



CHRISTMAS – THEOPHANY 2017-2018

Friday, December 22

A Day of Prayer (Vigil) Fore-feast of the Nativity of Christ

*A day of prayer, fasting and abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat.
The Cathedral will be open for confessions from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm.*

7:30 am	First Royal Hour
9:00 am	Third Royal Hour
12 noon	Sixth Royal Hour
3:00 pm	Ninth Royal Hour
6:00 pm	Vespers

Saturday, December 23

Saturday Before the Nativity of Christ

The Cathedral will be open for prayer, meditation and confessions from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
4:00 pm	Great Vespers
5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)

Sunday, December 24

Sunday Before the Nativity & Christmas Eve

Day of abstinence from meat, dairy and eggs, and foods that contain these ingredients.

7:30 am	Great Matins
9:30 am	Divine Liturgy (English)
11:00 am	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
7:30 pm	Christmas Carols
8:00 pm	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (English)
9:30 pm	Complines & Lytia (Bilingual)
10:30 pm	Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) <i>Readings and homily in English & Ukrainian</i>

Monday, December 25

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

10:30 am	Festal Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)
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Tuesday, December 26

Synaxis of the Mother of God

*This is one of the most ancient Marian feasts. The Greek word **synaxis** means “assembly.” The faithful assemble the day after Christmas to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.*

10:30 am	Festal Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)
12 noon	Christmas Dinner (Church Auditorium)

Wednesday, December 27

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

Saint Stephen was the first baptized Christian of the early Church to be martyred for the sake of Christ, in the year 34 or 35 AD.

10:30 am	Festal Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)
<u>7:00 pm</u>	Christmas Concert (Ukrainian) – Ihor Bohdan

Thursday, December 28

Holy Martyrs of Nicomedia

The Twenty Thousand Martyrs Who Were Burned in Nicomedia (303); Passing into eternal life (1945) of Blessed Hryhoriy (Gregory) Khomyshyn, Bishop of Stanyslaviv (Ivano-Frankivs’k) and martyr.

7:30 am	Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)
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Friday, December 29

Holy Innocents

The Holy Children who were murdered by Herod in Bethlehem; Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Sleepless Ones (c. 470).

7:30 am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, December 30

Saturday After the Nativity of Christ

9:00 am Divine Liturgy
4:00 pm Great Vespers
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)

Sunday, December 31

Sunday After the Nativity of Christ

King David, Saint Joseph, Saint James

On this first Sunday after the Nativity of Christ, we also commemorate Holy and Righteous. Joseph, the betrothed spouse of Mary and foster father of Jesus. We also commemorate King David, the ancestor of Christ, as well as St. James, “the Brother of the Lord.”

7:30 am Great Matins
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (English)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
6:00 pm Great Vespers & Lytia

Monday, January 1, 2018

Circumcision of Our Lord

Saint Basil the Great / New Year’s Day

According to Jewish custom, every male child received its name on the eighth day, at the circumcision. Just as any other Jew, Jesus was also circumcised on the eighth day. In Hebrew, the name Jesus is “Yehoshua,” which means “The Lord saves.” On this day, we also commemorate St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea, who fell asleep in the Lord on January 1st, 379. In addition to his work as a theologian, Basil was known for his care for the poor, the sick and the needy. Basil established guidelines for monastic life which focused on community life, liturgical prayer, and manual labour.

**10:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
(Bilingual)**

Friday, January 5

Vigil of Theophany

The feast of Theophany begins with the parish family gathered together for the Holy Supper (St. Josaphat hall). As on Christmas Eve, the Lenten character of this Holy Supper is also observed (abstinence from meat and dairy products). Theophany means "the appearance of God."

7:30 am	First Royal Hour
9:00 am	Third Royal Hour
12:00 pm	Sixth Royal Hour
3:00 pm	Ninth Royal Hour
4:00 pm	Complines & Lytia
5:00 pm	Theophany Eve Supper
7:00 pm	Hierarchical Liturgy & Water Blessing

Saturday, January 6

Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:30 am	Great Matins
10:30 am	Divine Liturgy & Water Blessing
4:00 pm	Great Vespers
5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy (for Sunday, Bilingual)

Sunday, January 7

Sunday After Theophany

7:30 am	Great Matins
9:30 am	Divine Liturgy (English)
11:00 am	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)

Thursday, February 1

Fore-feast of the Encounter

6:00 pm	Great Vespers & Lytia
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Friday, February 2

Encounter of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Blessing of Candles at the end of each Liturgy.

7:30 am	Great Matins
9:30 am	Divine Liturgy (English)
11:00 am	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
<u>6:00 pm</u>	Divine Liturgy (Bilingual)