



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
ПАРАФІЯ УСПІННІА ПРЕСВ. БОГОРОДНИЦІ

Our Mission is to joyfully bring all people into the knowledge, love and service of the Holy Trinity, Who dwells amongst us.

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Sunday Divine Liturgy
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*see the calendar section of this
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Sunday, December 18, 2022

Sunday before the Nativity of Christ - Sunday of the Holy Fathers.
The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions

Welcome Bishop David.

Bishop David is with us today for liturgy and to join us in the Panahyda for + Laurence Sirman. Since he is here, he will also bless a special item and present it. But it's a surprise.



Christmas & Theophany Schedule:

- December 23: **Singing Practice** at 6 pm
- December 24: **Christmas Eve:** Complines & Liturgy at 10 pm
- December 25: **Christmas Day:** Liturgy at 10 am
- January 1: **New Year's Day:** Liturgy at 10 am
- January 5: **Theophany Eve:** Complines & Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water at 7 pm

Annual Icon Workshop at St. Joseph's RC Seminary

This whole past week Fr. Bo has been leading a retreat for the propaedeutic seminarians at St. Joe's. Ten young men wrote an icon of the Theotokos of the Passion. It was a lot of work to teach (as usual), but it went quite well and was spiritually rewarding for everyone.



Dormition Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>18</p> <p>Sunday before the Nativity of Christ - Sunday of the Holy Fathers. Octoechos Tone 3. The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions Matins Resurrectional Gospel 6. Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40; Matthew 1:1-25</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy with Bishop David</p> <p>Followed by Panachyda for + Laurence Sirman (5yrs) followed by lunched hosted by the Sirman Family.</p>	<p>19 🐟</p> <p>The Holy Martyr Boniface (230) Nativity Fast. Hebrews 3:5-11, 17-19; Luke 20:27-44</p> <p>12 noon Icon Workshop</p> <p>5:30 pm Meeting</p> <p>Steven Shakeshaft's & John Vizza's Birthday</p>	<p>20 🐟</p> <p>Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Priest-Martyr Ignatius the Godbearer (110) Nativity Fast. Hebrews 4:1-13; Luke 21:12-19</p> <p>11:00 am Appointment</p> <p>12:30 Appointment</p>	<p>21 🐟</p> <p>Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia (284-305) Nativity Fast. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Hebrews 5:11-6:8; Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24</p>	<p>22 🐟</p> <p>Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; The Holy Great-Martyr Anastasia (305) Nativity Fast. Hebrews 7:1-6; Luke 21:28-33</p> <p>5:30 pm Meeting</p> <p>Marcus Lavallee's Birthday</p>	<p>23 🐟</p> <p>Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ; The Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete (249-51) Nativity Fast. Strict Fast.</p> <p>6 pm Christmas Singing Practice</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Eve of the Nativity of Christ; The Holy Venerable-Martyr Eugenia The Vespers-Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is celebrated in the late afternoon today. Usual mitigation of the fast for Saturday. Galatians 3:8-12; Luke 13:18-29</p> <p>10 pm Christmas Complines with Liturgy</p>
<p>25</p> <p>The Nativity in the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ Christmas Feast of our Lord. Holy Day of obligation. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today. Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12</p> <p>10 am Festal Divine Liturgy</p> <p>Jesus Christ's Birthday</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God; The Holy Priest-Martyr Euthymius, Bishop of Sardis (824) A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Hebrews 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-23</p> <p>5:30 pm Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Apostle, First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theodore the Branded One (844) A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. Acts 6:8-7:5,47-60; Matthew 21:33-42</p> <p>11:00 am Appointment</p> <p>Clergy & Families Christmas Gathering</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Two Thousand Martyrs Who Were Burned in Nicomedia (303); Passing into eternal life (1945) of Blessed Hryhoriy (Gregory) Khomyshyn, Bishop of Stanyslaviv (Ivano-Frankivsk) and martyr Hebrews 10:1-18; Mark 8:30-34</p>	<p>29</p> <p>The Holy Children who were murdered by Herod in Bethlehem; Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Sleepless Ones (c. 470) Hebrews 10:35-11:7; Mark 9:10-16</p> <p>5:30 pm Meeting</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Post-feast of the Nativity of Christ; the Holy Martyr Anysia (286-305); Holy Martyr and Presbyter, Zoticus, Protector of Orphans (4th c.) Hebrews 11:8,11-16; Mark 9:33-41</p>	<p>31</p> <p>New year's Eve</p> <p>Saturday after the Nativity of Christ. The Leave-taking of the Feast of the Nativity of Christ, Christmas; Our Venerable Mother Melania the Roman (439) 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Matthew 12:15-21</p>
<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <p>Sunday before the Theophany of our Lord. Octoechos, Tone 5. The Circumcision of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our Father Among the Saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (379). Feast of our Lord. All-Night Vigil Feast. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today. A day when the faithful are highly encouraged to participate in the Divine Liturgy. 2 Timothy 4:5-8; Colossians 2:8-12;</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Pre-feast of Theophany. Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome (335). Hebrews 8:7-13; Mark 8:11-21.</p> <p>5:30 pm Meeting</p> <p>Joanna Vizza's Birthday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Pre-feast of Theophany. Holy Prophet Malachi (5th c. BC). Holy Martyr Gordius (313-24). Hebrews 9:8-10,15-23; Mark 8:22-26.</p> <p>10:30 am Liturgy at Venta Care Centre</p> <p>Greg's & Brad Ostopowich's Birthdays</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Pre-feast of Theophany. Synaxis of the Seventy Holy Apostles. Our Venerable Father Theoctistus, Hegumen of the Cuomo Monastery in Sicily. Hebrews 10:1-18; Mark 8:30-34.</p>	<p>5 🐟</p> <p>Theophany Eve. Holy Martyrs Theopemptus and Theonas (284-305). Venerable Syncletica. It is a day of fast and abstention from meat and foods that contain these meat. 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; Luke 3:1-18.</p> <p>Theophany Liturgy at 7 pm with water blessing</p>	<p>6</p> <p>The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ Feast of our Lord. Holy Day of Obligation. Great Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for the Feast of Theophany is celebrated in the late afternoon or early evening on January 5. The Great Blessing of the Water is taken after the Prayer Behind the Ambon. Titus 2:11-15; 3:4-7; Matthew 3:13-17.</p> <p>Possible "Old Calendar"</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Saturday after Theophany. Synaxis of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. Ephesians 6:10-17; Acts 19:1-8; Matthew 4:1-11; John 1:29-34.</p> <p>Samuel Bryson's Birthday</p>



