



Weekly Bulletin - Sunday, January 7, 2024

Schedule of Services and Events

Fr. Daniel Meyer will be serving our parish until further notice. If you need to contact Fr. Daniel, his cell phone number is 909-286-0814, and his email is frdanielmeyer@protonmail.com.

Date	Time	Service/Event
Saturday, January 6	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - Forefeast of Nativity
Saturday, January 6	6:00 p.m.	Vespers - The Nativity According to the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
Sunday, January 7	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great - The Nativity According to the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
Wednesday, January 10	6:00 p.m.	Vespers - 14,000 Holy Innocents Slain by Herod
Saturday, January 13	11:00 a.m.	Baptism - Sofia Lutcza
Saturday, January 13	Following Baptism	Luncheon (See below for details)
Sunday, January 14	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great - The Circumcision of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Sunday, January 14	Following Liturgy	Children's Nativity concert (See below for details)
Wednesday, January 17	<i>No Service or Class</i>	<i>No Service or Class</i>
Thursday, January 18	9:00 a.m.	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great - Forefeast of Theophany
Thursday, January 18	11:00 a.m.	Matins - Theophany
Friday, January 19	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy - The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
Friday, January 19	11:00 a.m.	Great Blessing of Water

Inclement Weather and Nativity Weekend Services

Blessed Forefeast of the Nativity of our Lord! God willing, we still plan to hold all of the divine services this weekend. It appears that there could be snow/rain during Saturday evening Vespers and Sunday morning Divine Liturgy. If I can safely make it to the church, we will still hold the divine services, unless it is clear that there is just too much snow. We have three services scheduled this weekend. I encourage you to consider attending the Divine Liturgy on Saturday morning for the Forefeast so that you may still participate in the services surrounding the Nativity, regardless of the later weather.

An email will be sent on Saturday afternoon confirming if Vespers will be held on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Another email will be sent early on Sunday morning confirming if Divine Liturgy will be held on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Please check your email before leaving for church.

Please note that the Reading School District parking lots are expected to be closed this weekend for snow plowing. This includes the parking lot behind the church (at Spruce and Carpenter Streets). *Please allow extra time for parking on Saturday and Sunday.*

House Blessings after Theophany

Message from Fr. Daniel: God being my Helper, I plan to set aside Wednesday and Friday late afternoon/evenings for house blessings beginning January 26th. I hope you will make time for me to come and bring the blessed Jordan Water from the Theophany services to bring God's peace and every virtue to you and your family in your homes. A sign up will be available in the weeks to come.

Church Cleaning

The church cleaning schedule for the first half of 2024 is available [here](#). A [cleaning list](#) and other helpful information is also available for those volunteering.

Volunteers are needed to clean the church for the following weeks:

- March 3 - March 9
- June 2 - June 8

If you are interested in cleaning the church during any of these weeks, please reply to this email or see Alexandra Salaneck

Baptism and Luncheon

Everyone is invited to the Baptism of baby Sofia Lutcza on Saturday, January 13 and the luncheon to follow. To help plan for the luncheon, please let Alexandra Salaneck know by January 5 if you plan to attend ([email](#) or text at 610-823-3932).

Children's Nativity Concert

The children's Nativity concert will be held after Liturgy on Sunday, January 14. (Adults can participate, too!) If you have any questions, please see [Svitlana Breniser](#). If you would like to help with the gifts from Santa, please see [Irena Kaulback](#).

A luncheon will also be held. Pizza will be provided. If you are able to help, please bring a side dish or dessert for the luncheon.

Reminders

Online candle stand: Candles and vigil lights can now be ordered [online](#) to be lit at the next service.

Online donations: One-time or recurring donations to the church can be made [online](#). The recurring option is a convenient way to donate and also helps to better plan our budget.

Benevolent fund: The benevolent fund was established to help those in need. To donate specifically to the benevolent fund, please use the special pink envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Building fund: The building fund was established to save for future building projects. Our next major maintenance project will be the tree removal and sidewalk and curb replacement on the Spruce Street side of the church. Preliminary estimates for this project range from \$26,000 to \$35,000. Please consider donating to the building fund to help us reach this goal. The building fund currently has a total of about \$13,000. To donate specifically to this fund, please use the special blue envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

Rectory fund: The rectory fund was established to save for a future rectory close to the vicinity of the church. To donate specifically to this fund, please use the special yellow envelopes that are available at the candle stand or otherwise designate your donation accordingly.

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