

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

Icon of the Flight into Egypt -- Matthew 2:13-23

December 27, 2020 – SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS – Memory of David, Joseph, and James

Tropar, Kontakion, Prokimenon, Alleluia Tone 5 - Gal 1:11-19; Mt 2:13-23

Sat. Dec. 26 Synaxis of the Theotokos and St. Joseph, her Spouse

4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy +Marion Dorosy by Family (Livestream)

Sun. Dec. 27 Sunday After Christmas – Memory of David, Joseph, and James

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:00 am Rosary – (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for Our Parish Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Mon. Dec. 28 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy for +John D. Krenisky by John Krenisky (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Tues. Dec. 29 The Holy Innocents

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy for +Andrea Washlock III by Andrea Loya (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Wed. Dec. 30 St. Anysia (+304)

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
5:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Thur. Dec. 31 Venerable, Melany, a Roman Lady (+439) – New Year's Eve

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
7:00 pm Great Vespers with Litija (Livestream)

Fri. Jan. 1, 2021 Circumcision of Our Lord – Basil the Great, Archbishop – New Year's Day

7:30 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Divine Liturgy for +Ken Krenishy by John Krenisky (Livestream)
7:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Livestream)

Sat. Jan. 2 Saturday Before Theophany

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
8:30 am Slavonic Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
4:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy for +Linda Sevcik by Michael Robusto (Livestream)

Sun. Jan. 3 Sunday Before Theophany

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:00 am Rosary – (Livestream)
9:30 am Divine Liturgy (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for Our Parish Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers (Livestream)

Watch the livestream at www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube LOGOS TV - PARMA

MASK REQUIRED IN CHURCH BUILDINGS: Masks are mandatory for anyone attending Divine Liturgies. (Exceptions are those with health issues that prohibit wearing a mask and children ten and under.) We ask that you cooperate with this request. If you are uncomfortable wearing a mask or simply “uncomfortable” being inside the church we continue to provide the services on livestream for you to watch from home (www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube LOGOS TV – PARMA).

Thank you! To everyone that donated towards the Special Collection for the Retired Sisters of St. Basil. A total of \$340.00 was collected and forwarded to the Eparchy.

The 2020/21 Annual Stewardship Appeal: *Christ is born! Glorify Him!* Consider the Father’s Gift of the Christ Child and how you can offer your time, talent, and treasure back to God in thanksgiving. Help support the Eparchy of Parma’s Annual Stewardship Appeal through a one-time or monthly donation at parma.org/2021appeal. Thank you for your generosity and a blessed Nativity to you!

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY (ALL) : All are invited to join in as we pray the rosary together before the Sunday, 9:30 am Divine Liturgy each week at the Cathedral. We will pray the rosary together in church as a group. Please plan on joining us, adults and children are encouraged to attend as we will be praying the joyful mysteries! Those who are at home may pray along with the Livestream.



2021 DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES AND CALENDARS (ALL): 2021 Donation Envelopes for all parishioners of the Cathedral, Holy Spirit, and St. Mary Church are ready for pick up at the Cathedral building in the Bridal Room (located in the back of church near the restrooms). The boxes of envelopes are grouped by church and are in alphabetical order. If you do not see your box, please call the parish office at (440) 884-8452. Liturgical calendars are also available with the envelopes.

Summary of the survey for three parishes
(Cathedral of St. John – Holy Spirit – St. Mary's)

All three parishes are within the 5-mile radius from each other. Currently the services are being held at the Cathedral of St. John with Saturday Great Vespers at 4 pm, Divine Liturgy at 5 pm, and on Sundays with Matins at 8 am, Divine Liturgy at 9:30 am, and Divine Liturgy at 11 am. Attendance at all services together is about 120. Before Covid-19 the attendance was altogether 280 people. The survey was taken during the month of September 2020. Out of the 359 sent out, 141 people responded (Cathedral 30 responses, Holy Spirit 52 responses, St. Mary's 59 responses):

