

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 November 13th – 10:30 am For health, wellbeing and growth of the
Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish (26th Sunday after Pentecost)

Epistle: Eph.: 5:9-19

Gospel: Lk: 10:25-37

Christmas Lent 11/15 – 12/24

November 19th - 8:00 am Divine Liturgy + Katherine Frederico and
Pyrohy making after the Liturgy

Sunday November 20th – 10:30 am For health, wellbeing and growth of the
Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish (27th Sunday after Pentecost)

Epistle: Eph.: 6: 10-17

Gospel: Lk: 12: 16-21

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. There are intention cards available in the foyer of the church to be filled out if you would like to have the Liturgy for family members, relatives or friends.

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

- 1. November 20th Moleben to the Mother of God after Liturgy (End of year of Mercy, but not end of works of mercy!)**
- 1. Church needs your help with pyrohy making. We will do pyrohy on the following dates: **November 19****

Thank You

Thanks to all who helped to make our pyrohy and all the other goods for St. Nicholas Bazar. Your work is very valued and important for our parish.

Why Do We Keep Phillip's Fast?

Unlike the Great Fast before the Feast of the Resurrection (Pascha), the Phillipian fast is often confused with the Roman Catholic practice of Advent.

Since the Nativity / Theophany events hold less importance than Pascha – the Feast of Feasts – (the Resurrection), a detailed structure never evolved for the Phillipian Fast. Yet the Phillipian Fast is an ancient practice in preparation for the Incarnation and Theophany of the Lord Jesus Christ. This 40 day fast is important and should be preserved and practiced. The Phillipian Fast can help us to better understand and appreciate all of God's saving plan.

Without the structure and public events to guide us, the practice of the Phillipian Fast has gradually fallen off. Theologically, the birth and the public ministry of Christ are inextricable linked. The Phillipian Fast was created to prepare us to receive Christ into the world and begin His public ministry. They are two sides of a single coin. The Phillipian fast prepares us to receive the public ministry of Christ announced at Theophany.

On arriving at Bethlehem and the Nativity on December 25th, we begin to prepare for the Theophany. We do not stop at the Nativity. In our joy at God's arrival, we press forward and see the Theophany. With Theophany we experience the beginning of Christ's revelation to us of the mysteries of God. Most important of all, this event points out the Mystery of the Trinity, a mystery long hinted in the Old Testament.

(Steve Puluka)

November 6th Collection

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

Plate Collection: \$526

Candles: \$71

Tag Sale: \$277

Beatification: \$20

Total: \$894

God Bless You ALL!

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