

**SAINT BASIL THE GREAT
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Vespers Saturdays and Holy days Vigil 7:30 PM;
Divine Liturgy Sundays at 9:00 AM

Confessions: Saturdays after Morning Liturgy & After
Vespers, by appointment, before and after liturgies.

December 16, 2012

Sunday of the Holy Ancestors

Pope Benedict XVI Intentions December 2012

General Intention: That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities.

Missionary Intention: Christ, light for all humanity. That Christ may reveal himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of his Church.

Traveling Icon: Consider welcoming the Icon of Our Lady for a week in your home. We will bring it and sing the Achathyst to the Mother of God, you then will bring it to the next home the following week. Wednesdays in the morning or Fridays around 7PM.

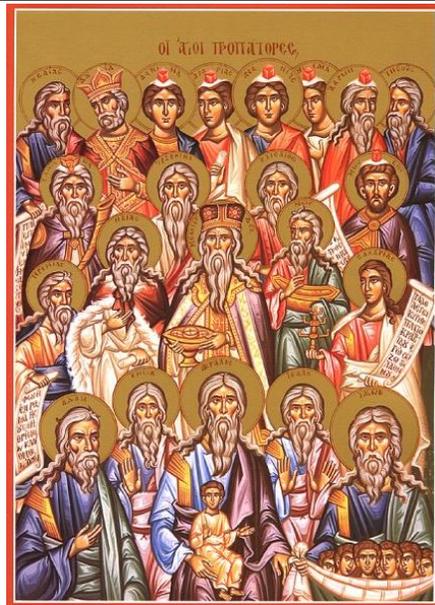
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ATTENTION! Proper Attire for Church Services

Out of respect for Our Lord and for the edification of our neighbors, we beg men and women, boys and girls to appear in church modestly and respectfully dressed.

Shorts, tank tops, low-cut, backless, and mini-dresses, halters, bare midriffs, tight fitting clothes, etc. do not meet the norm of Christian modesty and/or respect.

Your cooperation is evidence of your love for Our Lord in the mystery of the Holy Eucharist in the Tabernacle and for His Most Holy Mother. Thank you!



Sunday of the Holy Forefathers

Dearest Parishioners and friends:

“I was hungry and you fed me...”: Consider joining parishioners and friends donating a day a week, cooking at St. Luke’s Mission of Mercy in Buffalo. See Mr. John Holden, Mr. Michael Herec or Mrs. Moreno.

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“I was in prison and you visited me...”: Join parishioners and friends in helping with the Bible Study at the Erie County Correctional Facility in Alden NY. You can always help by donating New American Bibles (soft cover only). Please see Mrs. Michele Forkl.

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“I was naked and you clothed me...”: We are collecting **NEW** winter coats, mittens, gloves, hats and socks for the homeless at St. Luke’s Mission of Mercy. Please bring the new items and place them in the basement of the Church in the Box for that. Last Day will be Sunday December 23rd immediately after Liturgy, that afternoon Our Young Adult group will bring them to the Mission.

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Year of Faith: Our Holy Father Benedict XVI has call this year from this October 11, 2012 until November 24 2013 as the Year of Faith. It is an opportunity: (1)To reflect on the gift of Faith;(2)To Deepen our understanding and knowledge of the teachings of the Church;(3) To Read, Reflect and pray with the Scriptures;(4) Nourish and Strengthen our faith through the holy Eucharist and (5) to Open the Doors of faith for others.

Buffalo Deanery Choir: Rehearsals are Mondays at 7PM. New members are most welcomed!

St. Basil’s Church 100th Anniversary Committee (10/20/13): I continue to look for old photographs of weddings, First Communions, Funerals, Parish celebrations, old anniversary booklets and memoirs of our parish. I have almost nothing. Next meeting is December.16th after liturgy, we will discuss choices of food for the restaurant.

Men Only Group: We meet on a Saturday at 7:30PM with Vespers. Next one will be: Saturday January 12. Come and bring a friend.

Religious Education: Monday December 17 (the one and only rehearsal for Christmas Play) January 14 and 28 meeting at 6:30 pm.

December 16: Welcome Confirmation students from Our Lady of Good Counsel, Darien Center will visit with us for Divine Liturgy. Let’s welcome them!

Holy Unction: Anointing of the sick Sat. January 5 at 9:00AM.

Sandy Victims: Fr. Marijan brought tickets \$10 each to help victims of our Ukrainian Catholic parish in New York affected by Hurricane Sandy. 4 families lost everything! More details in the flyer in the vestibule.

Christmas Eve: Join us after services and the play for caroling and your favorites cookies! (don’t forget to bring enough of your favorite cookies and share them).

Fr. Robert

**Divine Liturgies and Services for the
Week of December 9, 2012**

Sunday (12/16) 9AM For Parishioners
Monday (12/17) 6:30 PM +Betty Short by Fr. Moreno
Tuesday (12/18) 7:30 PM +Katheryn L. (Kayt) Kusel Intention
of Rusin family. (Anniversary of Death 12/19/10).
Wednesday (12/19)
Thursday (12/20) 7:30PM Blessings and Health of Mrs. Cara
Dennis (for her birthday).
Friday (12/21) 6:30PM +Will Arlow Intention of Ruth Ann
Rusin
Saturday (12/22) 6:30 PM Vespers

Sunday (12/23) 9AM +Prof. Stefan Hocko and Mrs. Roxane
Hocko by Mrs. Rosa Hocko, Sue Hocko and family.
Monday (12/24) 8PM Compline/Divine Liturgy/Christmas Play
Tuesday (12/25)
Wednesday (12/26) 7:30PM Parishioners
Thursday (12/27) 7:30 PM Roman Z. by his family
Friday (12/28) 7:30 PM Alfred J. Szatkowski (17 Anniversary of
death) by Adrienne Szatkowski
Saturday (12/29)

