

Descent of the Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Church
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Christ is Born! – Glorify Him!

Schedule of Divine Liturgies

- 10:10 Rosary prayer

SUNDAY January 26th 10:30am - Divine Liturgy for health and spiritual wellbeing of all parishioners and growth of the Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish

Parish Christmas Dinner

(33rd Sunday after Pentecost)

Epistle: 1Tim. 4:9-15

Gospel: Lk. 19:1-10

Thursday January 30 - 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Saturday February 1st – 8:00 am Divine Liturgy

- 10:10 Rosary prayer

SUNDAY February 2nd 10:30am - Divine Liturgy for health and spiritual wellbeing of all parishioners and growth of the Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish

(Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee and Meeting of our Lord with Simeon)

Epistle: 2 Tim 3:10-15 / Heb. 7:7-17

Gospel: Lk. 18:10-14/ Lk. 2:22-40

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.

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.

Coming up events

Dates for Pierogy preparation and pinching

February 1st and week before preparation

March 7th and week before preparation

March 21st and week before preparation

All Souls Saturdays/ Sorokoystu

During the Great lent we have All souls Saturdays/ Sorokoystu Divine Liturgies when we pray for our deceased relatives. Why do we need to pray for the dead? - As we read in the Gospel of Mathew 5:48 God wants us be perfect as He is perfect or as we read in the letter to Hebrews 12:14 that without holiness no one will see the Lord. We start that process in our life on earth by accepting the sufferings of this life and doing penance so we may grow in holiness. However, not all but rather few may leave this world perfect. Therefore, the souls still need some purification by purging fire as we read in 1 Cor. 3:14-15. We pray for the dead so they may be loosed from sins 2 Maccabees 12:46

Prepare the list of your deceased relatives and give in advance to the priest to be included in All Souls Liturgies, which is updated every year. Preparing the list we recall all our deceased and renew our intentions to pray for their souls.

Donation for the St. Basil seminary

During the Great Lent on the 3rd week of Lent Fr. Rector Rev. Bohdan Tymchyshyn with seminarians will come to our parish to celebrate Presanctified Liturgy. That's one of the ways to get some support for the seminarians of St. Basil. Please be generous in your donations.

In February

2nd – feast of meeting of our Lord with Simeon – blessing of candles – the week following this feast is free from fasting or abstinence.

15th – First All Souls Saturday

17th – 21 – Cheesfare week – no Liturgies on Wednesday or Friday

24th – beginning of the Great Lent (follow the eparchial guidelines of Great Lent)

God Bless You ALL!

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