Start the Great Fast with us at one of our two upcoming

Iconography Workshops

Learn the painting process and also the theology and spirituality of Byzantine Iconography.
No prior experience necessary.

**Friday, Feb. 10 - Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, or
Friday, Feb. 24 - Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023**

At Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God, Ukrainian Catholic Church
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Write a traditional Egg Tempera Icon with 24K gold gilding.
This year we shall paint the icon of the Theotokos of the Passion,
commonly known in the Catholic Church as “Our Lady of Perpetual Help”.

Instructor: Fr. Bo Nahachewsky

Cost: \$400 per person. Materials and simple meals provided. 10-12 hours each day.

For more information and to register go to:

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Saint of the Day from OCA.org

Martyr Sebastian at Rome, and his companions

The Holy Martyr Sebastian was born in the city of Narbonum in Gaul (modern France), and he received his education at Mediolanum (now Milan). Under the co-reigning emperors Diocletian and Maximian (284-305) he occupied the position of head of the imperial guards. Saint Sebastian was respected for his authority, and was loved by the soldiers and those at court. He was a brave man filled with wisdom; his word was honest, his judgment just. He was insightful in advice and faithful in his service and in everything entrusted to him. He was a secret Christian, not out of fear, but so that he could provide help to the brethren in a time of persecution.

The noble Christian brothers Marcellinus and Mark had been locked up in prison, and at first they firmly confessed the true Faith. But under the influence of the tearful entreaties of their pagan parents (Tranquillinus and Marcia), and also their own wives and children, they began to waver in their intent to suffer for Christ. Saint Sebastian went to the imperial treasurer, at whose house Marcellinus and Mark were held in confinement, and addressed the brothers who were on the verge of yielding to the entreaties of their family.

“O valiant warriors of Christ! Do not cast away your everlasting crowns of victory because of the tears of your relatives. Do not remove your feet from the necks of your enemies who lie prostrate before you, lest they regain their strength and attack you more fiercely than before. Raise your banner high over every earthly attachment. If those whom you see weeping knew that there is another life where there is neither sickness nor death, where there is unceasing gladness and everything is beautiful, then assuredly they would wish to enter it with you. Anyone who fears to exchange this brief earthly life for the unending joys of the heavenly Kingdom is foolish indeed. For he who rejects eternity wastes the brief time of his existence, and will be delivered to everlasting torment in Hades.”

Then Saint Sebastian said that if necessary, he would be willing to endure torment and death in order to show them how to give their lives for Christ.

