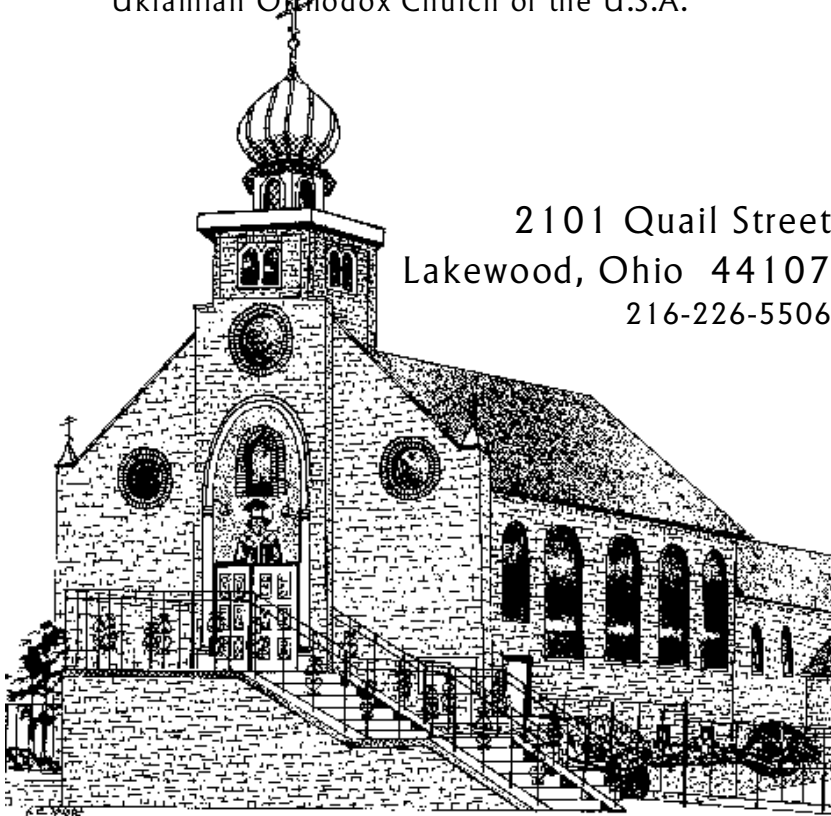


The Wonderworker

The Weekly Bulletin for
St. Nicholas Pro-Cathedral
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Welcome to our parish. We invite you to worship with us again.

Sunday, December 25, 2011

*Christ is Born!
Khristos Razhdayetsya!
Khristos Narodiv'sya!
Al Maseeh Wolod!
Christos Gennatai!*

*Glorify Him!
Slavite Yeho!
Slavmo Feyoho!
Mazheedooho!
Doxasate!*

Schedule of Services for Dec. 25, 2011 - Jan. 1, 2012

Sunday, December 25

The Nativity According to the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ; The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar; Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem Who Were Watching Their Flocks, and Went to See the Lord

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Holy Anointing Мирваніє

Monday, December 26

The Second Day of the Feast of the Nativity, the Gathering (Synaxis) for the Most-Holy Birthgiver-of-God; The Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord,

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. John the Golden-Mouth

Sunday, January 1

Sunday before the Theophany, Resurrectional Tone 4; The Circumcision of the Flesh of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ; Our Holy Father-Among-the-Saints, Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (379)

9:30 a.m. - The Public Chanting of the Prayers of Preparation for the Holy Mystery of Repentance Followed by an Examination of Conscience and Concluded by Individual Absolutions

10:00 a.m. - The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Holy Anointing Мирваніє
Installation of New Parish Council Members

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Christ is Born! Glorify Him! The unusually warm and wet weather this year brings what has been a most unusual year to a close. It has been another challenging year for St. Nicholas in Lakewood. Two weeks ago we sadly witnessed the closing of our neighboring parish,



St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church. We are constantly confronted by change and challenges in our earthly sojourn. Our challenge is to remain focused on the "One Who Is" relying on God's grace and the Holy Mysteries which bring sanctification. Let's celebrate the present feast of "God With Us" which continues to emanate from this humble parish. All things remain in God's Hands, may His Most Noble Name ever be praised!

