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Christmas Eve

Tone 5

*HEBREWS (11:9-10,17-23,
32-40)*

MATTHEW (1:1-25)



CHURCH SERVICES

SATURDAY DIVINE LITURGIES

7:00 am – bilingual (Church)

6:30 pm – rosary

7:00 pm – bilingual (Church)

SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGIES

Rosary said half hour before each liturgy

9:00 am – Ukrainian

11:00 am – English (livestreamed)

7:00 pm – bilingual

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGIES:

7:00 am – Mon. – Fri. (CHURCH)

9:00 am – Fri. (Chapel)

LITURGY LIVESTREAMING:

<https://tinyurl.com/stbasilchannel>

BASILIAN FATHERS SERVING THE PARISH:

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Vicar & Assistant

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CONFESSIONS:

Available at a weekend Divine Liturgy or by appointment during the week

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BAPTISMS & FUNERALS:

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements with a priest

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CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 24:	Christmas Eve	OFFICE CLOSED
Rosary half an hour before each Divine Liturgy		
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
11:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
8:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.)		
10:15 pm – Great Compline followed by Divine Liturgy		
Monday Dec. 25:	Nativity of our Lord	OFFICE CLOSED
10:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
Tuesday, Dec. 26:	Synaxis of the BVM	OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
7:45 am – Matins		
10:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
Wednesday, Dec. 27:	Feast of St. Stephen	
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
7:45 am – Matins		
10:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
Thursday, Dec. 28:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
7:45 am – Matins		
Friday, Dec. 29:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
7:45 am – Matins		
Saturday, Dec. 30:		OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy		
Sunday, Dec. 31:	New Year's Eve	OFFICE CLOSED
Rosary half an hour before each Divine Liturgy		
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
11:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
5:00 pm – Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.)		

Chapel is open for adoration Mon.–Fri. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Please have announcements for the bulletin submitted by noon on Wednesday.

Divine Liturgy for Sunday, December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve

<https://youtube.com/live/JWBU9jdxUek?feature=share>

Troparion, Tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, and born of the Virgin for our salvation. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion, Tone 2: Great are the achievements of faith! In the fountain of flames, the three holy youths rejoiced as by the water of rest, and the prophet Daniel was revealed shepherding lions like sheep. Through their intercession, O Christ God, save our souls.

Troparion, Tone 4: Bethlehem, make ready, for Eden has been opened for all. Ephrathah, be alert, for the Tree of life has blossomed forth from the Virgin in the cave. Her womb has become a spiritual paradise wherein the divine Fruit was planted, and if we eat of it we shall live and not die like Adam. Christ is coming forth to bring back to life the likeness that had been lost in the beginning.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion, Tone 6: Armed by the Being that defies description You defied the man-made idol, O thrice blessed youth. In the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God: "In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid," for You can do whatever You will.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 3: Today, the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth in a manner beyond understanding to the Word who is in all eternity. Rejoice, therefore, O universe, when you hear it heralded. With the angels and the shepherds, glorify Him who chose to be seen as a new born babe while remaining God in all eternity.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

verse: For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us. (Daniel 3:26,27)

A reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Hebrews (11:9–10,17–23,32–40)

Brothers and Sisters, by faith Abraham stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, "bowing in worship over the top of his staff." By faith Joseph,

at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial. By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful; and they were not afraid of the king's edict. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

