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Sunday Divine Liturgies: 9:00 am - English / 10:15 am - Ukrainian

Weekday Divine Liturgies: 8:00 am or 9:00 am or 7:00 pm

Holy Days Liturgy: 9:00 am or Previous Day at 7:00 pm

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CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

January 7, 2023 / Січень 7, 2023

Divine Liturgies

Sunday after Epiphany. January 7, 2024. Post-feast of Theophany.

Synaxis of John the Baptist.

Tone 7: Epistle: Ephesians 4:7 – 13. / Gospel: Matthew 4:12 – 17.

9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (For the faithful) - English

10:15 a.m. - (God's Blessing upon Volodymyr & his Family, req. Family) – Ukrainian.

Sanctuary Candle: This week's Sanctuary Candle Light is for the people in Ukraine who are suffering from the war, req. Mothers in Prayer.

Monday, January 8, 2024. Post-feast of Theophany. *Our Venerable Father George.*

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Reading of the Holy Bible (Old Testament)

7:00 p.m. – Special Intention (God's Blessing upon Eugene, Paraska, Anna, Elizabeth, Katherine, Lesya), req. Bortkiewicz Family

Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Post-feast of Theophany. *Polyeuct Martyr.*

8:00 a.m. – Special Intention (Nataliia), req. Family (12)

Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Post-feast of Theophany. *Our Holy Father Gregory Bishop of Nyssa.*

7:00 p.m. - ☩ Andriy Shypak, /Panakhyda/ (5th Anniv.),
req. Shypak Family

Thursday, January 11, 2024. Post-feast of Theophany. *Theodosius Venerable.*

8:00 a.m. – Special Intention (Anna - Karina), req. Family (18)

Friday, January 12, 2024. *Tatiana Martyr.*

8:00 a.m. – ☩ Robert Nalewayko/Panakhyda/

Saturday after Theophany, January 13, 2024. *Hermolaus and Stratonicus Martyrs.*

9:00 a.m. - (Special Intention) - ☩ All Deceased /Panakhyda/,
req. by Parishioners

Sunday of Zaccheus. January 14, 2024. *Leave – taking of the feast of Theophany. Venerable Fathers of Sinai and Raitho.*

9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (For the faithful) - English

10:15 a.m. - (God's Blessing upon Oksana Teslyk upon her birthday & Family; God's Blessing upon Fr. Popovici & Family; God's Blessing upon Steszyn and Zakoworotny Families, req. Olena Yakubovska and Steszyn Family) – Ukrainian.

12:00 Noon - Special Divine Liturgy for children and youth – E. /U.

Confessions: Can be heard by appointment daily and on Sundays before or after the Divine Liturgy.

Baptism and Chrismation: By appointment. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

Attendance at pre - Cana is required.

Ukrainian Culture School School will be held Every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:35 p.m. For more information please call the Rectory at: (631) 225 -1203 or visit our Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/HFUkrainianSchool>.

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 16 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot and Khrystyna Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by age groups: 1st Group (5 – 6): 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; 2nd Group (7 – 8): 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; 3rd Group: (9 – 10) 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; 4th Group (11 – 16) 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 5:50 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: Father Popovici will make visits to the sick on the first Friday of the month. It is the responsibility of an immediate family member to kindly notify Rev. Popovici at the Rectory office about any sick or aged individual who is hospitalized or confined at home or in a nursing home, and he will gladly visit and administer the sacraments. In case of emergencies please call any time.

Pray the Rosary: The Apostleship of Prayer requests members and parishioners to pray the Rosary on the **First Sunday** of each month, beginning 20 minutes before Divine Liturgy. The Rosary Society requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **Third Sunday** of the Month beginning at 10:00 a.m. before Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

Rosary Society / Mothers in Prayer: Next prayer group will be held on **Friday, January 12, 2024 at 8:15 p.m.**

Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; Evenings by appointment. **Attention:** Monday is a free day for the priest. In case of an emergency, please call at any time.

Divine Liturgy: Dear Parishioners! Remember your faith; please come every Sunday and Holy Days to Church.

Divine Liturgy for Children: Special Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian language) for family/children will be on **Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 12:00 Noon.** All parents are requested to bring their children to the church to celebrate the Holy Divine Liturgy.

Sunday Bulletin Deadline: Notices should be phoned in or brought to the Parish Office **NO LATER** than 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the Sunday of publication.

Bequests: In making out your will, kindly remember your church. Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church of Lindenhurst, N.Y. is our legal title.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Holy Family Church! To all who are tired and need rest, to all who mourn and need comfort, to all who are friendless and need friendship, to all who are discouraged and need hope, to all who are hopeless and need sheltering love, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please stop by the Rectory to introduce yourselves and register. We look forward to meeting you.

Change in address or telephone? Parishioners, kindly provide the rectory with your new address and telephone numbers as soon as possible.