So Saint Sebastian persuaded the brothers to go through with their act of martyrdom, and his speech stirred everyone present. They saw how his face shone like that of an angel, and they saw how seven angels clothed him in a radiant garment, and heard a fair Youth say, “You shall be with Me always.”

Zoe, the wife of the jailer Nicostratus, had lost her ability to speak six years previously. She fell down at the feet of Saint

Sebastian, by her gestures imploring him to heal her. The saint made the Sign of the Cross over the woman, and she immediately began to speak and she glorified the Lord Jesus Christ. She said that she had seen an angel holding an open book in which everything Saint Sebastian said was written. Then all who saw the miracle also came to believe in the Savior of the world. Nicostratus removed the chains from Marcellinus and Mark and offered to hide them, but the brothers refused.

Mark said, “Let them tear the flesh from our bodies with cruel torments. They can kill the body, but they cannot conquer the soul which contends for the Faith.” Nicostratus and his wife asked for Baptism, and Saint Sebastian advised Nicostratus to serve Christ rather than the Eparch. He also told him to assemble the prisoners so that those who believed in Christ

could be baptized. Nicostratus then requested his clerk Claudius to send all the prisoners to his house. Sebastian spoke to them of Christ, and became convinced that they were all inclined to be baptized. He summoned the priest Polycarp, who prepared them for the Mystery, instructing them to fast in preparation for Baptism that evening.

Then Claudius informed Nicostratus that the Roman eparch Arestius Chromatus wanted to know why the prisoners were gathered at his house. Nicostratus told Claudius about the healing of his wife, and Claudius brought his own sick sons, Symphorian and Felix to Saint Sebastian. In the evening the priest Polycarp baptized Tranquillinus with his relatives and friends, and Nicostratus and all his family, Claudius and his sons, and also sixteen condemned prisoners. The newly-baptized numbered 64 in all.

Appearing before the eparch Chromatus, Nicostratus told him how Saint Sebastian had converted them to Christianity and healed many from sickness. The words of Nicostratus persuaded the eparch. He summoned Saint Sebastian and the presbyter Polycarp, and was enlightened by them, and became a believer in Christ. Nicostratus and Chromatus, his son Tiburtius and all his household accepted holy Baptism. The number of the newly-enlightened increased to 1400. Upon becoming a Christian, Chromatus resigned his office of eparch.

During this time the Bishop of Rome was Saint Gaius (August 11). He blessed Chromatus to go to his estates in southern Italy with the priest Polycarp. Christians unable to endure martyrdom also went with them. Father Polycarp went to strengthen the newly-converted in the Faith.

Tiburtius, the son of Chromatus, desired to accept martyrdom and he remained in Rome with Saint Sebastian. Of those remaining, Saint Gaius ordained Tranquillinus as a presbyter, and his sons Marcellinus and Mark were ordained deacons. Nicostratus, his wife Zoe and brother Castorius, and Claudius, his son Symphorian and brother Victorinus also remained in



Rome. They gathered for divine services at the court of the emperor together with a secret Christian named Castulus, but soon the time came for them to suffer for the Faith.

The pagans arrested Saint Zoe first, praying at the grave of the Apostle Peter. At the trial she bravely confessed her faith in Christ. She died, hung by her hair over the foul smoke from a great fire of dung. Her body then was thrown into the River Tiber. Appearing in a vision to Saint Sebastian, she told him about her death.

The priest Tranquillinus was the next to suffer: pagans pelted him with stones at the grave of the holy Apostle Peter, and his body was also thrown into the Tiber.

Saints Nicostratus, Castorius, Claudius, Victorinus, and Symphorian were seized at the riverbank, when they were searching for the bodies of the martyrs. They were led to the eparch, and the saints refused his command to offer sacrifice to idols. They tied stones to the necks of the martyrs and then drowned them in the sea.

The false Christian Torquatus betrayed Saint Tiburtius. When the saint refused to sacrifice to the idols, the judge ordered Tiburtius to walk barefoot on red-hot coals, but the Lord preserved him. Tiburtius walked through the burning coals without feeling the

heat. The torturers then beheaded Saint Tiburtius, and his body was buried by unknown Christians.

Torquatus also betrayed the holy Deacons Marcellinus and Mark, and Saint Castulus (March 26). After torture, they threw Castulus into a pit and buried him alive, but Marcellinus and Mark had their feet nailed to the same tree stump. They stood all night in prayer, and in the morning they were stabbed with spears.

Saint Sebastian was the last one to be tortured. The emperor Diocletian personally interrogated him, and seeing the determination of the holy martyr, he ordered him taken out of the city, tied to a tree and shot with arrows. Irene, the wife of Saint Castulus, went at night in order to bury Saint Sebastian, but found him alive and took him to her home.