**До ЄВРЕЇВ послання святого апостол Павла читання
(11:9–10. 17–23. 32–40)**

Браття і Сестри, вірою Авраам перебував у обіцяній землі, як у чужій, живучи у наметах з Ісааком та Яковом, спадкоємцями, як і він, тієї самої обітниці. Бо чекав міста з непохитними основами, якого Бог будівничий і засновник. Вірою Авраам, поставлений на пробу, приніс у жертву Ісаака; і то єдинородного приніс у жертву сина, він, що обітницю одержав, до якого було сказано: «Від Ісаака тобі народиться потомство», думаючи, що Бог має силу і з мертвих воскресити; тому його й одержав назад, як символ. Вірою Ісаак благословив Якова та Ісава на майбутнє. Вірою Яків, перед смертю, благословив кожного з синів Йосифа і поклонився, спираючись на кінець палиці своєї. Вірою Йосиф, вмираючи, згадав про вихід синів Ізраїля і розпорядився про свої кості. Вірою батьки Мойсея, як він народився, три місяці його ховали, бо бачили красу дитини, і не злякалися царського наказу. І що ще скажу? Часу не вистане мені, коли заходжуся розповідати про Гедеона, про Варака, про Самсона, про Єфту, про Давида й Самуїла та пророків, що вірою підбили царства, чинили справедливість, обітниць осягнули, загородили пащі левам, силу вогню гасили, вістря меча уникали, ставали сильні, будучи недолугі, на війні проявили мужність, наскоки чужинців відбивали. Жінки діставали назад своїх померлих, які воскресали. Інші загинули в муках, відкинувши визволення, щоб осягнути ліпше воскресіння. Інші наруг і бичів зазнали та ще й кайданів і в'язниці; їх каменовано, розрізувано пилою, брано на допити; вони вмирали, мечем забиті; тинялися в овечих та козячих шкурах, збідовані, гноблені, кривджені; вони, яких світ був невартий, блукали пустинями, горами, печерами та земними вертепами. І всі вони, дарма що мали добре засвідчення вірою, не одержали обіцяного, бо Бог зберіг нам щось краще, щоб вони не без нас осягли досконалість.

Alleluia, Tone 4

verse: O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the work You did in their days.

verse: You saved us from our oppressors and put to shame those who hate us. (Psalm 43:2,8)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to MATTHEW (1:1–25)

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Від МАТЕЯ святого Євангелія читання (1:1–25)

Родовід Ісуса Христа, сина Давида, сина Авраама. Покоління же всіх було: від Авраама до Давида чотирнадцять, від Давида до вавилонського переселення чотирнадцять і від вавилонського переселення до Христа – покоління чотирнадцять. Народження Ісуса Христа відбулося так: Марія, його мати, була заручена з Йосифом; але, перед тим, як вони зійшлися, виявилось, що вона була вагітна від Святого Духа. Йосиф, її чоловік, будучи праведний і не бажавши її ославити, хотів тайкома її відпустити. І от, коли він це задумав, ангел Господній з'явився йому уві сні й мовив: "Йосифе, сину Давида, не бійсь узяти Марію, твою жінку, бо те, що в ній зачалось, походить від Святого Духа. Вона породить сина, і ти даси йому ім'я Ісус, бо він спасе народ свій від гріхів їхніх." А сталося все це, щоб здійснилось Господнє слово, сказане пророком: "Ось, діва матиме в утробі й породить сина, і дадуть йому ім'я Еммануїл, що значить: З нами Бог." Прокинувшись від сну, Йосиф зробив, як звелів йому ангел Господній: прийняв свою жінку; та не спізнав її, аж поки породила сина, і він дав йому ім'я Ісус.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest (Psalm 148:1).
Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous (Psalm 32:1).
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer To St. Michael The Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the Divine power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Papal Prayer Intention for December For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Pro-life Prayer Intention for December 24

We pray that all who are pregnant and afraid may welcome the life within them, and draw strength from the Angel Gabriel's words to Mary, "Do not fear."

Medjugorje Message, December 25, 2013

"Little children, today in a special way, Jesus desires to come to dwell in each of your hearts and to share with you your every joy and pain. Therefore, little children, today in a special way, peer into your hearts and ask yourselves if the peace and joy of the birth of Jesus have truly taken hold of your hearts. Little children, do not live in darkness, aspire towards the light and towards God's salvation. Children, decide for Jesus and give Him your life and your hearts, because only in this way will the Most High be able to work in you and through you"

First Confession and First Solemn Communion Classes

There will be nine classes which are scheduled for Sunday afternoons from approximately 12:30-1:30 pm beginning on November 26, 2023.

Class #4 - January 14

Class #5 - January 21

Class #6 - February 4

Class #7 - February 11

Class #8 - February 25

Class #9 - March 10

**First Confession will be on March 16 and
First Solemn Communion on March 17.**

ATTENTION:

We are in need of volunteers for the various upcoming events/functions being held at St. Basil's Cultural Centre. If you are able to donate some of your time to help, please call:

the Cultural centre at 780-434-4288
or the Parish Office at 780-434-8010.

Thank you for helping make our events a success.

"All children attending the 8:00 pm Divine Liturgy on Christmas Eve are invited to participate in a procession at the beginning of Liturgy. Please meet at the back of the church at 7:50 pm to prepare."

