

December 16, 2018 – Sunday of the Forefathers

Divine Liturgy: Tone 5 Col 3:4-11 and Lk 14:16-24

December 23, 2018 - Sunday before Christmas-of the Ancestors

Divine Liturgy: Tone 6 Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40 and Mt 1:1-25

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

The Phillip's Fast or Nativity Fast ends on December 24

Sunday	Dec 16	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of the Forefathers Our Lady of Guadalupe Divine Liturgy-for health and blessings upon Anna & Louis Rafaj by family
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	Dec 19	7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Emmanuel Moleben (prayer service)
Friday	Dec 21	7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Royal Hours: Office of Readings
Sunday	Dec 23	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of the Ancestors Divine Liturgy +John & +Pauline Ferko by daughter Anna
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Monday	Dec 24	6:00pm(Ruthenian)	Vigil of Christmas Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil for our Parish Family
		8:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Tuesday	Dec 25	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Birth of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ Divine Liturgy for our Parish Family
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	Dec 26	7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Synaxis of the Theotokos Divine Liturgy In Thanksgiving for the ordination of Fr. Joel Barstad by Fr. Deacon Thomas & Mary Wells
Saturday	Dec 29	6:00pm(Chaldean)	Vigil Chaldean Liturgy
Sunday	Dec 30	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday after Christmas Prophet David, Sts. Joseph and James Divine Liturgy of St. James for +John & +Pauline Ferko by daughter Anne
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy

Tuesday	Jan 1	12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Sunday	Jan 6	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Theophany of Our Lord Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water-for health of Elizabeth, by sister Winnie Pizzitola
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Monday	Jan 7	7:00pm(Ruthenian)	Synaxis of St. John the Baptist Divine Liturgy +Robert Urban (3 years-12/27) by grandchildren Liberty, Robert, Tony, Barrett and Madeline
		10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday after Theophany Divine Liturgy -for health and blessings upon Joan Ostrowski by the Kowalik Family
Sunday	Jan 13	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday after Theophany Divine Liturgy -for health and blessings upon Joan Ostrowski by the Kowalik Family
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Sunday	Jan 20	10:00am(Ruthenian)	35 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Divine Liturgy & Panachida +Margaret Mihalo (2 years-1/22) by husband Robert
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Sunday	Jan 27	10:00am(Ruthenian)	36 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Divine Liturgy & Panachida +Barbara by sister-in-law Winnie Pizzitola
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy
Sunday	Feb 3	10:00am(Ruthenian)	Sunday of Zacchaeus Post-Festive of the Presentation Divine Liturgy -for health and birthday blessings upon Cara Hays by the Kowalik Family
		12:00pm (Melkite)	Divine Liturgy

**Please remember in your prayers the sick and homebound in our parish :**  
Peter Mytchak, Bill Torma, Joan Chapman, Elizabeth Van Den Heuvel, Leslie Bohannon, Yuhanna Hirmiz, Marianne Oprisko, Malak Bakkal, Nancy Sandrock, Sr. Sandy Atha, Fr. Charlie Brown and Sr. Rita Crabbe.

**Sunday Collection 10am Liturgy: God bless you for your generosity!**  
**Dec 2-\$1,834.00**                      **Dec 9-\$2,855.00**

#### Calendar of Events

Dec 16 St. John's Parish celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the 10am Liturgy  
Dec 16 Theosis Group meeting in school at 12:15pm  
Dec 22 Posadas and Living Nativity celebration at St. John's 2pm  
Dec 22 Melkite Christmas Recital (in Church) at 5pm  
Dec 22 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Typika at 4:00pm ( Deacon Jeff )  
Dec 23 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Royal Hours at 6pm  
Dec 24 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vesperal Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord at 4:00pm  
Dec 29 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Divine Liturgy of St. James at 4:00pm  
Dec 31 Chaldean Mission New Year's Eve 7pm-12am (Social Hall)  
Jan 5 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm  
Jan 7-11 Byzantine Mosaics class at St. John's  
Jan 12 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm  
Jan 15 Bible Study led by Deacon Andrew, 6:30pm potluck, 7pm study  
Jan 19 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Typika at 4:00pm ( Deacon Jeff )  
Jan 26 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm  
Feb 2 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Typika at 4:00pm ( Deacon Jeff )  
Feb 9 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Typika at 4:00pm ( Deacon Jeff )  
Feb 16 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vesperal Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm  
Feb 23 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Typika at 4:00pm ( Deacon Jeff )  
Mar 2 San Antonio Byzantine Community-Vigil Divine Liturgy at 4:00pm  
Mar 4 First day of the Great Fast, STRICT FAST (no meat, dairy or egg products)

The **Theosis Group** will meet TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 16 at approximately 12:15pm in the school building. We will discuss Ch. 16-25 of the Protoevangelium of James, within Mary as the Early Christians Knew Her by Frederica Mathewes-Green (pgs. 60-81) All are welcome to attend!

The 2019 Calendars are here! Please get your in the narthex!

**Pilgrimage to Turkey**-Fr. Elias will be leading a pilgrimage to Asia Minor and Constantinople from Sept. 30-Oct. 13, 2019. This pilgrimage "In the Footsteps of the Apostles and the Byzantine Saints" will be co-sponsored by Fr. Ilya Gotlinsky (Dormition of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, Binghamton,

NY) and Fr. Elias (St. John Chrysostom). Please contact Fr. Elias for further information.

**This Saturday, Dec. 22, at 2:30pm, St. John's will host our annual Posadas which is the retelling of the journey of Mary and Joseph (with live animals) through Bethlehem looking for shelter. The event is a wonderful Christmas tradition in the Southwest, what a great way to celebrate the feast. Please pick up a flyer in the narthex and share with you friends and families. Refreshments are served afterwards. At 5pm the Melkite Community will have their Christmas recital in the Church. All are warmly invited.**

The Cooper family have arrived in Washington and are getting settled in. If you would like to send them a greeting, this is their address: PO Box 3019, Woodinville, WA 98072-9818. (for packages, please ask Fr. Elias for the ground address)

**Fundraiser** : Delicious natural orange & lime jelly, made especially for St. John's and inspired by the flavors of Constantinople, can be purchased in the shop for \$8ea., two for \$15 or three for \$20.

#### Prayers

-Nancy Sandrock, who will have surgery tomorrow here in Houston. May Jesus heal and restore her to good health.

The Liturgical calendar is open for intention on specific dates from now until January 31, 2020. If you have a special anniversary, please submit your intentions in written/electronic form. The calendar will fill up. The usual offering for a Liturgy is \$10, Panachida \$5.

Envelopes for 2019 are in the back of Church, filed according to your name. Please pick up your box.

Thank you to Will Colbert, Greg Chapman, David and Aly Dominguez and Helen Kee for helping with the decorating of the Church and Hall!