Saint Sebastian soon recovered from his wounds. Christians urged him to leave Rome, but he refused. Coming near a pagan temple, the saint saw the emperors approaching and he publicly denounced them for their impiety. Diocletian ordered the holy martyr to be taken to the Circus Maximus to be executed. They clubbed Saint Sebastian to death, and cast his body into the sewer. The holy martyr appeared to a pious woman named Lucina in a vision, and told her to take his body and bury it in the catacombs. This she did with the help of her slaves. Today his basilica stands on the site of his tomb.

O Come, Divine Messiah

Song by Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin, Mary of St. Philip, and Randall DeBruyn

O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flee away

Dear Savior, haste
Come, come to earth
Dispel the night and show your face
And bid us hail the dawn of grace

O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flee away

O Christ, whom nations sigh for
Whom priest and prophet long foretold
Come break the captive fetters
Redeem the long-lost fold

Dear Savior, haste
Come, come to earth
Dispel the night and show your face
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• **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to) Fr. Terry, Anne, Brody, Rosann, Jennie, Mickey, Kristopher, Greg, Ross, Ron, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Ann & Louis.

• **Happy birthday** to Steven Shakeshaft, John Vizza and Marcus Lavallee, who celebrate(s) his/her/their birthday(s) this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.

• Today after Liturgy we will be celebrating a **Panachyda for +Laurence Sirman** who passed away about 5 years ago, Vichnaya Pamyat.

• Our **Dormition UCWLC** Branch offered homemade baking items for sale during our parish Pyrohy Supper hosted December 3, 2022. Special thanks to Helen Sirman for her idea to provide borscht for our sale. The sale was a successful fundraiser. Our goal was to raise \$400. The goal was surpassed as \$450 was tallied. Thank you to the members who so generously donated their home baking and thank you to the members who made cash donations as well. An expression of appreciation goes to several UCWLC members who volunteered their time and talents in support of our sale.

**I used to think I was indecisive.
But now I'm not so sure.**

December 18, 2022

Sunday before the Nativity of Christ - Sunday of the Holy Fathers. The Holy Martyr Sebastian and His Companions

Troparion, Tone 3: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice,* for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm.* He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead;* He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 2: Great are the achievements of faith!* In the fountain of flames, the three holy youths rejoiced as by the water of rest,* and the prophet Daniel was revealed shepherding lions like sheep.* Through their intercession, O Christ God,* save our souls.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 6: Armed by the Being that defies description* You defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth.* In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God:* "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid,"* for You can do whatever You will.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4:

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers,* and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10,17-23,32-40 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, by faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, "bowing in worship over the top of his staff." By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial. By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Alleluia, Tone 4:

verse: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the work You did in their days.

verse: You saved us from our oppressors and put to shame those who hate us.

Gospel Matthew 1:1-25 (NRSV)

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens,* praise Him in the highest.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

18 грудня, 2022

Неділя перед Різдом Христовим – Святих Отців; Св. мч. Севастіяна і тих, що з ним.

Тропар (глас 3): Нехай веселяться небеснії, нехай радується земляни,* бо показав владу рукою Своєю Господь,* Він смертю смерть подолав,* первістоком з-поміж мертвих став,* визволив нас із глибин аду,* і подав світові велику милість.

Тропар, (глас 2): Великі подвиги віри,* в джерелі полум'я, як на спокійній воді, святі три отроки радувалися;* і пророк Даниїл пастирем левів, наче овець, являвся.* Їх молитвами, Христе Боже, спаси душі наші.

+Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак (глас 6): Рукописаному образів не поклонившись,* але неописаним єством захистившись, триблаженні,* в подвизі вогню ви прославилися,* і посеред нестерпного полум'я стоячи, Бога ви призвали.* Поспішишь, о Щедрий, і скоро прийди як милостивий нам на поміч,* бо Ти можеш, якщо воля Твоя.

Прокімен (глас 4):

Благословен єси, Господи, Боже отців наших, і хвальне, і прославлене ім'я Твоє на віки.

Стих: Бо праведний єси в усьому, що створив Ти нам.

