

**December 15, 2019 – Sunday of the Forefathers-Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 Divine Liturgy: Tone 2 Col 3:4-11 and Lk 14:16-24  
**December 22, 2019 – Sunday before Christmas- of the Ancestors**  
 Divine Liturgy: Tone 3 Heb 11:9-10 & 32-40 and Mt 1:1-25

**LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**Sunday December 15 10:00am(Ruthenian) Sunday of the Forefathers**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 Divine Liturgy  
 +George Augustus Kee  
 By wife Helen

**Thursday December 19 12:00pm (Melkite) Divine Liturgy**  
**11:00am(Ruthenian) Great Prophet Daniel**  
 Divine Liturgy -For the deceased  
 members of the O'Connor & Colbert  
 families  
 By Marcella Colbert

**Friday December 20 7:00pm(Ruthenian) Emmanuel Moleben**  
**Sunday December 22 10:00am(Ruthenian) Sunday of the Ancestors**  
 Sunday before Christmas  
 Divine Liturgy & Panachida  
 & Blessing of straw  
 Deceased members of the Lazarek  
 and Derco Families  
 by the Kowalik Family  
 Panachida for +Charles Tu (1 year)

**Tuesday December 24 12:00pm (Melkite) Divine Liturgy**  
**10:00am(Ruthenian) Vigil of Christmas**  
 Royal Hours  
**6:00pm(Ruthenian) Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil**  
 +Charles Tu (1 year)  
 by Margaret Hays

**Wednesday December 25 8:00pm(Melkite) Divine Liturgy**  
**10:00am(Ruthenian) Birth of our Lord, God and Saviour**  
 Jesus Christ  
 Divine Liturgy +Petra Hernandez  
 By Aly and David Dominguez

**Thursday December 26 12:00pm (Melkite) Divine Liturgy**  
**4:00pm(Chaldean) Holy Liturgy for the Nativity**  
**7:00pm(Ruthenian) Synaxis of the Theotokos**  
 Divine Liturgy +Glenn Phillips

**Sunday December 29 10:00am(Ruthenian) By Fr. Deacon Tom & Mary Wells**  
 Memory of David, Joseph and James  
 Sunday after Christmas  
 Divine Liturgy of St. James  
 -for health and blessings upon  
 David Dominguez-By wife Aly

**Wednesday January 1 12:00pm (Melkite) Divine Liturgy**  
**10:00am(Ruthenian) Circumcision of Our Lord**  
 St. Basil the Great  
 Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
 -for health & blessings  
 upon Lee & Leslie Bohannon  
 by Winnie Pizzitola

**Sunday January 5 10:00am(Ruthenian) Sunday before Theophany**  
 Divine Liturgy & Panachida  
 +Dennis Conrad Bradshaw  
 By wife Adriana

**Monday January 6 12:00pm (Melkite) Divine Liturgy**  
**6:00pm(Ruthenian) Great Vespers for Theophany**  
 Great Blessing of Water  
**7:00pm(Ruthenian) Theophany of Our Lord**  
 Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
 -for health & blessings  
 upon Anna & Louis Rafaj  
 By family

**Saturday January 11 6:00pm(Ruthenian) Great Vespers**  
**Sunday January 12 10:00am(Ruthenian) Sunday after Theophany**  
 Divine Liturgy  
 -for health and blessings upon  
 Joan Ostrowski  
 By son Ralph Kowalik & family

**Thursday January 16 12:00pm (Melkite) Divine Liturgy**  
**11:00am(Ruthenian) Veneration of the Chains of St. Peter**  
 Divine Liturgy -For the deceased  
 members of the O'Connor & Colbert  
 families  
 By Marcella Colbert

**Sunday January 19 10:00am(Ruthenian) 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 Divine Liturgy & Anniversary Blessing  
 Ralph & Donna Kowalik (40th)

**12:00pm (Melkite) Divine Liturgy**

**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 Bakka, Sr. Sandy Atha, Fr. Charlie Brown, Bob Mihalo and Sr. Rita Crabbe.

**Sunday Collection 10am Liturgy: *God bless you for your generosity!***

**December 1-\$1,788.00**

**December 8-\$2,749.00**

**Calendar of Events**

Nov 15 Nativity Fast (St. Philip's Fast) until Dec 24

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 11 Cantor and choir: a workshop for chant (at St. John's)

Jan 12 Parish Christmas Luncheon after the 10am Liturgy. Bring a dessert!

Jan 16 Open Studio for iconography 9:30am-6:30pm

Jan 31-Feb 2 Weekend Iconography Mini-workshop-Austin Byzantine Community

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

**Emily & Aaron Misley** who were crowned in marriage at Holy Rosary Catholic Church yesterday. May God bless you with many happy years!

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 and 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 all who came to help decorate the church for Christmas, especially Will Colbert who ably organized the effort and Sister Sandy whose beautiful origami ornaments (made by Sister and her parishioner "students") adorn the trees this year. God bless you for giving so generously of your time!

The ornaments have three designs:

1. The Star of Bethlehem, which led the magi and shepherds to the cave.
2. The dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit descending at Jesus' baptism.
3. The Lone Star, symbol of Texas where we live and share our faith.

**Thank you** to Veronika Kutka and Alenka (from Slovenia) for leading the sweet roll baking "Class"! All of the nutrolls and poppyseed rolls are available for purchase in the hall! There are not many...first come, first served.

The beautiful Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon, that will adorn our Church, was donated in memory of +Teresa & +Esteban Prikazsky and +Eva Shroeder and +Juan Prikazsky, by family.

**A special "Gracias de corazon" (heart-felt thank you) to the Matachines de Santa Cecilia (the native dancers from St. Cecilia's parish) who brought a little bit of Guadalupe to St. John's this morning as we celebrate Our Lady.**

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.

Next Saturday, Dec. 21, St. John's will hold our annual Christmas Posada beginning at 2pm. This beautiful tradition of walking with Mary and Joseph, looking for a room in Bethlehem, helps us step into the feast of the Nativity of Christ. The insert gives more information. Please invite your friends and family to our Posada.

On Saturday, January 11, Fr. Deacon Jeff Mierzejewski, the director of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute and deacon of the Byzantine Catholic Community of Austin, will lead a workshop focused on cantoring. Please mark your calendars....this workshop is open to all who love to sing the Divine Liturgy, whether from the pew or from the cantor stand. More information to come!