1. How far do you travel to Liturgy?
 - a. Less than 1 mile – 17
 - b. 2 to 5 miles – 56
 - c. 6 to 10 miles – 30
 - d. 11 to 20 miles – 19
 - e. Greater than 20 miles – 8
2. Service you attend.
 - a. Saturday Liturgy – 69
 - b. Sunday Liturgy – 97
 - c. Holy Days – 65
3. If your church was merged with another Byzantine church, would you:
 - a. Attend another Byzantine Church – 51
 - b. Attend the newly merged Church – 80
 - c. Attend a Roman Catholic Church – 12
 - d. Not go to Church – 12
4. Your age Spouse's age

a. 20-30	3	a. 20-30	1
b. 31-40	4	a. 31-40	2
c. 41-50	9	a. 41-50	16
d. 51-60	19	a. 51-60	7
e. 61-70	32	a. 61-70	19
f. 70+	67	a. 70+	31

Summary of the survey for three parishes (continued)

5. Do you have children attending Church?

a. Yes: List ages

A. Adult 23

B. Toddler 1

C. Children 4

D. Teen 7

b. No 56

c. We have no children 25

6. If your children are married does their family attend your Parish Church?

a. Yes 12

b. No 51

c. N/A 63

7. Are you aware that for the last several Sunday's collections for your church do not cover the cost of monthly utilities, upkeep and maintenance?

a. Yes 90

b. No 48

8. Do you support fundraisers?

a. Yes support financially 98

b. Yes support with participation 59

c. Yes support with volunteering services 48

d. I would support future fundraisers 34

e. No, I do not support 11

9. Would you be able to increase your weekly offering in the next year?

a. Yes 58

b. No 46

10. Are you aware of an online giving option?

a. Yes 102

b. No 30

PRAY DAILY - have a keep able rule of prayer that you do by discipline. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day. Any time you have an opportunity to say a prayer, take advantage of it.

The devil tries to

eliminate your prayer since the prayer eliminates the devil.

- For courage to repent (to go to confession) - **St. John Forerunner, pray for us!** (40x)
- For Peace in the World – **Lord, have mercy!** (40 times)
- For Our Children – **Holy Father Nicholas, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the Sick and Those in Need – **O Most Holy Trinity, save us!** (40 times)
- For Our Parish – **O Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the courage to sing in church – **Holy Father Roman, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the departed – **Psalms 51, 91, 119 (50, 90, 118 in LXX)**
- Jesus Prayer – **"Lord Jesus Christ,* Son of God,* have mercy on me* a sinner!"**



Every evening before you go to bed, simply go through the whole day and think what you have done right or wrong, do the examination of conscience, and ask the good Lord for forgiveness. Make a sign of the cross over the place where you sleep and say: **"Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and body. Do You Yourself bless me, have mercy on me, and grant me life eternal. Amen."**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE (ALL):

Parishioners of all 4 parishes (Cathedral, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, St. Nicholas Croatian) may continue to mail their donation envelopes to the Parish Office, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129 or simply drop them in the black locked mail box outside the office door. They will then be deposited into the proper church account. ***Please also continue to use your church envelopes when turning in your donations and print your full name on the outside of the envelope, on the line provided. This will help with the recording of your donations in the computer.*** Thank you.

-OR-

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE (ALL): Giving made easy! We now offer electronic giving for all with Churches-GivePlus. You can contribute anywhere, anytime right from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Give online by visiting the website <http://stmarybyz.com/> and clicking on the **Give OnLine Link**. Or download the free GivePlus mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.

Giving online is fast, easy and secure. You can set up single donations, recurring donations and how frequently you wish to give. Online giving can be done either by credit card or a bank account. The first time going to the GivePlus application, create your profile; then login, follow the easy to read screens and make your donation.

