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Day/Commemoration	Time	Service
December 17 th – Sunday of the Forefathers	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	9:30 am	Third Hour
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy
	3:00 pm	Divine Liturgy in Ft. Collins
December 20 th – Wednesday: Ignatius, Bishop & Martyr	6:00 pm	Emmanuel Moleben
	6:30 pm	Divine Liturgy
	6:30 pm	Emmanuel Moleben, Northern Prayer Group
December 21 st – Thursday: Juliana, Martyr	7:30 am	Matins
December 22 nd – Friday: Anastasia, Martyr	12:05 pm	Royal Hours
December 23 rd – Saturday: Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete	4:30 pm	Vespers
December 24 th – Sunday before Christmas/ of the Ancestors	8:00 am	Divine Liturgy
	9:30 am	Third Hour
	10:30 am	Divine Liturgy
	4:00 pm	Vespers- Liturgy
	9:00 pm	Christmas Compline
Mystery (Sacrament) of Reconciliation: Sundays at 9:30am or by appointment		

Upcoming Sunday Social Schedule:

12/ 17 8:00 am – Perla Hoskins: Mexican Food
 10:30 am – Doughnuts and Bagels

12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE – No Food

12/31 8:00 am – Ladies Guild
 10:30 am – Doughnuts and Bagels

Christmas/ Theophany Liturgy Schedule

This is a partial Christmas and Theophany schedule. For a full schedule of serves please visit our website: <http://holyprotection.org/ChristmasSchedule>

12/24 Paramony

4:30 pm Vesperal-Divine Liturgy
 6:00 pm Christmas Play
 9:00 pm Great Compline

12/25 Nativity of Our Lord

8:00 am Festal Matins
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy

1/5 Vigil Feast of Theophany

12:00 pm Royal Hours
 5:30 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy with Great Blessing of Water

1/6 Feast of Theophany

8:00 am Festal Matins
 10:00 am Divine Liturgy
 12:00 pm Procession and Blessing of the Lake

Pray for our ill and homebound parishioners:

O Christ God, Divine Physician of soul and body, send your blessings upon your servants:

Fr. Christopher Zugger, Olga Bodnar, Matthew Suppes, Tracy Pender, Fred Fraikor, Lance Spitzner, Margaret Chando, Ray Mega, Helen Kmeck, Jeanne "Grammy" O'Loughlin, Erica Cornett, Dough Cramer, Renee Nelson, Kevin McKaskey, Jerzy Zielinski, Chris Berry, David, Debbie Berry, Mary Thomas, Jesse Wright, Geraldine Schulz, Caitlin Mulryan, Gary, Nydegger, Christine Lentz, Sandy Woods, Victoria Teunissen, Marco Zawadowych, Marge Driscoll, Richard Horning, Gretchen Lambert, Michael Mancinelli, and Thomas Plahovinsak, Tom Graham, Justin Raimondo, Beth Guilianeli, Michelle Malek and all those in need of your blessings.

Bless also those whom you have given the ministry of caring for the sick. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen

Please tell Fr. Michael if there are any who should be added to this list or if there are any shut-ins to whom the Holy Mysteries (the Sacraments) should be administered.

Announcements

Toy Drive

We are once again collecting unwrapped toys to donate to little ones in need this Christmas. Please place donations under the tree, and thank you for your generosity!!

Sanctuary Lamp Sponsors

Reservations for 2018 are now being accepted to sponsor the weekly Sanctuary Lamp for your various intentions.

If you are interested in sponsoring a Sanctuary Lamp please contact John or MaryEllen Oslick at jwoact@comcast.net or [303-284-2304](tel:303-284-2304). The stipend remains \$10.00

Re: a family-in-need we are adopting this Nativity season

Fellow parishioners,

I am writing to further explain the situation of the family our parish are adopting this year for Christmas, as mentioned by Fr. Michael last Sunday. And near the bottom of this email, I provide information about how we all can help.

