

Descent of the Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Church
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Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory now and Forever!

Schedule of Divine Liturgies

Sunday December 11th – 10:30 am For health, wellbeing and growth of the
Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish (Sunday of the Forefathers) St. Nicholas visiting
us today

Epistle: Col 3:4-11

Gospel: Lk: 14:16-24

Sunday December 18th – 10:30 am For health, wellbeing and growth of the
Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish (Sunday before Christmas)

Epistle: Heb 11:9-10 and 32-40

Gospel: Mt. 1:1-25

Confession

Confessions are available on Sundays or Feast days after the Liturgy

Intention cards

We should remember to pray for our family members and for relatives, as well for the deceased. In case if you would like to have the Divine Liturgy for health and God's blessings for family members, relatives or friends or for the deceased members of family please let the priest know at least two weeks before.

Sacraments

Those who wish to receive Sacrament of First Holy Communion or Marriage, please talk to the priest at least 6 months prior to the event.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Season Schedule:

Saturday December 24th – 4:00 pm Great Compline with Litiya

Sunday December 25th – 11:00 am Christmas Divine Liturgy

Monday December 26th – 6:00 pm Synaxis of Theotokos Divine Liturgy (Solemn)

Tuesday December 27th – 8:00 am Stephen Protomartyr Divine Liturgy (Simple)

Urgent collection

It was planned to replace the rectory furnace next year; however, plans had to be changed. House furnace stop working last night and it needs to be replaced before temperature will drop down, so we would not get more damage in the house. Please be generous in your donations.

Fasting and Abstaining

St. Isidore

Fasting in respect of food is of no benefit for those who fail to fast with all their senses; for whosoever is successfully waging his battle must be temperate in all things.

St. John Chrysostom

The fast should be kept not by the mouth alone but also by the eye, the ear, the feet, the hands and all the members of the body: the eye must abstain from impure sights, the ear from malicious gossip, the hands from acts of injustice.

St. Clement of Alexandria

Fasting is abstention from foods according to the meaning of the word, but the food does not make us either more just or more unjust. Yet, in its mystical meaning it declares that as the life of each one depends upon food, total abstention is the sign of death. Thus we ought to abstain from worldly things, for we would die as far as worldly matters are concerned, and after that, when we partake of food of divine nature, we will live in God. Above all, total abstention empties the soul of matter, and presents the soul pure and nimble to the body according to the divine words. Then, on the one hand, worldly nourishment consists of temporal life and iniquities, while divine nourishment is faith, hope, love, patience, knowledge, peace, prudence as our Lord said in Matthew: 'Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled' (5:6), where truly He attributes this longing to the soul and not to the body.

December 4th Collection

Thanks for your generous donations for Descent of the Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Plate Collection: \$395

Candles: \$ 30

Flowers: \$ 25

Total: \$450

Church Furnice rebate: \$300

St. Nicholas Bazar : \$3582.25

God Bless You ALL!

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