

## DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, December 6, 2009****St. Nicholas of Myra**

9:00 a.m. Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Lit. + Joseph Kuchie r/by Family

**Monday, December 7, 2009**

7:20 a.m. Lit. + Genyo Zmyj r/by Barylak Family

**Tuesday, December 8, 2009**

8:45 a.m. Lit. + Ivan and Anna Hrynyszyn

**Wednesday, December 9, 2009****Conception of St. Anna**

9:00 a.m. Lit. + Stephen and Anastasia Kordiak - Legate

**Thursday, December 10, 2009**

7:20 a.m. Lit. + Michael Kohut r/by Rajs Family

**Friday, December 11, 2009**

7:20 a.m. Lit. + Maria and Petro Kostiw; Wolodymyr and Anna r/by Halyna Tulys

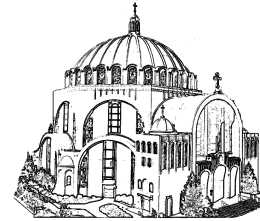
**Saturday, December 12, 2009**

11:00 a.m. Lit. Special Intention

5:00 p.m. Lit. + Michael Romanko r/by Children

**Sunday of the Holy Ancestors, December 13, 2009***Epistle - Col 3:4-11; Gospel - Lk 14:16-24*

10:00 a.m. Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners



В неділю, 10-го Січня 2010 року в Катедрі Непорочного Зачаття в Філадельфії, о 3-й одині пополудні відбудеться Фестиваль Різдвяної Коляди. Будуть виступати хори з різних парафій. Щиро запрошуємо всіх.

Annual Festival of Christmas Carols will be held on Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Choirs from different parishes will participate. Everyone is welcome.

**Epistle Readers, 11:00 a.m. Liturgy:**

Kenneth Bialkowski	12/6/09
Peter Baralecki	12/20/09
Nancy Bialkowski	12/27/09

**No Coffee Hour Today**

Coffee is free today for those who signed up to attend the breakfast in the school auditorium.

**Concert of Christmas Carols - Next Sunday!**

The *Ukrainian Chorus Dumka* will present *A Concert of Christmas Carols* in our church on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009. There will be one Divine Liturgy on that day at 10:00 AM; the concert will be held at 11:30 AM.

**Catechism Class** for Sunday, Dec. 13, has been cancelled.

**Zabava - New Year's Eve!**

Tickets are now available for the 2009 New Year's Eve Dance to be held in the school auditorium on Thursday, December 31. A fabulous buffet dinner will be served at 8:00 PM. Music will be provided by the band *Oberehy*.

**The cost is \$65.00 per person if purchased before Dec. 25. After Dec. 25, the cost is \$75.00 per person.** Tickets may be purchased at the rectory, from committee members or after church.

**Bus Trip to Longwood Gardens** in PA to see the Christmas display is being sponsored by Choir Boyan. The bus is leaving at 1:30 PM on Saturday, Dec. 12. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$21 for students, for bus fare and admission. To make a reservation see Roman Ambrozewycz at Coffee Hour or call 732-439-8379.

**Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund**

\$250.00 - Richard and Valerie Ponzo, in memory of + JANINA JOHNSTON

**Donation Envelopes**

Be sure to clearly check off or write the amount of your donation on all envelope offerings. If you do not do so, you will not be credited.

**Wedding Congratulations**

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to our parishioner MICHAEL SCOTT ZACHAREWICH, son of +Paul & Maryann nee Kucaba, and THERESA ANN CUNEO, daughter of Frederick & Raymunda nee Di Mambro, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Berlin, NJ, who will receive the sacrament of Holy Matrimony on December 11, 2009.

**Gold, Common Sense And Fur**

My proudest moment came during the children's Christmas pageant. My daughter was playing Mary, two of my sons were shepherds and my youngest son was a wise man. This was their moment to shine.

My five-year-old shepherd had practiced his line, "We found the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes." But he was nervous and said, "The baby was wrapped in wrinkled clothes." My four-year-old "Mary" said, "That's not 'wrinkled clothes,' silly. That's dirty, rotten clothes." A wrestling match broke out between Mary and the shepherd and was stopped by an angel, who bent her halo and lost her left wing.

I slouched a little lower in my seat when Mary dropped the doll representing Baby Jesus, and it bounced down the aisle crying, "Mama-mama." Mary grabbed the doll, wrapped it back up and held it tightly as the wise men arrived.

My other son stepped forward wearing a bathrobe and a paper crown, knelt at the manger and announced, "We are the three wise men, and we are bringing gifts of gold, common sense and fur." The congregation dissolved into laughter, and the pageant got a standing ovation.

"I've never enjoyed a Christmas program as much as this one," laughed the pastor, wiping tears from his eyes.

"For the rest of my life, I'll never hear the Christmas story without thinking of gold, common sense and fur."