

Parish Membership

Our Community is open to any Catholic and anyone:

- ☑ Who is interested in seeking the Lord Jesus Christ through His Word, Sacred Mysteries and Tradition.
- ☑ Who accepts the teachings of the Catholic Church,
- ☑ Who will help form a community based on the Lord's love,
- ☑ Who is willing to grow as a Christian within the legitimate spiritual traditions of the Byzantine Catholic Church within our American context,
- ☑ Who acknowledges the legitimate authority of the Pope, Bishop and Pastor,
- ☑ Who will attend the Liturgical Services on Sundays and Great Holydays, and
- ☑ Who is willing to support the growth of the Church by sharing of his or her Time, Talent and Treasure (financial support)

If this is the Spiritual Home you are looking for give the parish office a call or see Father Stephen or one of the deacons.

Parish Information

Baptism & Chrismation Children

Arrangements are made one month prior to the birth of the child. Godparents must provide a signed letter from their pastor stating they are practicing members of the Catholic Church. Schedule at anytime the churching of the child after birth and prior to the Holy Baptism. **FOR ADULTS CONTACT THE PASTOR.**

First Penance is done as part of Grade 2 in our Eastern Christian Formation Program. When completed the parents

and children attend the Lazarus Saturday Liturgy and present the child for confession.

Crowning of Marriage requires membership in the parish of a least one of the parties and a six month preparation period prior to the marriage.

Sick and Shut-ins family must notify the pastor when a member of the family is ill and confined to the home or hospital due to illness and in need of the Holy Mysteries. You may request the Anointing prior to any major surgery. This is usually done after the Sunday Liturgies.

Funerals & Cremations

- Contact the pastor upon death of a parishioner.
- Visitation and Full Funeral Services are done with the body present.
- Cremation may take place after the Holy Services are completed in church.
- Consult with the pastor prior to making the funeral arrangements.

Requesting Liturgy Intentions envelopes are available at the Greeting Table at the entrance of the church. Print clearly the information needed for the Divine Liturgy request. Not all dates are available for intentions be sure to let the pastor know if a particular date is important. (Anniversary, birthdays...) The parish office will send a card showing the requested Liturgy that will be celebrated here at the Cathedral. Be sure to include the name and address. The stipend which is \$10 is given to the Priest.

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SAINT STEPHEN CATHEDRAL BYZANTINE CATHOLIC

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THE FUTURE!



December 25, 2011

THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

Commentary by Saint Macarius the Great (+390)

NOT OF THIS WORLD

Not in form or in outward figures lies the distinguishing mark of Christians. Most men think that the difference which distinguishes themselves from the world consists in a form and in figures; and lo! in mentality and understanding they are like the world, undergoing the same shaking and inconstancy of thought, and unbelief confusion, and disturbance, and fear as all other men. In outward form and appearance they differ from the world, and in a few points of religious ordinance, but in heart and mind they are bound with earthly bonds, never having acquired rest from God and the peace of the heavenly Spirit in their heart,

Because they never sought it from God, nor believed that He would vouchsafe these things to them. It is in the renewing of the mind, and the peace of the thoughts, and the love and heavenly attachment for the Lord, that the new creation—the, Christian—is distinguished from all the men of the world. This was the purpose of the Lord's coming: to vouchsafe these spiritual blessings to those who truly believe in Him. Christians have a glory and a beauty and a heavenly wealth which is beyond words, and it is won with pains, and sweat, and trials, and many conflicts, and all by the grace of God.

CHRIST IS BORN!

GLORIFY HIM!

