

RESURRECTION BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**CHRIST IS BORN!
CHRISTOS RAŽDAJETSJA!
SZÜLETIK KRISZTUS!**

**GLORIFY HIM!
SLAVITE JEHO!
DÍCSÓÍTSÉTEK!**

DIVINE SERVICES

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	SUNDAY DEC 25	10:00am	DIVINE LITURGY OF CHRISTMAS; For the Intentions of Cantor Joe Durko by Erma Durko
SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS	MONDAY DEC 26	7:00pm	+Walter Tychnowicz by Stephen & Susan Tychnowicz
CIRCUMCISION AND ST BASIL	JANUARY 1 2012	11:15am	For the Seminarians of the Pittsburgh Metropolia by Jeanne Marie Waxman

The Rosary is recited every Sunday at 10:40am. All are welcome to participate

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Father Dan, Red Sirkot, Lisa Knapp, Peter Cahill, Frank and Florence Yates, Mary Cortese, Rose and Judy Markus, Steven Fedoris, Kris Denenberg, John Postupak, George Smith, Andy Terletzky, Charmaine Harvey, Bob Stocker, Bobbi Spak, Marion Di Calogero, Jim Arnold.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Christopher Tychnowitz; Eric Waxman; Andrew Baransky.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR BAPTISM: Julia Dolganova

PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING FOR MATRIMONY: Rob Kuletsky and Christine Gardella (July 3).

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER 18: \$2783.60 (plus \$35 to the Building Fund). Ordinary expenses require \$2390 weekly. **This week your generosity exceeded our goal by \$392.40.** Thank you for your faithful attendance and support.

COFFEE AND CAKE FELLOWSHIP after every Sunday Liturgy in the Parish Hall. Come join us! See Kay Lefko (631-265-6093) to get your spot on the volunteer list to host a Sunday fellowship.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26: SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS: This celebration of Mary's virginal motherhood has been on the Byzantine Calendar longer than Christmas itself. Divine Liturgy at 7pm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27: FEAST OF THE HOLY FIRST MARTYR STEPHEN. Many Blessed Years to all our parish Stephens. There will be a Divine Liturgy in Westbury at 11am.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28: COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS slaughtered by King Herod (Matthew 2,16-18). There will be a special Mass for the victims of abortion at Assumption BVM Roman Catholic Church, 20 Chestnut Street, Centereach NY 11720 at 7:30pm. Resurrection parishioners are invited to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY: JANUARY 1: NEW YEAR'S BRUNCH hosted by the Men's Club following the Divine Liturgy. Featuring bacon, eggs, pancakes and beverages. \$7.50 adults; \$2.50 for children. Join us!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2012: FREE BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP resumes at 11am in the Parish Hall. In difficult times we must rely upon the strength our faith gives us. When someone has suffered the loss of a beloved spouse, friend or family member, the joy and comfort of being a Christian is mixed with feelings of sadness and loneliness. This is when it is helpful to be with caring people who understand the heartache of bereavement and can help to bear the burden of grief. For information call Dr. Tony DaVino: 631-974-4097 or: doctony.47@gmail.com. Please help publicize this service which our parish is offering to all.

STEWARDSHIP 2011: We have *surpassed our financial goal of \$3500* thanks to some 60 households but we'd still like to hear from the other 70 for a 100% response. Please consider at least a "fair share" pledge of \$25.00. **The pledge drive officially closes on December 31. Pledges or payments after that date should be sent directly to the Chancery Office: 445 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park NJ 07424 (new diocesan policy this year).** We will continue to accept pledges and payments here until next Sunday. Watch for a full report in next Sunday's bulletin.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE OFFERED (*continued from last week*) in memory of Bill & Rose Baczynski, Carl & Mary Ottesen, Cantor Charles Markus, Mary, Frank, Ralph & Joseph Iovino, Carol & Edward Manel, John Arola, Harold Peterson, John Vinskus, Gertrude & Herbert Greene, Stephen & Marion Andrews, Phillip & Sara Interdonato, Anna & Mike Lefko, Chris & Ron Ramoska, James & Mildred Toto, Gemma & Bob Arleo, John & Alice Gilligan, Salvatore & Nicolina Montefusco, Marguerite & Walter Burren, Malcolm Crofoot, Steven Kolody, Esther & Alvin Lurvey, Alexander & Mary Kovacs, Andrew & Bertha Lukachina, Mr. & Mrs. George Sikora, Cantor George Ezak, Helen Ezak, Mr. & Mrs. Puchart, Mr & Mrs Savana, Mr & Mrs Minoe, Stephen Stronczer, Sam & Peg Pennessi, Gerald & Mary Melvin, Rita and Gene Pastore, Jessica Melvin, Rick O'Leary, John & Anne Skalyo, Frank Kolinsky, Paul Skalyo, Anna Zenzel, Cantor George Kmeck, Joseph Tkach, Marie Keller & James McNair, Walter & Kathleen Florek, Nick & Irene Glut, Marta Tepedino **and in honor of** the family of +Cantor George Kmeck, and Fr. Jack.

THE BETHLEHEM PEACE LIGHT kindled at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and brought around the world, has been brought to our parish and will burn throughout the Christmas Season (December 25-February 2). Feel free to bring a candle or lamp to Church and bring the Light of Bethlehem home with you. We thank Nancy Baransky for arranging to have the light brought to Resurrection Church.

2012 ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS are available in the Parish Hall. See Fr. Jack to correct any errors or to request envelopes for someone new. We thank the Vigliante Family/Branch Funeral Home for once again underwriting our calendars as a gift to our parish. May God grant them many blessed years!

THANK YOU to the gentlemen who decorated our Church for Christmas last Sunday: Charlie Weizenecker, Peter Fitzgerald, Julian Aptowitz and Stan Purgar, all under the capable direction of Mary Webber.

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN 2012

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: CHOOSING RIGHT; BEING GOOD, an introduction to ethics for Byzantine Catholics, will begin after house blessings. Most Americans name the teaching of good moral standards as an important reason for participating in a church but where do we actually teach and learn morals? Every adult in this parish would benefit immensely from these sessions, which are designed to help you talk and think clearly about moral choices and to develop a well-formed conscience. ***If you're a parent, a teacher, a professional or someone involved in law, government or healthcare, you NEED this information and may never have heard it presented clearly before.*** In order to make these classes available to the widest number of parishioners, Fr Jack needs to know what day and time would work best for you for six to eight 90-minute sessions. Monday evenings at 7pm is the usual time; your input could change that or warrant a second set of sessions at another time. Please speak up so we can get these classes going in later January.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR BYZANTEENS: February 24-26 in Doylestown PA, led by Fr. Ed Cimbala and Elena Worlinsky. Cost: \$75.00; transportation would have to be arranged. See Fr. Jack if interested.

EASTERN EUROPEAN DINNER: The weekend of February 12. Watch for more information.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION: featuring Ann Hanincik Koshute, a Byzantine Catholic lay theologian with a specialty in marriage and family life. Ann will address our adults and teens on Saturday, March 10.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION FOR MEN: led by Paul P. Karaman, catechist, educator, husband and father of six, will lead men in a discovery of how our Byzantine Catholic faith gets lived out in real life and makes a real difference. Watch for the date.

YOUR CHANCE TO SERVE: Sign up in the Parish Hall for **monthly Church cleaning** and **monthly Bathroom Brigade**. See Lisa Knapp or Fr. Jack to answer any questions. No automatic roll-overs: veteran volunteers please claim your preferred month for 2012. **First timers** and **younger families** are especially encouraged to volunteer and help save our parish hundreds of dollars monthly.