May our newly Incarnate Savior bless you and your families!

Christos Razhdayetsya! Slavite Eho!

Fr. Dennis

Calendars

2012 Fund Raising Calendars from All Saints Camp are again available from Marge Kalenak for a donation of \$25. Remember, because it is a leap year, this calendar offers you 366 chances to win your money back and even more!

The Church Calendars for 2012 are also available on the table at the entrance to the Pro-Cathedral. Please help yourself to as many as you would like. We thank the Joseph Misencik Funeral Home for once again sponsoring our calendars.

Church Dues and Donations Envelopes for 2012 are also available. If one has not been assigned to you, bring it to the attention of any member of the Parish Council, or Fr. Dennis.

The following members of the Parish Council will be installed to serve on the Pro-Cathedral Parish Council for the years 2012-2013 next Sunday, January 1, 2012: Vice-President, Barbara Cooney; Treasurer, Marian Largent; and 3rd Auditor, Lillian Valli.

Upcoming Events

Parish Council Installation	January 1, 2012
Vesperal Divine Liturgy for Theophany & Sanctification of the Jordan Water	January 5, 2012
Superbowlsky VIII	February 5, 2012

A Time for Giving

____Please remember to use the special envelope in your boxes for a generous donation to your parish this Christmas. Consider all that you have spent for the Christmas holidays and consider what you are giving to your Church. Is it an accurate reflection of the importance of the Church and your Orthodox faith in your life? If you spend \$500 for Christmas and only donate \$1 to your Church, you are saying that everything else is 500 times more important than your parish. Is this what you want to tell our Lord on His Birth?

Super Bowlsky VIII

Super Bowlsky VIII will be held on February 5. Tickets will be available at the same price as the last 6 years: \$25 for dinner and a box, and \$10 for a box. When the tickets are available, please take and sell as many as possible since this is our biggest fund raiser every year. Though many will

not want to come to the Church Hall for the game, even though it is an incredible bargain, please get as many of your friends and acquaintances to come as possible, or to at least purchase a box. See Joe Stolitza or any member of the Council to purchase and take tickets to sell.

Christmas Reminders

May the Christmas presents remind you of God's greatest gift: His Only-Begotten Son.

May the Christmas candles remind you of the one Who is the Light of the World.

May the Christmas tree remind you of another Tree on which He died for you.

May Christmas cheer remind you of the One Who said, "Be of good cheer (Jn 16:33)."

May the Christmas feast remind you of the One Who is the Bread of Life.

May the Christmas snow remind you of the cleansing power of Christ.

May the Christmas bells remind you of the glorious proclamation of His Birth.

May the Christmas carols remind you of His glad tidings which we are to proclaim to all.

May the Christmas season remind you in every way of Jesus Christ your King.

This time after the Nativity until Theophany Eve is fast free!

Signs of the Season for Orthodox Christians

____Due to the great joy of this season in which we celebrate the great feasts of Christmas and the Divine Manifestation, the Church calls us to reflect this in our liturgical and daily practices from December 25 to January 14, the final day of the feast of the Divine Manifestation (Theophany)

1. There is no fasting (except on January 5, the Eve of Theophany)
2. There is no kneeling at both public services and private prayer
3. You should greet everyone saying **Christ is Born! (Khristos Razhdayetsya!)**, and answering **Glorify Him! (Slavite Yeho!)**. In modern Ukrainian the greeting is *Khristos Narodivsyia! Slavmo Eeyoho!* You may greet one another in this manner up to the feast of the Encounter in the Temple (February 2)

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St. Gregory of Nazianzus