Descent of the Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Church 44 Sugarloaf Street South Deerfield, MA 01373

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Glory to Jesus Christ! – Glory Now and Forever!

Schedule of Divine Liturgies

10:10 Rosary prayer

SUNDAY December 20 10:30am - <u>Divine Liturgy for health and spiritual</u>

wellbeing of all parishioners 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

Thursday December 24 - 6:00 pm Christmas Divine Liturgy

Saturday December 26 – 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy Synaxis of the Theotokos

10:10 Rosary prayer

SUNDAY December 27 10:30am - <u>Divine Liturgy for health and spiritual</u>

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(Sunday after Christmas)

Epistle: Gal. 1:11-19

Gospel: Mt. 2: 13-23

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish many, happy and healthy years and ask God's blessings for Mrs. Mary Jeanne Perlmutter and Mrs. Theresa Filipi on the occasion of Birthday. Mnohaya Lita!!!!

Fast in UGCC

Fast is time of penance and abstinence. The goal of which is to make up for the sins and to reach higher perfection.

During the Christmas Fast all faithful should fast on Wednesdays and Fridays by abstinence from meat and all products that may contain meat. All other days are allowed to eat all kind of food.

During all days of fast faithful are obliged to abstain from participation or organization of any festive celebrations (weddings, dances and other similar events)

Children up to 14 years and people 60 years old and up are not obliged to keep the rules of fast.

Also people who are very sick, pregnant, mothers after delivery and nursing mothers, travelers (if the trip is longer than 8 hours), poor and those who live on almsgiving are not obliged to keep the rules of fast.

Receiving HOLY EUCHARIST

Holy Eucharist – Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (Holy Communion) – is one of the seven Sacraments. It has to be received worthily for the salvation of our soul. Holy Eucharist is not just representation of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ but after the Consecration becomes the **Body and Blood of Jesus Christ**. When preparing ourselves for the receiving of the Holy Eucharist we should examine our conscience and make sure if we do not have any mortal sins. (In case of mortal sin we need to have the Sacrament of Confession). Make act of contrition for all your venial sins and then with reverence receive Holy Eucharist

In December

6th – St. Nicholas Archbishop of Myra

8th – Maternity of the Holy Anna solemn feast

25th – Christmas

26th – Synaxis of the Theotokos

December 13 Collection

Feast: \$ 60

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.

Support request

Dear parishioners of the Descent of the Holy Spirit as we all face those difficult times all may have financial difficulties and our parish is at the point to face the financial difficulty as well. We need your support to be able to pay the parish bills. Our yearly bazaars were big chunk of parish expenses, but this year we were not able to do them. Those who may have ideas how to raise funds please bring up those ideas.

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Total: \$ 245

May God Bless You ALL!

Christ is Born!- Glorify Him!



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Preparation for the Sacrament of Confession

Please use the handouts for the preparation of the confession.



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