Апостол: (Євр 11,9-10. 17-23. 32-40):

Браття і Сестри, вірою Авраам перебував у обіцяній землі, як у чужій, живучи у наметах з Ісааком та Яковом, спадкоємцями, як і він, тієї самої обітниці. Бо чекав міста з непохитними основами, якого Бог будівничий і засновник. Вірою Авраам, поставлений на пробу, приніс у жертву Ісаака; і то єдинородного приніс у жертву сина, він, що обітницю одержав, до якого було сказано: «Від Ісаака тобі народиться потомство», думаючи, що Бог має силу і з мертвих воскресити; тому його й одержав назад, як символ. Вірою Ісаак благословив Якова та Ісава на майбутнє. Вірою Яків, перед смертю, благословив кожного з синів Йосифа і поклонився, спираючись на кінець палиці своєї. Вірою Йосиф, вмираючи, згадав про вихід синів Ізраїля і розпорядився про свої кості. Вірою батьки Мойсея, як він народився, три місяці його ховали, бо бачили красу дитини, і не злякалися царського наказу. І що ще скажу? Часу не вистане мені, коли заходжуся розповідати про Гедеона, про Варака, про Самсона, про Єфту, про Давида й Самуїла та пророків, що вірою підбили царства, чинили справедливість, обітницю осягнули, загородили пащі левам, силу вогню гасили, вістря меча уникали, ставали сильні, будучи недолугі, на війні проявили мужність, наскоки чужинців відбивали. Жінки діставали назад своїх померлих, які воскресали. Інші загинули в муках, відкинувши визволення, щоб осягнути ліпше воскресіння. Інші наруг і бичів зазнали та ще й кайданів і в'язниці; їх каменовано, розрізувано пилюю, брано на допити; вони вмирали, мечем забиті; тинялися в овечих та козячих шкурах, збідовані, гноблені, кривджені; вони, яких світ був невартий, блукали пустинями, горами, печерами та земними вертепами. І всі вони, дарма що мали добре засвідчення вірою, не одержали обіцяного, бо Бог зберіг нам щось краще, щоб вони не без нас осягли досконалість.

Алилуя (глас 4):

Стих: Боже, ушима нашими ми почули і отці наші сповістили нам.

Стих: Ти спас нас від тих, що напастують нас, і тих, що ненавидять нас, засоромив ти.

Євангеліє: (Мт 1,1-25):

Родовід Ісуса Христа, сина Давида, сина Авраама. Авраам був батьком Ісаака, Ісаак – Якова, Яків – Юди і братів його. Юда був батьком Фареса та Зари від Тамари. Фарес був батьком Есрома, Есром – Арама, Арам – Амінадава, Амінадав – Наасона, Наасон – Салмона, Салмон – Вооза від Рахави, Вооз – Йоведа від Рути, Йовед – Ессея, Ессея був батьком царя Давида, Давид – Соломона від жінки Урії. Соломон же був батьком Ровоама, Ровоам – Авії, Авія – Асафа, Асаф – Йосафата, Йосафат – Йорама, Йорам – Озії, Озія – Йоатама, Йоатам – Ахаза, Ахаз – Єзекії, Єзекія – Манасії, Манасія – Амоса, Амос – Йосії, Йосія – Ехонії і братів його за вавилонського переселення. А після вавилонського переселення в Ехонії народився Салатїїл, у Салатїїла – Зоровавел, у Зоровавела – Авіуд, в Авіюда – Еліяким, в Еліякіма – Азор, в Азора – Садок, у Садока – Ахим, в Ахима – Еліюд, в Еліюда – Єлеазар, в Єлеазара – Маттан, у Маттана – Яків, у Якова – Йосиф, чоловік Марії, з якої народився Ісус, що зветься Христос. Покоління же всіх було: від Авраама до Давида чотирнадцять, від Давида до вавилонського переселення чотирнадцять і від вавилонського переселення до Христа – покоління чотирнадцять. Народження Ісуса Христа відбулося так: Марія, його мати, була заручена з Йосифом; але, перед тим, як вони зійшлися, виявилось, що вона була вагітна від Святого Духа. Йосиф, її чоловік, будучи праведний і не бажавши її ославити, хотів тайкома її відпустити. І от, коли він це задумав, ангел Господній з'явився йому уві сні й мовив: «Йосифе, сину Давида, не бійсь узяти Марію, твою жінку, бо те, що в ній зачалось, походить від Святого Духа. Вона породить сина, і ти даси йому ім'я Ісус, бо він спасе народ свій від гріхів їхніх.» А сталося все це, щоб здійснилось Господнє слово, сказане пророком: «Ось, діва матиме в утробі й породить сина, і дадуть йому ім'я Еммануїл, що значить: З нами Бог.» Прокинувшись від сну, Йосиф зробив, як звелів йому ангел Господній: прийняв свою жінку; та не спізнав її, аж поки породила сина, і він дав йому ім'я Ісус.

Причасний:

Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах.

Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі,* правим належить похвала.

Алилуя (х3).