The Nickels Family:

Tanya has known this family for a long time. When the husband lost his job a while back, they lost their house. They then lived in a van and, eventually, on the street. Although they got off the streets for a little while, they lost their apartment when the wife got emphysema. They now live in a motel and are barely able to make ends meet. For this reason, they don't have money for a Christmas dinner or presents this year.

The wife's emphysema has caused her to lose weight, and she currently weighs around 65 pounds. And her one wish is to have a nice Christmas with her husband and three kids, since she doesn't know what next year will bring. I'm hoping our community can make this happen.

Tanya asked each member of the family to make a Christmas list of practical gifts, as well as a dream gift. (No matter your circumstance, it's always important to continue dreaming.) Tanya and I are hoping that we will be able to provide each member of the family with one small gift and their dream gift, along with a Christmas dinner.

A few donors have volunteered to provide the family a nice, warm meal for Christmas Day. So, what we will be donating are gifts for each member of the Nickels Family. The three kids' dream gifts were laptops, and Lane Andrews and his family generously have offered to donate those. (Thank you so much!) But we still need help covering the following gifts:

- Canon camera
- basic acoustic guitar
- shirts and pants for each member of the family

How we can help:

I believe that we can make this family's Christmas dreams come true for \$650. That's \$10 a person from 65 people. So, during the remaining weeks of this Nativity Fast, please reflect and ask if you can donate \$10 towards our parish's adopted family. Whatever you can give will be very much appreciated, but I hope that \$10 is an amount that many of us can afford, even during this time of year.

If you are willing to help out, please give your donations to me (Patrick); I will be at the 10:30 Sunday liturgies. I also will be at church after the 8:30 Sunday liturgies, so you can give me any donations then. And if neither of these work, email me at patrick.a.withers@gmail.com, and we'll figure out something.

Thank you so much for making a difference in the lives of people who are most in need this season!

Parish Celebrations

Happy Birthday to

Diana Kullman
12/21

May God grant you many happy and blessed years!

Did we miss you?
Please email your name, birthdays and anniversaries to:
bulletin@holyprotection.org

Collections

December 10, 2017

Parish Souls
8:00: 38
10:30: 61
Tithe: \$1006
Christmas: \$50

Outreach
Souls: 32
Tithe: \$521.25

**Mark your calendars for these upcoming
Parish & Liturgy Events:**

- Dec 10** – ECF
Dec 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve
Dec 25 – The Nativity of Our Lord
Dec 26 – Synaxis of the Theotokos
Dec 27 – St. Stephen, Protomartyr

Divine Liturgy Guide

The Divine Liturgy begins on page 11. Option [A] unless noted.

**December 10th– The Sunday of the Forefathers
Tone 3**

<u>When you get to the...</u>	<u>Go to...</u>
<i>Troparion</i> on pg. 27_____	pg. 135, 281
<i>Kontakion</i> on pg. 27_____	pg. 281
<i>Prokeimenon</i> on pg. 34_____	pg. 282
<i>Alleluia</i> on pg. 34_____	pg. 282
Readings: Col 3: 4- 11; Lk 14: 16- 24	
<i>Communion Hymn</i> on pg. 78_____	pg. 132

**THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP continues to burn before the real
presence of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ**

December 17-24 2017

For the safety of Tech Sgt. Nicholas Tessmer

From the GCU:

You are invited to sponsor the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in our Church for your intentions. The Sanctuary Lamp is a special candle that remains perpetually lit (near the front of the Church) to honor Our Lord Jesus' Eucharistic Presence: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Tabernacle on the Holy Table (Altar). If you are interested in sponsoring this vigil candle, the usual stipend is \$10. It will burn from Sunday through Saturday, and the bulletin will remind your fellow parishioners of your special intention or the memory of a loved one. You may request as often as you would like. To submit, please contact John or MaryEllen Oslick at 303-284-2304 or jwoact@comcast.net. Please include your name, intention, and the week you would like it to burn (every effort will be made to honor the week requested). Checks should be made payable to: GCU LODGE 144.