



December 16, 2018
Sunday of the Forefathers



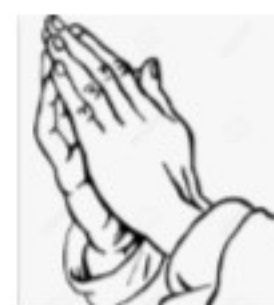
Liturgical Schedule

Dec. 15 (Sat) Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
<i>+George Yarosik req by Janet & David Yarosik</i>	
Dec. 16 (Sun) Sunday of the Forefathers	
Divine Liturgy	10:30am
Dec. 22 (Sat) Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
<i>+John Fekete req by Michael & Arlene Dzura</i>	
Dec. 23 (Sun) Sunday Before Christmas	
Divine Liturgy	10:30am
Dec. 24 (Mon) VESPERS WITH THE DIVINE LITURGY	
OF ST BASIL	8:00pm
Dec. 25 (Tue) CHRISTMAS - BIRTH OF OUR LORD	
Divine Liturgy	10:30am

Our Tithe to our parish
 December 9, 2018 - - - \$2,591.00



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of December 16 thru December 22 for +Brother Thomas Somerfeld.



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.

Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Marion Campbell, Steven Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Carl Magdic, Fr. John Petro, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr., Sue Sabol, Ruth Seech, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, Debbie Vasko, John Voron Sr

KOLBASSI SALE

Once again the Mens' Club of SS Peter and Paul Church in Duquesne is sponsoring a Kolbassi Sale. This has proven to be very successful in the past, and our parishioners have raved about the quality and taste of these kolbassi.

Order sheets may be found at the entrance of the church. Final date for orders 12-16.

Mark Your Calendars for January 13, 2019

This year's get together will be held on Sunday January 13, 2019 at Woody's Piazza Ristorante inside the Antonelli Event Center at 100 Colony Drive just off Rt.30. It is located up the hill behind the Howard Hanna Real Estate building. Festivities will start at 12:00 noon followed by a sit down dinner at 1:00pm. You will be able to choose one of three entrees from a menu that will be on the tables where you will be sitting. Children up to age 12 will be able to select spaghetti with meatball or chicken fingers and fries. Everyone will be able to enjoy homemade wedding soup, tossed salad, fresh baked Italian bread and non-alcoholic beverages. The cost for all of this delicious food is just \$25.00 for adults and, as in the past, children and our young adults in high school are free of charge. Signup sheets are in the vestibule of the Church. Although there is no cost for children and young adults, please indicate their ages in the appropriate column on the signup sheet because these meals vary according to age groups.

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ANCESTORS OF CHRIST

MOUNT SAINT MACRINA HOUSE OF PRAYER

Program Schedule

724-438-7149

OPEN HOUSE

Jan. 13, 2019

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Come and spend some time with the Staff
in the warmth of the House of Prayer!



“WINTER RESPITE”

Sr. Carol Petrasovich, OSBM

Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019

10:00am - 1:00pm Includes Lunch

Offering: \$35 Registration Due: Jan. 30

*The stillness and unhurried days of Winter are
an ideal time to experience
“Rest in the Lord.”*

Calendars and Envelopes available in hall of the educational building.

Please let the office know of any additions, changes or errors.

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*When the three holy youths stood in the flaming furnace
as if covered with dew,
they mystically prefigured your coming from the Virgin,
giving light to us without being consumed.
And Daniel, the just and wondrous prophet,
clearly saw in a vision your second divine coming.
He said: I saw thrones set up and the Judge seated
and the river of fire flowing in his presence.
Through their intercession
deliver us from this fire, O Lord.*

On this second Sunday before the feast of the Nativity of Christ, we commemorate the Holy Ancestors of Christ ... those Old Testament figures who somehow foreshadowed him.

Most of us are not as familiar with the Old as we are with the New Testament. And so, we often miss many of the allusions that occur in the prayers and liturgical hymns of our Church.

For example, the above quoted hymn refers to the Three Youths in the fiery furnace along with the prophet Daniel. This account may be read in the Book of Daniel, especially the first three chapters.



The Three Holy Youths refused to worship the golden statue that the King had set up. Thus they were condemned to die in a blazing furnace. But when they entered the white-hot furnace, the flames did not consume them; rather, they were protected by a dew-laden breeze blowing through the furnace ... even though those who had cast them into the furnace were themselves consumed by the heat.

The spiritual writers of our church see in this image of a flaming furnace that did not consume them ... an image of the virgin birth ... that is, Mary gave birth, but her virginity remained intact.