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE LITURGIES & INTENTIONS

24 SATURDAY VIGIL FOR CHRISTMAS, P. 289

4:45 pm CHRISTMAS CAROLS
5:00 pm LITURGY OF ST JOHN
w/ Blessing of Loaves, Wheat, Wine & Oil.
(Happy Birthday Dr. Richard Hill by a Friend)

25 SUNDAY THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, p. 289

7:45 am CHRISTMAS CAROLS
8:00 am LITURGY OF ST. BASIL
+Manouk Mykeloff by Kathy Mykeloff

9:45 am CHRISTMAS CAROLS
10:00 am HIERARCHICAL LITURGY OF ST. JOHN Bishop Gerald will be the homilist

26 Monday Synaxis of the Theotokos, p. 294

9:00 am *God's blessing on Julie Moore & Family by Karen Ratliff*

27 Tuesday Protomartyr Stephen (Cathedral Patron) with Procession, p. 298

9:00 am +*Sue Hill by Dr. Richard Hill*

28 Wednesday 20,000 martyrs of Nicomedia, p. 289

8:00 am *God's blessing on Janice Kenney by Karen Ratliff*

29 Thursday NO SERVICES--

Father is not in the office.

30 Friday Venerable Martyr Anyisia, p. 289

8:00 am *God's blessing on Robert Motlet & Family by Karen Ratliff*

31 Saturday Vigil for Sunday p. 104 & inserts.

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy of Saint Basil +*Bishop Andrew Pataki by Dr. Richard Hill*

1 Sunday CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD & FEAST OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT, p. 305

8:00 am Liturgy of St. Basil+*Stephen Trutza by Julie Trutza*
9:45 am CHRISTMAS CAROLS
10:00 am Liturgy of St. Basil
for the members of our parish
NO E. C. F. Classes for the Youth of our Parish due to the Holydays.

PRAYER REQUESTS Sr. Christopher, Hugo Marmol, Sr. Barbara Stefaniak, Helen Duhancik, Mary Rabayda, Alex & Julie Vu Family, Marlene Leeds--Sr. Christopher's niece, Dorothy Bezeredi, Daniel Walsh, Robert King, Jon Hrovat, Fr James Lane, Dobric & Family, Larrie Ann Thets, Frank Slonka, Mary Lou Clark, Ricki Majklowjez, Henrietta Gazzano, Jo Ellen Duncan, Hazel Carfagma, mother of Marsha Dudik, Margaret Kunak, Vincent, James Hrovat, Ann Ryan, Martha Maleta. Julia Menlicavage, Nicholas Toth.

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Eternal Light:

+Frank S. Slonka by Kathy Slonka

Tetrapod:

+Helen Sissea by The Family

Tetrapod:

Happy Birthday Alex Danovich by Sr. Alphonsa

Christmas:

+Helen Garn by Alice Garcia

Resurrection:

+Manouk Mykeloff by Kathy Mykeloff

Pentecost:

Sr. Alphonsa Danovich by Alice Garcia

Ascension: Encounter: Theophany: Exaltation of the Cross: Transfiguration: St. Anthony:

CALENDAR 2012 are ready for you to take home. This year the calendars were sponsored by Hansen's Family Owned Mortuary. They have been generous to sponsor our calendars over the years. Please take what you need--there is no charge and pass them on to your friends. It's a good way to have our parish present in someone's home. The icon is THE ANGEL OF GOD.

ALTAR SOCIETY SCHEDULE cleaning the Temple of the Lord: Chris Weisheit and her helpers. Thank you for loving God's Holy House.

TITHING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT

December 18 Saturday 5 pm 22 souls
Sunday 8 am--40 souls & 10 am-102 Souls.

Tithing : \$2,791.46

Christmas: \$37.00

Christmas Flowers: \$115.00

Candles: \$51.50

Religious Retirement: \$100.00

Building Fund: \$155.00

Thank you for your support and generosity.

END OF YEAR IS NEAR please be sure to review your yearly tithing and contributions. The IRS has not extended the end of the calendar year. The books are closed on December 31. Please make sure you contributions are in before the end of the month.

BE SURE TO JOIN US IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM (watch for the specially marked door for the entrance to the Parish Hall)AFTER THE CHRISTMAS SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND PUNCH.

Parish Calendar & Upcoming Events

THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD & SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

Dec 31 Saturday New Year's Eve

5:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy of Saint Basil

Jan 1 New Year's Day

8:00 am Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

10:00 am Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

THE THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD

Jan 5 Thursday Vigil of Theophany

7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy of St. Basil

Jan 6 Friday Feast Day of Theophany

9:00 am Divine Liturgy

6 Friday FISH & PIEROGI DINNER 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Can we count on you to help.