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December 29, 2013

13th Sunday of Luke. 27th Sunday after Pentecost.
Sunday of the Holy Ancestors of Our Lord.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 29 13th Sunday of Luke. 27th Sunday after Pentecost. Sunday of the Holy Ancestors of Our Lord.

8:45 – 9:15 AM Confessions

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Special Sheets

Sun., Jan. 5 14th Sunday of Luke. 28th Sunday after Pentecost. Sunday of the Holy Fathers.

8:45 – 9:15 AM Confessions

9:30 AM Divine Liturgy - Special Sheets

New Officers of the Parish Board Sworn in during Divine Liturgy.

Altar Society meets.

FEASTS AND FASTS

Filipovka (Philip's Fast, or Christmas Lent) The *Traditional Fast* requires: (a) Strict Fast (no meat, dairy, and in some places no wine or oil) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; (b) no meat on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The MINIMUM Diocesan Rule is no meat on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Christmas Eve is a DAY OF STRICT FAST in preparation for the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord. No dispensation has been granted from fasting on Jan. 1 (civil calendar).

During the Christmas Fast, Confessions are scheduled for Sunday morning 8:45 – 9:15.

PEOPLE STUFF

Please remember in your prayers:

Deceased: Stephen Roberts.

Living: Stephanie Bonk. Gloria Bracey. Mary Chupron. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Robert & Eddie Hawley. Lorraine Kacaba. Anna Mae Kuklis. Dee Lositski. Peggy Majcher. Emma Sacco. Amy Shimo. Connie Lou Slater. Faye Snell. Marion Sosnowski. Jeff Thomas. Ann Marie Tighe. Gary Wassel. Michael Wassel. Julia Worobey.

At Home: Michael Andreosky. Elizabeth Basalyga. Steve & Julie Roberts. George & Anna Senich. Kathryn Stocoski.

In Assisted Living Homes: Julie Kovacs.

Eternal Light: Memory of John Baron by Bill & Beverly Thomas.

Stephen Roberts fell asleep in the Lord last Sunday, December 22. The funeral was Friday, December 27. Please pray for the soul of Steve. Also please remember his wife Julie, their children and all their family and loved ones as they go through this difficult time. We will celebrate the 40 Day Memorial on Sunday, February 2.

PARISH STUFF

Fr. Nik thanks everyone for their cards, gifts, remembrances and prayers during this season of celebration of the Birth of Our Lord!

2014 Church Calendars & Envelopes: Are now available in the Church Hall. Please pick up yours today.

Parish Board update. At the December Board Meeting, the Parish Board selected, as per the Parish By-Laws, the following officers:

- *President of the Board:* **Jane Togher.**
- *Vice-President:* **Bill Wassel.**

Since both Jane and Bill were already seated on the board as trustees, their old seats are now vacant. As of January 1, the Parish Board will consist of the following:

- *President:* Jane Togher
- *Vice-President:* Bill Wassel
- *Financial Secretary:* Mary Ann Polanichka
- *Recording Secretary:* John Shimo
- *Treasurer:* Nick Polanichka
- *Trustees:*
 - Frank Pucher
 - John Brizinski
 - Mary Brizinski
 - 3 vacant seats

The new Parish Board Officers will be sworn into their office on Sunday, January 5, the first Sunday of the year, at the Divine Liturgy. God grant them many years!

If anyone is interested in taking one of the vacant trustee seats, please see Jane Togher. If more than one person volunteers for a seat, the board will inform the parish of the proper procedure for selection.

The Parish Board, in the name of the parish, thanks **Bill Thomas** for his many years of service to the parish. He worked tirelessly for the parish, often giving service far above and beyond the call of duty. God bless & Many years!

Christmas Almsgiving Collection: The Second Collection taken last Sunday was a total of \$182. This money will be divided between the *Christmas Food Drive* and the *Christmas 'Mitten' Tree Drive* which the parish was conducting over the past few weeks. Thank you for your donations.

Adult Enrichment Gatherings: will continue next year after Christmas. Date and time TBA.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH

December 22, 2013

\$ 2140.50	General Collection
\$ 30.00	1 st Sunday
\$ 87.00	Holy Days
\$ 101.00	7 Day Lights
\$ 90.00	Church Dues
\$ 57.00	Maintenance & Repairs
\$ 14.50	Tapers
\$ 7.00	Eternal Light
\$ 209.00	Christmas Flowers
\$ 3232.00	Pirohi
\$ 10.00	Altar Vigil Lights
\$ 25.00	St. Nicholas Dinner
\$ 182.00	Collection for the Poor
\$ 6185.00	Total Collection

FROM THE DIOCESE & OTHER STUFF

Malanka! Northeastern Pennsylvania's 10th Annual MALANKA is scheduled for Saturday evening, January 11, 2014 from 6:00pm to 1:00am at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 728 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton.

The festive evening will include a generous Slavic and American dinner buffet catered by Paul Wanas of Accentuate Caterers, cash bar, complimentary bubbly toast and dancing to the internationally known Ukrainian orchestra "Fata Morgana". Door prizes will be awarded along with special awards for the lady and gentleman wearing the most attractive Ukrainian embroidered apparel.

Tickets are \$40.00 per person and can be obtained by contacting Michael Trusz at 570 489-1256. *No tickets will be sold at the door - advance reservations are required.*