Sunday (12/30) For Parishioners
Monday (12/31) 7:30PM Vesper Liturgy (Our Patronal Feast
Day)
Tuesday (1/1/13) NO SERVICES TODAY

Divine Liturgies to be celebrated

+Captain Peter Robert Skywark, June 27, 2013 (Birthday);
September 6 (1st Year Anniversary) by the Morenos.
+Jose Alberto Gonzalez Castillo January 12, 40th Day by Fr.
Moreno.
+Pedro Rivera Diaz by the Morenos
+Betty Short January 13th at 9 AM (10 Liturgies)
+Cathy Pasquella January 4th at 7:30 PM 40th Day (2)
Irene Sobkiewicz by Adrienne Szatkowski (4/17) Death
Anniversary
All Deceased Relatives by by Adrienne Szatkowski

**School of Ukrainian Studies "Ridna Shkola" and the Parents
Committee Invite you to Breakfast with St. Nicholas Saturday,
December 22, 2012 at 10 o'clock in St. Nicholas Church Hall
Breakfast with St. Nicholas Come listen to our children perform.
Gifts for good children Attendance is free (Voluntary donations will
be appreciated) Please attend and support Ridna Shkola If your
child wishes to receive a gift from St. Nicholas please call Oksana
Bandriwsky 847-1281 Anna Kuriy 823-2892
Ulana Scheidle 743-1965**

Bible Study is back

Celebrating the Year of Fatih. Every other Monday, 7:30PM to
8:30PM or as scheduled. Monday January 7, 21. We will begin
with Saint John's Gospel. Bring your Holy Bible or we will
provide one for you, we already have 5 participants.

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St. Basil's Prayer Group

Starting in January we will begin a Prayer Group here at the
Parish. It will give us the opportunity to pray for someone in
need, we can offer hours of the divine office, Jesus prayers,
Rosaries, hours of contemplation in the Church, Holy
Communion, fastings, and other works of penance. We will do

that for a month. Afterwards we will send that person a card including
what we offered to God for him/her and invite that person to join us
for the Divine Liturgy. Participants can do it in their own time. The
group will meet once a month as a group for about 45 minutes. More
details in future bulletins.

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**Please pray for our parishioners and friends that are
homebound, ill or recovering:**

For Agniewska Newman, Katie Jensen by Tom Marsh, Private intention of
Susan Rogacki, Kathleen G. Mrs. Goetz. oSö, Dave B.; Norman M. by Flor;
for a young man in an induced coma who suffered from a brain aneurism by
Jackie (he is doing better); Betty M. by John Holden, Mike (by John Holden);
Lydia E. Rivera de Fonseca; Katherine, Ben with Leukemia Special intention of
Christine Holden, Bill Anaka, Susan Underwood, Emilarie Quinones, Roberto
Fonseca, Dick Linch, Bernadette Linch, Nicholas Pasquarella, Michele Forkl,
Antoinette Dimino, Anthony Shilen, Sister Teresa, Barbara Mashlonik,
Genevieve Maksymik, Joseph Procyk, Fr. Marijan Procyk, Joe & Julie Lakatos
and daughter. Deacon Pasquella, Aunt Sarah from Michele Forkl; Kathy
Kwiecien, Steve Kwiecien, Stephany by her daughter Andrea, Frank J. Forkl,
John C., for Veronica intention of Mrs. Margie Lawrie, for Jordan who went
through brain surgery by Chris and John Holden, Debbie and Michael Fago by
D. Wik. For 12 years old Elizabeth by Rose and Dave; Mrs. Helen Gordon,
Paquita Beltran.

The Sunday of the Holy Forefathers is the Sunday that falls
between December 11-17, the second Sunday before
the Nativity. The ancestors of Christ according to the flesh are
remembered on this Sunday of the Nativity Fast. All the great
Fathers and Mothers and Prophets of the Old Testament,
starting with Adam, Abraham, the
Righteous Sarah, Isaac and Jacob, including Holy
Prophet Elias and Daniel, and concluding with Holy
Prophet Zechariah (Zachary), Joachim and Anna, Holy
Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist and The Theotokos.
They lived before the Law and under the Law, especially the
Patriarch Abraham, to whom God said, "In thy seed shall all of
the nations of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3, 22:18).

Sunday of the Fathers: On this day, the Sunday before the Nativity
of Christ, we have been enjoined by our holy and God-bearing Fathers
to make **commemoration of all them** that from the beginning of
time have been well-pleasing unto God, from Adam even unto Joseph
the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos, according to genealogy, as
Luke the Evangelist hath **recounted historically**; and likewise for
the Prophets and Prophetesses, especially of Daniel the Prophet and
the three holy youths.

It is also known as the Sunday of the Holy Genealogy. We remember
the aforementioned names, those in the Old Testament who were
related to Christ by blood, and those who spoke of His Birth as a
man. In the Divine Liturgy, we shall read of Jesus Christ's lineage from
the Gospel of Saint Matthew. In this way, the Church shows us that
Christ truly became a man, taking on human nature. **He was not a
ghost, an apparition, a myth, a distant imagined god, or the
abstract god of philosophers; such a god does not have a
family tree.** Our God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. **He
has flesh and blood, human ancestors**—many of whom sinned
greatly, but like David, also repented greatly. Yet, all of these righteous
ones in every age had been well-pleasing to God because they loved
Him. By taking on human nature, the Son of God became like us in all
ways, in flesh and blood, in mind and soul, and in heart and will. He
differed from us in only one way: He could not sin. Since we know that
Christ's human nature remained sinless, He is also fully divine, and He
shows us the way in which we can avoid sin, and so improve and
transform our human nature.

**By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us.
Amen**