

# St. Mary's Dormition Church

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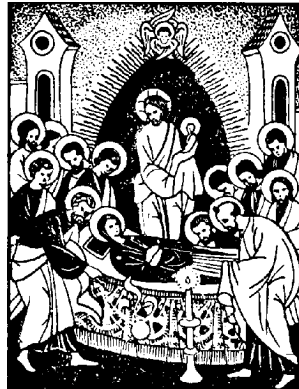
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**Sunday, November 27, 2011**

*Glory to Jesus Christ!*

*Slava Isusu Khristu!*

*Слава Ісусу Христу!*

*Glory Forever!*

*Slava na Viki!*

*Слава на вікі*

## **Schedule of Services for Nov. 27 - Dec. 4, 2011**

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<http://stnicholaslakewood.org/StMarys>

### **Sunday, November 27**

**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 7; The Holy, Glorious and All-Praised Apostle Philip (1<sup>st</sup> C.); Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonika (ca. 1360)**

12:15 - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

### **Sunday, December 4**

**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Resurrectional Tone 8; The Entrance of the Most-Holy Birthgiver-of-God into the Temple**

8:00 - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

The **Annual Parish Meeting** for St. Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church was postponed again to next **Sunday, November 27, 2011** in the Parish Hall following services.

Thank you to all who contributed to the **Annual Parish Thanksgiving Pot-Luck**. May God grant you peace, health, salvation, and longevity for many, blessed years, на многая і благая літа!

**Annual Dues** are to be paid by the end of the year. Please contact

Stephan Pachniuk or Russ Panas to confirm whether or not you have paid your Dues for 2011 yet.

### **Support the U.O.L.'s 2011 Thanksgiving Tithing Project**

The donations collected this year will help the Metropolia Center of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church in South Bound Brook, NJ recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Irene, which struck the east coast of the USA in August.

The Ukrainian Orthodox League is asking **ALL** the faithful of the UOC of USA to consider donating **10% of the total cost of their Thanksgiving celebration**. Encourage your guests to donate, as well, to help **YOUR** Church.

Donations may be made to your local UOL chapters and/or sent to Financial Secretary, Mrs. Pam Scannell, 2000 Clover Drive, Vestal, NY 13850.

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Once again the ecclesiastical calendar of our Holy Orthodox Church brings us to the sacred time of St. Philip's Fast, a time for all Christians to prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. During this time of spiritual journey, we are to seek the ways in which we can place our lives into the context of the events of Bethlehem, knowing that in Christ our Savior we are claimed as God's own forever. The whole of this St. Philip's Fast and the salvation story is premised on the birth of the Child, which offers us a glimpse and hope of new life. Unfortunately, during this time each year we often fail to comprehend the reason of this special and sacred season.

During the next several weeks, we shall seek to proclaim in word and deed the possibility of new life for all humanity. By the time Orthodox Christians enter into the season of St. Philip fast and begin to prepare to greet into the world a new-born Child, the commercial world has already declared its version of the "Xmas Holidays". Being bombarded by the materialism surrounding the celebration of this "joyful season", we sometimes forget that we have entered the time of waiting, reflection and a heavy dose of joyful expectation. We are invited to fast in order to renew our faith, deepen our prayer life and prepare ourselves for a Holy Encounter with the Christ-Child.

Now more than ever, we who proclaim our love to Christ must remind the world that the Nativity season is, indeed, a proclamation of the Incarnation of Christ – the Word who "was made flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1;14) in all humility as a child in a manger – while we remember the promise of Christ to return in all His Glory at the Great and Final Judgment. *(To be continued)*

*Philip's Fast Encyclical from the Permanent Conference of Ukrainian Orthodox Bishops Beyond the Borders of Ukraine*