Remember the sick, the lonely, & the elderly in your prayers, & try to visit them:

Nikulus Kokotilo; Terry Bezubiak; Lance & Leanne; Ernie Wicentowich; ; Helen Lewitski; Bishop Stephen Chmilar; Elizabeth Anderson; Adeline Ostry; Zena Pshyk; Rose Pesklewis; Olga Solar; Bernice Browne; Alvina Andruchow; Edward Chmilar; Debbie Kasowski; Teresa Bayrock; Zarif Latif; Peter Syvenky; Joseph Bayduza; Eleanor Holowaychuk; Larry Pshyk; Tammy Wiedeman; David Matwie; Christine Tabaka; Alexandra Kasowski; Carol Draganiuk; Olga Prosky; Julian Warawa; Julian Koziak; Rochelle Ponich; Victoria Skitsko; Homero Manriquez; Katya; Mechelle; Saul Sych; those afflicted from COVID-19; our Canadian Peace Keepers; and those confined to their hospital beds or their homes.

PLEASE NOTE: We will keep the above names of the sick in the bulletin till December 31, 2023. If you need the names of the sick to be reinstated in the bulletin for January 2024, you will have to either call the office or email us your request.

We express our deepest sympathy to the families of:

†Larry Skolney and

†Larry Skubleny

who have recently passed away. We pray for God's grace and peace during the days and weeks ahead.

May God grant them Eternal Memory! Вічна Память!

E-Transfer Donation Option Available -

Options are available for donating by E-Transfer. The email for E-Transfers is donationstbasilchurch@gmail.com. If you have any questions or problems, please call the office at 780-434-8010.

PLEASE NOTE: Any Parish or Basilian Fathers donations for 2023 will need to be received before the end of December. Donations received in January cannot be applied to 2023. We can be reached at 780-434-8010 or by email; st.basils@shaw.ca. Thank you for your assistance.

Sunday Donations for the week ending December 17, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$4,460.00
E-Transfers -	\$1,465.00
POP - (Preauthorised Reno Withdrawal)	\$4,370.00
Church Reno Donations	\$6,000.00

Renovation Funding Appeal

"The church renovation project is now complete. The total cost was approximately \$2,037,000. Significant funding for the project in the amount of \$1,800,000 was provided by a loan from the Basilian Fathers. With the generosity of our parishioners we have to date, received donations of approximately \$900,000. Additional amounts have been pledged for future payment. With the donations received we have now repaid \$800,000 of the loan amount. Thank you to all those that have helped. We ask and encourage you, as your financial situation permits, to consider future donations to help repay the loan."



The Axios Men's Ensemble will be carolling on December 26th and 27th. If you would like them to carol for you and your family please contact them via email at axiosmenschoir@gmail.com or by calling 780-906-1549.

If you have any questions, please email Damien at damienzak@yahoo.ca

St. Philip's Fast (Pylypivka)

On November 15, we begin St. Philip's Fast (Pylypivka in Ukrainian), 40 days before the Nativity of Our Lord. This is a time to prepare us to receive Christ into the world and into our hearts and homes.

For 6 weeks, on each Sunday and Saturday liturgy, we remember a different figure or event, and light a candle on the Pylypivka wreath to add meaning to the fast. The circle or wreath is a Christian symbol for the Eternal God, the branches symbolize eternal life, the candles represent Christ, the light of the world.

- We first encounter St. Matthew, the first Evangelist, whose feast day is November 16. He gave us the infancy narratives of the Gospel to announce the "Good News" of salvation, which we welcome with the first candle. (Matthew 1-2)
- The Entrance of the Theotokos (The God Bearer) is celebrated on Nov 21. Mary entered the temple at the age of 3 and stayed until about the age of 12 to study the Word of God and perform temple service: dedicating her life to God. She shows us how to be true servants of the Lord, so that we may be worthy dwelling places of our Saviour. (oral tradition and the Protoevangelium of James, Chapter 7:5- 8:1). The second candle symbolizes service and sacrifice.
- We celebrate St. Andrew on Nov 30. He is the first Apostle called by Jesus. Tradition tells us that he travelled to the Slavic territories to bring the light of Christ, expressed by the third candle. (John 1:35-42).
- The Feast of St. Nicholas, the Wonderworker is on Dec 06. His life of love is an example to us to prepare our hearts by loving acts for one another. The fourth candle signifies love. (oral tradition)
- Sunday of the Forefathers recalls the ancestors of our faith, the prophets of the Old Testament who showed great faith and courage keeping the promise of the Messiah alive. (Isaiah 60:1-6)
- In the 6th week, we remember the ancestors of Jesus who waited and prayed for a saviour with hope in their hearts. The candle signifies hope.

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