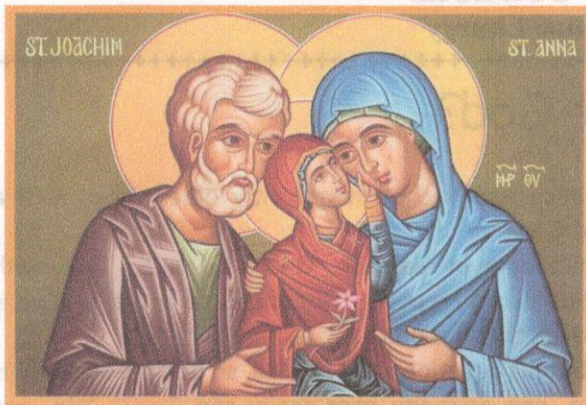
**EPISTLE COL. 3:4-11; GOSPEL: LK.14:16-24 TONE 2**

**8:00AM – Matins/Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular**

**For +Malick Peterson from Martha & John Stine**

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**Maternity of St. Anna**



Saint Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, was the youngest daughter of the priest Nathan from Bethlehem, descended from the tribe of Levi. She married Saint Joachim (September 9), who was a native of Galilee.

For a long time Saint Anna was childless, but after twenty years, through the fervent prayer of both spouses, an angel of the Lord announced to them that they would be the parents of a daughter, Who would bring blessings to the whole human race.

The Conception of the Virgin Mary by Saint Anna took place at Jerusalem. The many

icons depicting the Conception by Saint Anna show the Most Holy Theotokos trampling the serpent underfoot.

“In the icon Saints Joachim and Anna are usually depicted with hands folded in prayer; their eyes are also directed upward and they contemplate the Mother of God, Who stands in the air with outstretched hands; under Her feet is an orb encircled by a serpent (symbolizing the devil), which strives to conquer all the universe by its power.”

There are also icons in which Saints Joachim and Anna hold the Most Holy Virgin on their arms as an infant. On Saint Anna's face is a look of reverence.

And so together with you we call upon her to be for us a patron and protectress.

We would do well to ask one other favor of St. Anne, whose very name means “grace” or “favor.” Be not only our patron, not only our protector ... be our parent, be part of our family.

Teach us, mentor us, model for us to imitate:

O St. Anne, as you stood with Joachim in thanksgiving before the Lord for the gift of the Ever-Virgin Mary, we ask that you intercede for us at the throne of the Most High God that we too might have: the spirit of strength , that gives hope in times of testing; the path of prayer, that gives comfort in times of despair; the fearlessness of faith, that gives courage in darkness, and above all, the heart that hearkens to and cooperates with the will of God.



## Announcements

●**Saint Nicholas Visit – This Sunday, December 8** - Saint Nicholas will visit after Liturgy. The brunch will be served afterwards in the back room.

●**The Christmas Food Drive.** Please donate non-perishable food. Boxes and the collection jar for cash donations are in the back. The food drive will end on Sunday, December 15, and all collected food will be transferred to Sacred Heart's Food Pantry for Christmas distribution. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



*Let us pray for the sick, for the outcasts of society, for the poor, for refugees, for soldiers, for the hungry, for those who are incarcerated and for all who are suffering in any way Let us pray for those who need our prayers and for those who do not expect it from us. Please remember to pray for vocations to the Holy Priesthood and religious life!*

**YOUR OFFERINGS: Collection: – 12/01- TBA!**

**Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!**

### Christmas Services Schedule:

**Tuesday, December 24, 2019, Christmas Eve**

**7:30 PM – Great Compline**

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**8:00 PM – Divine Liturgy**

## Can anybody see God?

-- Author Unknown



A small boy once approached his slightly older sister with a question about God.

"Susie, can anybody ever really see God?" he asked. Busy with other things, Susie curtly replied: "No, of course not, silly. God is so far up in heaven that nobody can see him."

Time passed, but his question still lingered, so he approached his mother: "Mom, can anybody ever really see God?" "No, not really," she gently said. "God is a spirit and he dwells in our hearts, but we can never really see him."

Somewhat satisfied but still wondering, the youngster went on his way. Not long afterwards, his saintly old grandfather took the little boy on a fishing trip. They were having a great time together -- it had been an ideal day. The sun was beginning to set with unusual splendor as the day ended.

The old man stopped fishing and turned his full attention to the exquisite beauty unfolding before him. On seeing the face of his grandfather reflecting such deep peace and contentment as he gazed into the magnificent ever-changing sunset, the little boy thought for a moment and finally spoke hesitatingly:

"Granddad, I - I wasn't going to ask anybody else, but I wonder if you can tell me the answer to something I've been wondering about a long time. Can anybody, can anybody ever really see God?"

The old man did not even turn his head. A long moment slipped by before he finally answered. "Son," he quietly said. "It's getting so I can't see anything else."