If you know of someone that does not have access to the internet, reach out to them by phone to keep them informed with updates and encourage them to continue their daily prayer at home.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS
December 20, 2020

Cathedral Parish	-	<u>\$3,861.00</u>	<u>\$ 60.00</u> Online Giving
Holy Spirit Parish	-	<u>\$ 571.00</u>	<u>\$ 210.00</u> Online Giving
Profit from Slavic Fest Raffle	-	<u>\$6,990.00</u>	
St. Mary's Parish	-	<u>\$3,891.00</u>	<u>\$ 350.00</u> Online Giving

*Have you remembered Your Church in your Will and/or Trust?
Thank you and may God reward your generosity!*

St. Mary Church 250 Club Winner – 12/20/2020

#37 James Banhidy - Captain, Rosemary Trompak



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND CONFINED:

St. Mary's – John Krenisky, Kathleen Miller, Mary Ann Ridilla; Ray Yasenchak; Esther Morganosky; John Anitas; Pat Asmondy; Goldie Barvinchak; Pearl Beningo; Mildred Bobick; JoAnn Chaky; Eva Cook; Seleema Corrigan; Sally Csejpes; Lois Deighton; Dolores Furda; Mary Grauel; Ruthann Hodar, Margaret Huges, Rosemary Kennick; Larry Lantz; Barbara Miterko; Eleen Monoc; Carl Panko; Sue Peterchalk; Joseph Popik; Eleen Reese; David Starling; Isabelle Sweeney; Bob & Mary Zelenka.

Cathedral – Theresa Dorony; Phil Nechvatal; Joe Kaltner; Helen Fredericks; Frank Lizanich; Carol Morin.

Holy Spirit – Violet Kassay, Carol Marino, Margaret Girman, Samuel Basalla, Jim Neitzel, Elizabeth Loya; George Hapker; Ken Kalas; Ann Yorko; Janice Misch; Richard Onderak; Elizabeth Sheppard; Helen Sawchak; Carol Vasil; Helen Alpine; Andrea Seman; Carol and Richard Bub. Helen Jeris; Marge Kordic; Walter Badovinac; Mary Ann Zubovich; Michelle Zubovich-Simon.

Call Fr. Marek at (440) 783-2051 for **Emergency Sick Call Visits**

St. Mary's Church, 4600 State Rd, Cleveland (SM) Phone: 216.741.7979

www.stmarybyz.com

St. John's Cathedral, 1900 Carlton Rd, Parma (CATH) Phone: 216.661.8658

Holy Spirit Church, 5500 West 54th St., Parma (HS) Phone: 440.884.8452

Most Rev. Milan Lach, SJ, Bishop of Parma

Very Rev. Mitred Archpriest Marek Visnovsky, Pastor

Deacon Joseph Hnat (St. Mary Parish), Deacon Gregory Loya (Cathedral Parish),

Deacon Robert Cripps (Holy Spirit Parish)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES held at the Cathedral and Livestream at parma.org:

Saturday: 7:30 am Matins; 8 am and 5 pm Divine Liturgy; 4 pm Great Vespers

Sunday: 8 am Matins; 9:30 am and 11 am Divine Liturgy; 3 pm Vespers

HOLY DAY SERVICES: 7 am Festal Matins; 8 am Divine Liturgy (6 pm Great Vespers with Litija the evening before the holy day)

DAILY SERVICES: 7:30 am Matins; 8 am Divine Liturgy; 5 pm Vespers

The Flight into Egypt of the Holy Family

Egypt is situated to the southwest of Judea, and is distant from Bethlehem perhaps about 60 miles. It was at this time a Roman province. There were many Jews there, who had a temple and synagogues (see the notes at Isaiah 19:18), and Joseph, therefore, would be among his own countrymen, and yet beyond the reach of Herod.

The jurisdiction of Herod extended only to the River Sihon, or "river of Egypt," and, of course, beyond that Joseph was safe from his designs. For a description

of Egypt, see the notes at Isaiah 19. It is remarkable that this is the only time in which our Saviour was out of Palestine, and that this was in the land where the children of Israel had suffered so much and so long under the oppression of the Egyptian kings. The very land which was the land of bondage and groaning for the Jews, became now the land of refuge and safety for the new-born King of Judea.

God can overturn nations and kingdoms, so that those whom he loves shall be safe anywhere.