

### *Invited to the Banquet*

It is written in the Gospel: The Master sent out his servants to call them who wish to come, inviting them: “My banquet is ready.” But those who were called began to excuse themselves, one saying: “I bought some yoke of oxen.” Another: “I have married” (Luke 14:16ff). You see, he was ready who called, but the invited refused. They themselves were alone responsible in the way they answered.

Thus, so great is the dignity of Christians. Consider, the Lord has prepared for them the Kingdom and has called them to enter, but they have refused.

Concerning the gift that Christians will receive by way of their inheritance, one could rightly say that if anyone, from the time of Adam’s creation to the end of the world, should battle against Satan and put up with afflictions, it would be nothing in comparison to the glory which he is to obtain. For he will reign forever together with Christ. Glory to Him who so loved such a person that He gave himself and His grace and entrusted himself to Him. Glory to His greatness!

*Pseudo-Macarius*

### SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS



*Icon of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:16-24)*

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**Sunday – December 11, 2022**

**Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки    Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever**

**All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

**Platform: <https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyshrine/>**

<b>Sunday December 11</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(For the Parish) (+Ross Chomiak from Family)
<b>Wednesday December 14</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(+Jane O'Shea from the Bukowski Family)
<b>Thursday December 15</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Living of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
<b>Friday December 16</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	(Blessings for the O'Hara Family from Mary Jo)
<b>Sunday December 18</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	(+Eva Cronin from Family) (For the Parish)

**HOLY MYSTERIES OF ILLUMINATION FOR ANASTASIA-SOFIA CHORNOPYSKA**

Anastasia-Sofia Chornopyska will be Baptized, Chrismated, and receive the Holy Eucharist next Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. We congratulate her parents, Fr. Andrii and Ivanna, and her big brother, Mykhail. Everyone is invited to lunch after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy to celebrate this great day for Anastasia-Sofia.

**EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES CHILDREN 3-6**

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family's Preschool Eastern Christian Formation/Catechism classes held every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 10:15-11:15. Email Lindsey at [lfrechou22@gmail.com](mailto:lfrechou22@gmail.com) with any questions and to register. Classes will be held on: 12/18. Classes are held in the lower level first two classrooms.

**FIRST CONFESSION CLASSES TO BEGIN SUNDAY JANUARY 15**

We will soon start our parish catechism classes for those children intending to make First Confession in 2023. Classes will be held on Sunday between the English and Ukrainian liturgies (approx. 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM), beginning on January 15. First Confession will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday (April 1, 2023). Classes will not be held on January 22 and February 19. All children must be attending Divine Liturgy. If you have children of First Confession age in your family, we ask you to please contact Olya Kroytor Mulvey by email at [olya.kroytor@gmail.com](mailto:olya.kroytor@gmail.com)

**ST. PHILIP'S FAST CHARITY PROJECT 2022**

Please bring new unwrapped baby items to donate to the Front Royal Pregnancy Center. We invite everyone to purchase and donate **NEW, UNOPENED BABY ITEMS**. The pregnancy center will accept anything that could be used by babies and mothers, Diapers (Sizes: 3, 4, and 5) Baby Formula (8 or 12 oz. cans) Similac Sensitive Powder Formula, Similac Pro-Advance Powdered Formula, Similac Total Comfort Powdered Formula, Enfamil Gentlease Infant Formula Powder, Maternity Clothes, Pants and Skirts (Sizes: L and XL), Dresses (Sizes: S, M, L, and XL), Boy's Clothing (Sizes: 6 months through 3 years) and Boy's Shoes (Sizes: 5 to 11), Winter Jackets (Boys and Girls) (Sizes: Newborn through 3T), Pacifiers. **PLEASE PLACE YOUR DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 8, 2023.**

**ST. NICHOLAS VISIT THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 11 AFTER BOTH DIVINE LITURGIES TODAY**

Please join us to greet St. Nicholas this Sunday after both Divine Liturgies. We will be in the large hall. We hope to see many of our Children here on Sunday, and everyone who loves St. Nicholas too!

**Prayer List**

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Oksana K, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, and Jennifer Wilson.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

**2022 Christmas Schedule at Holy Family**

**Saturday December 24 Christmas Eve**

**4:00 p.m. Children's Divine Liturgy - English**

**10:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian and English**

**Sunday December 25 Christmas Day**

**10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian and English**