

**December 1, 2019 – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Divine Liturgy: Tone 8 Eph 2:4-10 and Lk 12:16-21

**December 8, 2019 – Maternity of St. Anna-26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Divine Liturgy: Tone 1 Eph 5:9-19 & Gal 4:22-31; Lk 17:12-19 & Lk 13:10-17

**LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 1</b>	<b>10:00am(Ruthenian)</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> Divine Liturgy +Fr. William Kelly By Fr. Deacon Tom & Mary Wells
		<b>12:00pm (Melkite)</b>	Divine Liturgy
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 3</b>	<b>7:00pm(Ruthenian)</b>	Emmanuel Moleben
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 5</b>	<b>7:00pm(Ruthenian)</b>	St. Nicholas the Wonderworker Vigil Divine Liturgy +deceased of O'Connor & Colbert families By Marcella Colbert
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 8</b>	<b>10:00am(Ruthenian)</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> Maternity of St. Anna Divine Liturgy +Millie Gazdek By daughter Ruthanne Picos
		<b>12:00pm (Melkite)</b>	Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 12</b>	<b>7:00pm(Ruthenian)</b>	Our Lady of Guadalupe Divine Liturgy -For the deceased members of the O'Connor & Colbert families By Marcella Colbert
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 15</b>	<b>10:00am(Ruthenian)</b>	Sunday of the Forefathers Our Lady of Guadalupe Divine Liturgy +George Augustus Kee By wife Helen
		<b>12:00pm (Melkite)</b>	Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 19</b>	<b>11:00am(Ruthenian)</b>	Great Prophet Daniel Divine Liturgy -For the deceased members of the O'Connor & Colbert families By Marcella Colbert
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 20</b>	<b>7:00pm(Ruthenian)</b>	Emmanuel Moleben
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 22</b>	<b>10:00am(Ruthenian)</b>	Sunday of the Ancestors Sunday before Christmas

**Tuesday December 24**

**12:00pm (Melkite)**

**10:00am(Ruthenian)**

**6:00pm(Ruthenian)**

**8:00pm(Melkite)**

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**4:00pm(Chaldean)**

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Divine Liturgy

Deceased members of the Lazarek

and Derco Families

by the Kowalik Family

Divine Liturgy

Vigil of Christmas

Royal Hours

Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil

For our Parish family

Divine Liturgy

Birth of our Lord, God and Saviour

Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy -For our Parish family

Holy Liturgy for the Nativity

Synaxis of the Theotokos

Divine Liturgy +Glenn Phillips

By Fr. Deacon Tom & Mary Wells

Memory of David, Joseph and James

Sunday after Christmas

Divine Liturgy of St. James

-For the deceased

members of the O'Connor & Colbert

families - by Marcella Colbert

Divine Liturgy

Circumcision of Our Lord

St. Basil the Great

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

-for health & blessings

upon Lee & Leslie Bohannon

by Winnie Pizzitola

Sunday before Theophany

Divine Liturgy & Panachida

+Dennis Conrad Bradshaw

By wife Adriana

Divine Liturgy

Great Vespers for Theophany

Great Blessing of Water

Theophany of Our Lord

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

-for health & blessings

upon Anna & Louis Rafaj

By family

**Please remember in your prayers the sick and homebound in our parish :**

Peter Mytchak, Bill Torma, Elizabeth Van Den Heuvel, Leslie Bohannon, Kathryn Kowalik, Yuhanna Hirmiz, Marianne Oprisko, Malak Bakkal, Sr. Sandy Atha, Fr. Charlie Brown, Bob Mihaló and Sr. Rita Crabbe.

**Sunday Collection 10am Liturgy: *God bless you for your generosity!***  
**November 17-\$1,582.00** **November 24-\$1,241.00**

**Calendar of Events**

Nov 15 Nativity Fast (St. Philip's Fast) begins (until Dec 24)  
Dec 2-7 Iconography Class at St. Anne Roman Catholic Church (Westheimer)  
Dec 7-Czech & Slovak expat St. Nicholas party in Social Hall 3pm-9pm  
Dec 8 St. Nicholas celebration  
Dec 9-13 Fr. Elias leads retreat at Christian Renewal Center, Dickinson, TX  
Dec 15 Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at St. John's  
Dec. 19 Open Studio for iconography 9:30am-6:30pm  
Dec 21 St. John's Posadas and Children's Nativity  
Jan 12 Parish Christmas Luncheon after the 10am Liturgy. Bring a dessert!

***Please remember in your prayers:***

**+Ronald Spisak**, the brother of former parishioner Gary Spisak, who fell asleep in the Lord on Nov. 19. Eternal memory and blessed repose.

The **Liturgy Book for 2020** has arrived and intentions are being accepted for Liturgies, Panachidas, etc. for until Jan. 31, 2021. Please note that dates are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. The donation for Liturgies is \$10 and for Panachidas/Molebens \$5. Please speak with Fr. Elias or put your intentions in an envelope/email to choose the dates you would like. The calendar Sundays are beginning to fill up, so please get your dates and names in. Please also indicate if the person is living or deceased.

Thank you to the Men's Group for all their hard work in preparing our trees and decorations for Christmas and in cleaning out the garage. Thank you also to all who helped the Women's Group in organizing the luncheon for the feast of St. John Chrysostom and especially those of you who helped with clean up. Thank you! May God reward your generosity and hard work!

Our parish Women's Group kicked off the "Baby Shower for Baby Jesus". They are collecting donations of diapers, wipes, formula, children's books, baby blankets, baby bottles, toys, baby clothing. Gently used items are also accepted. The Baby Shower will continue until Dec. 8. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please speak with Bridget Tu or Mary Black for more information or to donate.

TODAY Dec. 1, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Humble (527 S. Houston Avenue) will host a talk by Dr. Andrew Hayes, Chair of Theology at the University of St. Thomas and member of the Melkite Byzantine Catholic Mission. Dr. Hayes will speak on "Christmas Reflections with St. Ephrem the Syrian", one of the most important Fathers for not only Theology and teaching but also hymnography. All are welcome! The talk begins at 7pm in room 215 of the school.

**Volunteers are needed to help with Christmas decorating in the Church and hall on Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Coffee/tea and doughnuts will be provided for all! Come and help out as we prepare for the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.**

Please don't forget to pick up your donation envelopes in the back of the Church. Each box is marked with your name. Also pick up a parish calendar for 2020!

Our Christmas "Chinese Auction" is underway. Tickets can be purchased in the kitchen. Please put your name on the back of the ticket you drop into the gift bag for the item you are interested in. We will pull the tickets on Sunday, Dec. 22 after the 10am Divine Liturgy. Thank you to all who donated items to the auction. All proceeds will go towards Social Hall improvements.

Come, O ye faithful, inspired by God let us arise and behold the divine condescension from on high that is made manifest to us in Bethlehem. Cleansing our minds, let us offer through our lives, virtues instead of myrrh, preparing with faith our entry into the feast of the Nativity, storing up treasure in our souls and crying aloud: Glory in the highest to God in Trinity, whose good pleasure is now revealed to mankind, that in His love for all He may set Adam free from the ancestral curse.

*-Sticheron of the Sixth Hour, Christmas Eve*