



**The Holy Assumption of
Saint Mary**
Byzantine Catholic Church

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Confessions: Saturday 3:30 PM / Sunday 8:30 AM or weekdays by request

12 November 2017

Schedule of Divine Services

SATURDAY 11 November	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE OUR VENERABLE FATHER JOHN THE MERCIFUL, PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA OUR VENERABLE FATHER NILUS / THE HOLY MARTYR JOSAPHAT, BISHOP OF POLOTSK 4:00 PM Divine Liturgy: + <i>Stephen Wudmaska</i> by daughters, Rita and Joan
SUNDAY 12 November	8:30 AM Morning Prayers 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy: For the <i>People of St. Mary Parish</i>
MONDAY 13 November	OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE 12:00 PM Divine Liturgy: + <i>John Kozich</i> and <i>Carol Kozich</i> by John G. Kozich
TUESDAY 14 November	THE HOLY AND ILLUSTRIOUS APOSTLE PHILLIP / OUR HOLY FATHER GREGORY PALAMAS 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy: + <i>Charles Kopcho</i> by +Keith S. Russin Beginnig of Phillip's Fast / Filipovka Post'
FRIDAY 17 November	OUR HOLY FATHER GREGORY THE WONDER-WORKER, BISHOP OF NEOCAESAREA 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy: + <i>Ernest H. Spencer</i> by Marko Family
SATURDAY 18 November	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE THE HOLY PROPHET OBADIAH / THE HOLY MARTYR BARLAAM 4:00 PM Divine Liturgy: + <i>John Selepak</i> by wife, Mary and Family
SUNDAY 19 November	8:30 AM Morning Prayers 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy: For the <i>People of St. Mary Parish</i>

BASKET RAFFLE: Please stop by the Candle Room and buy your lucky tickets for the Christmas Basket Raffle that will take place during our Parish St. Nicholas Dinner.

Stewardship: 11/5/17

Offertory	\$1588.00
Dues	111.00
Holydays	23.00
Fuel	10.00
Building/ Reno	5.00
Candles	<u>89.00</u>

Total: **\$1,826.00**

Propers
for
The Divine Liturgy
Resurrection Tone 6
Divine Liturgy Book, page 152

Let us remember in prayer:

. . . Those who are ill or convalescing. May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.

. . . All those who are in some special need of God's loving kindness and mercy at this time. Let us remember particularly the "Candle Prayer Requests" of all who have asked for the prayerful support of our Parish Family in their special intentions . . . +MaryAnn T. Sakalas by Michele; Special Intention of Roz by Andy; Special Intention of Andy and Jonathon by Judy and Bud; Special Intention of William B. Evans by Mom; Better health of Cynthia Fernandez by Mom; +Frank L. Sabach by Mom.

ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION: Our Parish observance of the Feast of our Great Patron St. Nicholas will take place on Sunday, 3rd December. Please refer to the flyer in this bulletin. There is a sign-up sheet in the Candle Room.

PILGRIM VOCATION ICON: This program continues through the Great Fast / Lent in every Byzantine Catholic Parish in the United States. Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for and encourage others within the Church that they might respond generously to God's call in their lives. We need generous men and women to minister among us as priests, deacons, monastics, and sisters. We also need people like you to pray for and encourage them. Sign up today to have the Pilgrim Vocation Icon in your home. You will be greatly blessed. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Candle Room.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: The 2017 Bishop's Appeal runs from 1st October through 31st December 2017. Information for the Appeal has been mailed directly from the Chancery Office. The Annual Appeal supports our diocesan programs and ministries including: parish revitalization, deacon formation, education of seminarians and priests, Eastern Christian Formation programs, the Heritage Museum and Library, Digital outreach and communications, youth events, and assistance to the Blessed Theodore Romža Seminary in Užhorod. It also offers valuable subsidies to the medical insurance and other insurance programs of our parishes. Our goal remains the same as previous years: \$19,800.00. If we achieve that goal – or exceed it – our parish will receive a 40% rebate of those funds for use in our own church

Donations made up to 31st December may be included with charitable donations on your 2017 income tax returns.

PASTOR'S ADVISORY BOARD: There will be a meeting of the Pastor's Advisory Board on Thursday evening, 16th November, beginning at 6:30 PM.

PHILLIP'S FAST / FILIPOVKA POST': With the setting of the sun on the Feast of The Holy Apostle Phillip (14th November) we will begin the Preparatory Fast for the Feast of our Lord's Nativity. This Fast mirrors the *Great 40-Day Fast* before the glorious Feast of the Resurrection. While we are not bound to observe the more rigorous traditional fasting prescriptions, *Simple Abstinence from meat* is recommended on *Wednesdays* (in addition to *Fridays*) and it would also be appropriate to devote time to spiritual preparation amid all of our other tasks as we anticipate the Feast of Christ's Birth.

BUS TRIP: St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Scranton is sponsoring a Christmastime bus trip to New York City on Saturday, December 9, 2017. There will be three stops in Manhattan: the Ukrainian Village on the lower East Side, Bryant Park's Winter Village housing 125 vendors in midtown, the Christmassy Fifth Avenue area. We'll have an opportunity to enjoy some tasty Ukrainian goodies, see many beautiful Christmas decorations including the famous Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center and more. Participants can follow the above three-stop itinerary or are free to do their own thing for part or all of the day. Departure from St. Vladimir Church, 428 North Seventh Avenue will be at 8:00 AM and departure from New York City for home will be at 8:30 PM. Cost is \$42.00 per person. For additional details and to make reservations contact Paul Ewasko at 570-563-2275. Checks should be made payable to St. Vladimir Church and mailed to Paul at 55 Waterford Road, Dalton, PA 18414.

OPERATION SWEATERS FOR VETERANS BEGINS NOVEMBER 4th:

On Saturday, November 11, 2017 Americans will commemorate Veterans Day, a day set aside to thank our nation's veterans for service given and sacrifices made to protect the freedoms our great nation. John V. Morris Family Funeral Homes, Inc. is one of nearly one thousand Veterans & Family Memorial Care funeral home providers across America that is sponsoring the 10th Annual - Operation Sweaters For Veterans.

Beginning on Monday, November 4th and continuing thru Friday November 12th, John V. Morris Family Funeral Homes Inc. will be collecting *new sweaters and gloves* that will delivered to local VA Hospitals, VA Homes and Veterans Service Organizations. Everyone in the community is invited to support our veterans by donating new sweaters and gloves in the drop off box in the vestibule of our church.