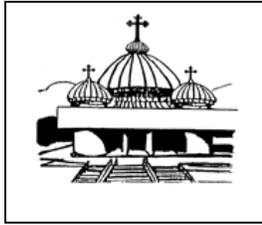


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DIVINE LITURGY:

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) **SUNDAY** 10:30 a.m. (English)

SATURDAY : 4:00 pm (English)

Confession:

Baptisms & Marriages:

Visitations & Anointing of the Sick:

Before Divine Liturgies 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays or anytime upon request.

By prior arrangement (at least 1 year before the marriage date), through the parish office.

Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

December 27, 2015 - Forefathers

Epistle: Colossians 3: 4-11 see explanation on page 467

Gospel: **Luke 14:16-24** see explanation on page 178

Propers for the Divine Liturgy: **Page 345**

Prayer Intentions (Dec.28 – Jan. 2)

MONDAY:	9:00 a.m.	NO Divine Liturgy
TUESDAY:	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
WEDNESDAY:	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
THURSDAY:	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
FRIDAY:	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
SATURDAY:	4:00 p.m.	Divine Liturgy – English
SUNDAY:	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy – English

Year of Mercy Columns: Dec 27: Christmas

The Old Testament book of Exodus warns us that no one can see God and live.

But during these days of celebration of the Nativity, we are mindful that in his mercy, God has, in fact, showed us his face. It is the innocent and inviting face of an infant. In Jesus, we see the face of God and we do not die, but find eternal life.

Francis of Assisi pointed out that, “Every day he humbles himself just as he did when he came from his heavenly throne into the virgin's womb; every day he comes to us and lets us see him in lowliness, when he descends from the bosom of the Father into the hands of the priest at the altar.”

In his book, “Jesus of Nazareth,” Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI tells us what the birth of Christ means. “He has brought God, and now we know his face. Now we know the path that we human beings have to take in this world. Jesus has brought God and with God the truth about where we are going and where we come from.”

Our prayer today: *In your mercy, Eternal Father, you sent your son as the dawn from on high to shine on those who dwell in darkness. May his light shine on us and guide our way.*

РІЗДВЯНІ ПРОБИ ХОРУ – у кожную неділю після Служби Божої о год. 10:00 ранку у церковній аудиторії. Всіх щиро запрошуємо.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD: Christian charity is always needed, especially so during the Christmas season. Next weekend, a box will be placed in the narthex where parishioners will have the opportunity to donate non-perishable food. All donations will be brought to the Sudbury Food Bank.

ALTAR BOY DALMATIC SPECIAL DONATIONS: As our church needs new dalmatics for the altar boys to wear when helping with Divine Liturgy, eight new dalmatics, “*Mother of God blue*, and also *gold*,” have been ordered. The estimated cost for all the dalmatics will be \$4000.00. If you are interested in helping out by making a special donation towards this project, we would greatly appreciate it. May God Bless you and your family abundantly for your generosity!

BULLETIN ADVERTISING: Anyone wishing to help off set the cost of printing our Sunday Bulletin is invited to place an advertisement in the Bulletin for the year 2016. Please contact the Parish Office at: 705-675-8244 or by email stmaryssudbury@yahoo.ca. Ads will be printed from January to December 2016.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – like every year there will be a few groups going caroling for the Church. Please use the Christmas Caroling Donation Envelop for this purpose. If you are unable to receive the carolers, please bring the envelope and place on the Sunday collection basket. Thank you!

Jordan Dinner (Schedriy Vechir) January 18, 2014 at 5:30 pm: Tickets for the Yordan Dinner are available only in advance from the parish office before January 14, 2014. They are \$15.00 per person. Students \$10.00, children under 7 – no charge. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

ЙОРДАНСЬКА ВЕЧЕРЯ – відбудеться в понеділок о год 5:30 вечора 18 січня. Просимо купити квитки на Йорданську Вечерю з канцелярії до четверга 14го січня. **Повідомляємо, що не буде можна дістати квитків на Йорданську вечерю при дверях.** Всім особам які закупають квитки на вечерю будуть приділені місця при призначеному столі.

КОЛЯДНИКИ – запрошуємо охочих жінок і мушин, щоб відвідали з Різдвяною Колядою наших парафіян. Всі хто бажає колядувати просимо повідомити парафіяльну канцелярію. Просимо також вживати зелені конвертки з написом Коляда на ту ціль.

Літургічний Порядок Юлянський Календар:

Jan.6 - Серeda	8:30 p.m.	Nativity of Our Lord / Різдво Христове
Jan.7 - Четвер	9:00 a.m.	Nativity of Our Lord / Різдво Христове
Jan. 8 - П'ятниця	6:00 p.m.	Synaxis of the Mother of God / Собор Прсв. Богородиці
Jan. 18 – Понеділок	7:00 p.m.	Theophany – blessing of water / Йордан – благословення води
January 19 – Вівторок	9:00 a.m.	Theophany – blessing of water / Йордан – благословення води

Владико Боже, оглянь з неба, і подивись на наше смирення як Щедрий, і змилосярдься, Чоловіколюбче преблагий; бо ми не маємо надії нізвідки одержати прощення гріхів, якими згрішили; тому будь з нами, і ніхто проти нас.

Blessed is the one who will dine in the kingdom of God. (Luke 14:15)

Don't you find it interesting that Jesus would answer this statement with a parable about people who aren't enthusiastic about dining with the king? Wouldn't you expect him instead to talk about how happy people will be when the kingdom of God finally comes?

Rather than affirm the ideal of joining in the great feast, however, Jesus injects a sharp dose of reality. Of course, the heavenly banquet will be marvelous. It's only natural to dream of how wonderful it will be to sit at table with Mary,

Peter, Joseph, and all the saints. But Jesus' parable asks us to consider whether we are willing to do what we need to do in order to accept the invitation.

This is not to say that we have to "earn" our salvation. Remember, it was the king's gracious invitation that opened the banquet to these would-be guests. It's not as if they deserved a seat at the table. The king simply invited them out of a generous desire to share his bounty with them. But once they received the invitation, some of the invitees declined, protesting that they were either too busy or too distracted to accept so great an honor.

This is the real question that the parable raises. Jesus has already died for our sins. He has already opened the gates of heaven. He has already invited each and every one of us to join him—both at the table of the Eucharist and at the glorious banquet at the end of time. It's a free invitation. It's open to everyone, not just the wealthy or the powerful—not even the perfectly virtuous. All Jesus asks is that we accept his invitation and do what we have to do to get ready for the feast.

So get ready! Put away any lingering sins. Don't let yourself get distracted by other projects or concerns. Accept the invitation that Jesus has so graciously given you. Come to him, and let him feed you. Come and enjoy the party. It's worth getting ready for!

"Thank you, Jesus, for offering me a place at your own table. I can't wait for the day when I can finally see you face-to-face!"

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