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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

December 24, 2023

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tone 4

Eve of the Nativity of Christ
Sunday before the Nativity
Nun-martyr Eugenia of Rome

EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

In Slavic practice, on the eve of the Nativity of the Lord, the liturgical services consist of the Royal Hours with the Typika, Vespers, and the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great. At Vigil in the evening, Great Compline is followed by Matins.

If the Nativity falls on Sunday, however, the Royal Hours with the Typika are read on the preceding Friday. On Friday evening, the office of the Forefeast is served, December 24. The Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom is served on Saturday morning. At Vigil in the evening, Great Compline is followed by Matins.

On Sunday morning, the Liturgy of Saint Basil is celebrated. If the Nativity falls on a Monday, Royal Hours with the Typika are read on Friday December 22. On Saturday evening and Sunday morning we follow the order for the Sunday before the Nativity with the office of the Forefeast for December 24. On Sunday morning the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom is served. Vigil on Sunday evening consists of Great Compline is followed by Matins.

On Monday morning the Liturgy of Saint Basil is celebrated. On the eve of the Nativity, instead of three readings from the Old Testament at Vespers, there are eight readings (from Genesis, Numbers, Micah, Isaiah, Baruch, Daniel, and two more readings from Isaiah). The entrance is made with the Gospel.

At the end of Liturgy the priest places a lighted candle in a candlestick in the center of the church. Then the troparion and kontakion of the Feast are sung. At Vigil on the evening of the twenty-fourth, Great Compline is followed by Matins.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Jerry, Basil, Michelle, Yuri, Davide, Pina, Kelsey and her unborn

CATECHUMEN: Calvin

MISSIONARIES: The McDonald family

NAMEDAYS: Julia Bomadevar

ANNIVERSARIES: Anton & Irina Dolgopolov

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL BREAK: Please note that there will be no Church School on Sunday, December 24 and Sunday, December 31.

ANNUAL MEETING & PARISH COUNCIL: Our next Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28. We will be holding elections for some of the Parish Council positions. If you are interested in running, please speak with Fr. Alessandro.

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS: Join the Archdiocesan Choir, on December 28, 6:00 pm, for Vespers followed by Christmas caroling at St. Luke in McLean. This is a ticketed event. Your ticket covers a packet of caroling music, desserts, tea, coffee and hot chocolate. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under.

<https://www.archdiocesanchoir.org/carol-sing-along>

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

December 24, Sun

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM

Nativity Vigil

December 25, Mon

9:30 AM

Festal Liturgy

December 30, Sat

5:00 PM

Great Vespers

December 31, Sun

9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Dec 24

Dec 31

Coffee Hour:

Margheritino

Hughes

Reader:

Barr

Class

*Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after
Vespers or by appointment*