

## SAINT MICHAEL'S WEEKLY

### SAINT MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Very Reverend Protopresbyter Nestor S. Kowal, Pastor

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2013**

**31ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—TONE 6  
EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST  
(GOSPEL: SAINT MATTHEW 1:1-25)  
(EPISTLE: HEB. 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40)**

**CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!**

**Wishing All a Most Blessed Christmas!**



### NATIVITY & THEOPHANY—HOLY DAYS

Mon 1/7	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD—DIVINE LITURGY	9AM
Tue 1/8	SYNAXIS OF BVM	
Wed 1/9	FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN	
Sun 1/13	FEAST OF SAINT MELANIA—DIVINE LITURGY	9AM
Mon 1/14	CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST—NEW YEAR	
Fri 1/18	THEOPHANY EVE	
Sat 1/19	THEOPHANY	

CHURCH ENVELOPES & 2013 WALL CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE!  
KINDLY PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES  
AND IF YOU SEE YOUR NEIGHBORS' ENVELOPES TAKE THEM AS WELL  
SO WE MAY SAVE ON POSTAGE COSTS!

### CANDLES

12/23/12	Eternal Light	IMO parents, Faina & Wasyl, given by Mr. & Mrs. Mykola Levchuk
12/30/12	Eternal Light	IMO of mother, Eva Lasako, given by Mr. Harold Lasako
1/6/13	Eternal Light	IMO of parents, Mary & Sam, and brother, Joseph Sokolowsky, given by Helen Mokis and Pauline Sokolowsky

We ask that you keep our following friends & parishioners in your prayers...

At home

TAMARA BURDA, ALBINA CZAPOWSKYJ, MARCIA & WES DUNN, HELEN ESMUNICKI, ROSE JUICE, EUGENIA KOWAL, FATHER NESTOR & PANI TAMARA KOWAL, HARRY KREWSUN, SHARON MONAHAN, SYLVIA MEREDICK, GEORGE OBAL, ANN PAWLIKOWSKI, BARBARA PECK, HELEN PLISHKA, JEFFREY PLISHKA, JOHN RODITSKI, JOHNNY DILOZIR, HELEN SANCHUK, DIANE SESOK, MIKE & KAY SLAVICH, MARY USCZKAVIZY, SYLVIA VLADIKA, MARY WARHOLAK, HELEN YATZUN & PANI MARTHA ZELENIAK

Allied Skilled Nursing - EVA HUSANITA & Allied Apartments - GEORGE & MARY JANE GULA,

**ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2013**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO BE PRESENT AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART  
IN THE LEADERSHIP AND PLANNING OF YOUR CHURCH!**

### *Christian Children's Fund Project*

**January sponsorship has been offered**

**In memory of parents Nina—Mykola—Faina  
by Mr. & Mrs. Mykola Levchuk**

*Thank you for your kindness!*



*Yanelis Jade Aduviri*

Birthday wishes are extended to...

MARCIA DUNN who is celebrating her day on January 8th  
ELAINE WILLIAMS who is celebrating her day on January 10th  
NESTOR "KIKI" KOWAL who is celebrating his day on January 11th  
&  
GEORGE OBAL who is celebrating his day on January 11th.

MNOHAYA LITAI

Your financial help with our much needed renovation  
Of our rental property is truly needed.  
Your gift of any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Please see Harry Krewsun in the Church Office, today!  
We thank those who have made their contribution to this effort!!!!

PLEASE KEEP FATHER & PANI KOWAL, GEORGE OBAL AND  
MARCIA & WES IN YOUR PRAYERS!

The Enthronement of Our New Metropolitan  
ANTONY

Saturday, January 26, 2013  
Divine Liturgy and Enthronement Rite:  
Saturday - 26 January, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.  
Saint Andrew Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral  
15100 New Hampshire Ave.  
Silver Spring, MD 20905

Agape Feast and Celebration:  
Following Divine Liturgy - 26 January, 2013  
St. Andrew the First-Called Banquet Hall

For more information kindly call 732-356-0090

CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY DVD'S ARE AVAILABLE  
IN THE CHURCH HALL FOR A DONATION OF \$19.99!

THEY MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS...ESPECIALLY FOR THE ELDERLY!  
PLEASE SEE VERA KREWSUN FOR YOUR PURCHASES!

KINDLY BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO CHURCH & CHURCH SCHOOL!  
WE ENCOURAGE THE PARENTS OF YOUNG BOYS AND MEN  
TO SERVE THE ALTAR EACH SUNDAY!



PLEASE KEEP OUR MEN AND WOMEN  
IN THE ARMED FORCES IN YOUR PRAYERS  
GOD BLESS AMERICA

Northeastern Pennsylvania's Ukrainian New Year 9<sup>th</sup> Annual MALANKA  
THIS FRIDAY

January 11, 2013 6PM -1:00AM Saint Vladimir Parish Center, Scranton

The festive evening will include a generous Ukrainian and American dinner buffet catered by Paul Wanas of Accentuate Catering, cash bar, complimentary bubbly toast and dancing to the internationally known Ukrainian orchestra "Fata Morgana". Attractive door prizes will also be awarded.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person. For reservations or additional information contact Vera Krewsun.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE—SEE VERA KREWSUN FOR YOUR RESERVATIONS!



## REMEMBER THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF CHRISTMAS

**D**o you recall the “Dennis the Menace” comics, which chronicled the escapades of a mischievous young lad who constantly got himself into trouble? For many years on Christmas morning, newspapers would run a particular comic strip where Dennis would be standing in the middle of his living room, which was filled with toys and discarded boxes, bows and wrapping paper. With a look of bewilderment on his face, he asks this question: “Is this all there us?” Sadly, for many people, this is all there is to Christmas — the frantic rush to purchase something for someone who doesn’t really need it in the first place, and who likely will return it to the department store the following day! Thankfully, for Christians, this festive day means much more. Whatever Christmas has become in all its secular glory, the most important aspect of this joyous feast is still summed up in its first six letters: C H R I S T! Christmas reminds us that “God so loved the world that He gave His Only-Begotten Son, so that whoever believes in Him may not perish, but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16) Christmas is a time for us to recall that peaceful night when God sent a Savior to His people, keeping His ancient promise. It is a day for us to sing like the angelic hosts: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men!” It is also a day for us to imitate the shepherds, who left from their encounter with the Christ Child glorifying and praising God, and an opportunity for us to exhibit the same perseverance as the Wise Men, seeking our King no matter the sacrifice involved.

As we sing in one of the feast’s hymns of Vespers: “Heaven and earth are united today because Christ is born.” Indeed, this is all there is and all we need to know about this glorious day.

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