

Our Faith and Christ's Action

The liturgical service takes place on earth, but it belongs to the realm of heavenly realities. In fact, it was not instituted by a human being or an angel, but by the Spirit himself, so that those who are still living in the flesh should think of performing the service of angels.

O what mercy, O what love of God for human beings! Christ who is seated with the Father in highest heaven is at that moment grasped by the hands of all and does not hesitate to give Himself to anyone who wants to embrace Him and be bound to Him.

He whom the eyes of faith perceive is possessed by everyone.

You remember how Elijah was surrounded by a great crowd and had in front of him the victim for sacrifice placed on the stone (see 1 Kings 18). Everyone stood stock still. The silence was complete. Only the prophet raised a prayer. Suddenly from heaven came down fire on the victim. It was a marvelous spectacle that filled everyone with amazement.

Here, however, something much more than a marvelous spectacle is unfolded. Something is happening that is greater than any marvel. Here the priest draws down not fire but the Holy Spirit Himself.

St. John Chrysostom

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:12-19)



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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever! Слава Ісусу Христу! Слава навіки!

Reader Great Vespers: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 5:00pm
Divine Liturgy in English, Sundays 10:30am
Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession): Sundays, 9:45am

**DECEMBER 7, 2025 – 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TONE 1);
 HOLY FATHER AMBROSE, BISHOP OF MILAN**

*The **Nativity Fast (Nov 15-Dec 24)** is a voluntary period of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer in the Archeparchy of Philadelphia. All are encouraged to empty themselves and give to others during this 40-day period so that we might be filled with the joy of His Nativity.*

GIVING REPORT - The in-pew collection for Nov 30 was \$629.25. E-giving through tithe.ly for the month of November was \$4,045.10.

We invite you to continue supporting the ministry of our parish as the baskets are passed on Sundays, or find us on [tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly), our e-giving platform. Thank you for your generosity, dedication, & support of our parish!

SPECIAL THANKS to **Scythian** for generously sponsoring our St Nicholas Party!

ST NICHOLAS DINNER & VISIT - After the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, Dec 7**. Watch your email for the sign-up.

THE CONCEPTION BY HOLY & RIGHTEOUS ANNA OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (IMMACULATE CONCEPTION) - Join us for the Divine Liturgy of the eve of the feast on Monday, Dec 8, at 6:00pm.

SAINT PHILIP'S FAST PARISH PROJECT - To benefit HARTS (Hope and Rest Temporary Shelter) of Front Royal. Donations collected until December 24: Paper towels, toilet paper, spray disinfectant, Maxwell House coffee, powdered creamer, powdered iced tea and lemonade, fruit punch, canned soup, Chef Boyardee, canned meats, Cup of Noodles, Little Debbie snacks, cereal boxes/bags (individual not necessary), instant oatmeal packets. Donations can be left in basket in the church hall.

No Reader Great Vespers on Saturday, December 13. There will be Vespers on Saturday, December 27, 5:00pm.

**SAVE THE DATES:
 Christmas & Theophany Schedule 2025/2026**

- Wed, Dec 24** – *Eve of the Nativity*, Vespersal Divine Liturgy of St Basil, 4:30pm
- Thurs, Dec 25** – *Nativity of the Lord*, Divine Liturgy, 10:30am
- Fri, Dec 26** – *Post-Feast of the Nativity; Synaxis of the Mother of God*, Divine Liturgy, 6:00pm
- Sun, Dec 28** – *Sunday after the Nativity*, Divine Liturgy, 10:30am
- Wed, Dec 31** – *Circumcision of St Basil*, Divine Liturgy & New Year's Eve Potluck, 6:00pm
- Sun, Jan 4** – *Sunday before the Theophany*, 10:30am
- Tues, Jan 6** – *Theophany of the Lord*, Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Waters, 6:00pm
- Sun, Jan 11** – *Sunday after the Theophany*, Divine Liturgy & Parish Christmas Dinner, 10:30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Nancy & Jon Anderson, Julie, Lisa Behnke, Alison Bernhoft, Yevhenia Borys, Robert Matthew, Carrie Chuff, Elizabeth Deegan, Clara Anne Duda, Fr Michael Duesterhaus, Robert Dulaine, Pat Fagan, Danylo (Neyko) Fedoryka, Emma Flournoy, Katie Flynn, Lilian Garland, Jerry Gawron, CR Gaush, Samuel Gaush, Josie Hacker, Brigid and Marlena Hess, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Sarah Kelt, Dixie Lane, Catherine Luckey, Destiny Makins, Michael Marshner & Family, Bridget McDonald, Laura McMahan, Vince McLaughlin, Thomas Pavick, Robert Rice, Chris Saboe, Betsy Sayre, Truman L Sayre, Jr, CJ & Theresa Sidrow, Amy Smith, Karena Tapsak, and Fr George Worschak. *Teresa Fedoryka is our prayer coordinator; please email bulletin prayer requests to ssjoachimandannauc@gmail.com.*

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Tone 1);

Dec. 7. Holy Father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

Tone 1 propers, pp. 329—332

Troparion, Tone 1. Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,* and gave life to the world.* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!* Glory to Your kingdom!* Glory to Your saving plan,* O only Lover of mankind.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 1. You arose in glory from the tomb* and with Yourself You raise the world.* All humanity acclaim You as God.* and death has vanished.* Adam exults, O Master,* and Eve, redeemed from bondage now, cries out for joy:* “You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.”

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Theotokion, Tone 1. When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his ‘Rejoice!’* at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the Holy Ark.* As the just David said,* you have become wider than the heavens carrying your Creator.* Glory to Him Who dwelt in you!* Glory to Him Who came forth from you!* Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you!

Prokeimenon, Tone 1. Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You. *verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:9–19. Brothers and Sisters, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out

what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.

Alleluia, Tone 1

verse: God gives me vindication, and has subdued people under me.

verse: Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever. (Psalm 17:48,51)

Gospel: Luke 12:16–21

The Lord spoke this parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Communion Verse.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)