Parishioners and guests: after each Divine Liturgy, coffee, rolls, & cakes are served in the Parish Center for a donation of \$6.00 per person. Next coffee time will be on January 14th, 2024.

Sunday Collection – December 31, 2023,

"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." (Sir. 35: 9 – 10).

Candles: \$225, Tetrapod: \$10, Church Debt: \$25, Sundry: \$115, Nativity- Shopka: \$40,
Pledge: \$350.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,086.00, Total: \$1,851.00.

Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, December 31st, 2023. May God bless you all for your generosity.

Our Prayer: Please remember all those parishioners who are ill or elderly within your families. They are part of our parish and need to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. To schedule a visit by the priest, please call the rectory for, an appointment.

Attention: To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of January 2024, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.

Our Church News:

1. Dear Parishioners: If you are aware, we ordered a Lenten set of Altar Cloths for our Church, which will be embroidered in Ukraine. So far, we raised \$600.00 in donations.

P.S. If someone among us would like to donate for this project you are welcome to do so in order to defray the cost.

2. Dear Parishioners: *If you desire to have a Divine Liturgy for your intentions, please notify us at least three weeks ahead, as everyone knows their family commemoration dates and the only exceptions are for emergencies only.*

3. Dear Parishioners: Many of you don't have time to come to Bible readings on Mondays. Next session of reading the Holy Bible (with questions and answers – Matthew Chapter 25) will be on January 14th, 2024 after the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

4. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. Those ladies and gentlemen from the parish, especially: Mrs. Olha Yanyshyn, Mrs. Nataliya Popovici, Mrs. Halyna Podolska, Mrs. Anna Pikulyk, Mrs. Oleksandra Blyshchak, Mrs. Olha Havrylyk, M/M Andriy & Nataliya Khrapko, Mrs. Tetyana Yershov, Mrs. Halyna Sabadakh, Mr. Volodymyr Semenyuk, and Mr. Petro Dankov, who continuously helped from Thursday, December 28th to Monday January 1st to decorate the hall, prepare the food, and serve during the New Year's Eve party. Also many thanks to those people who stayed afterwards to clean, re-install the pews and the chairs in our church, and who came the following day to wash all the chair covers and table cloths. Our turn out was unexpected due to minimal interest from our parish. **There was a net profit of \$4,150.00.**

b. Mr. Volodymyr Semenyuk, Ms. Marta Skrypoczka, and Ms. Nadia Russo, who recently performed the needed work in our Church/Parish center or Parish rectory.

c. Mr. Volodymyr Yaroshevych, who recently donated \$180.00 for the needs of our Church and helped on different occasions that previously arised in our church.

d. M/M Mychailo & Maria Shafranski donated \$150.00 instead of \$100, which was an error in Caroling list which appeared as \$100; M/M Bogdan & Emilia Shafranski donated \$200 towards our 2023 caroling donations. The total offerings were **\$5,355.00.**

e. Ms. Marta Skrypoczka and Ms. Nadia Russo who came this past week and voluntary cleaned and disinfected with Clorox all the tables in our Parish center.

May God bless all those who volunteered or made other donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.

5. Upcoming events:

A. The next Divine Liturgy for the deceased will be held on Saturday January 13th, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

B. *Next estimated date when we will make Pyrohy is January 17th, 2024.*

C. Regular church cleaning: The next voluntary second collection will be on Sunday January 21st, 2024 (after both Divine Liturgies).

D. Dear Parishioners: Our Prospora (end of the Christmas season) Luncheon will be held on January 21st, 2024 after the 10:00 am Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. See attached information.

6. Dear Parishioners: *Please refrain from lighting candles during the Divine Liturgy.* The Divine Liturgy is the reenactment (in an unbloody manner) of the sacrifice of our Lord on the Cross at Golgotha. Recall what God said to Moses: Moses, remove your sandals because the place in which you stand is holy. Out of respect for Jesus Christ and to avoid distracting movements during the Liturgy, please light all candles either before the Liturgy has begun or after the final blessing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dear Parishioners! As per our previous info about our new property, the new mortgage is \$3,800.00 per month. For our previous Church mortgage, we already paid the total balance. However, we used our Funds for various church projects and now, we still need to pay back about \$122,120.00. So, as a kind reminder, I ask you to continue to make donations from your boxes under mortgage monthly envelopes in order for our Parish to defray the loan payments for the purchase of the house as well as the church mortgage. In advance, thank you and May God Bless you All! Yours truly, Fr. Popovici.

Dear Parishioners: PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS.

We need to paint and exchange damaged wood lumber of our exterior of the Building. Donations have begun; we are in need of \$30,000 to complete this project. To begin this project, we need to have at least 75% of the funds.

House Blessing: It is the custom among many Ukrainian and Eastern Christians to have their homes blessed with the holy water sanctified after Theophany (the feast which commemorates the Baptism of the Lord in the Jordan River).

The Purpose: The annual blessing of homes is a custom of special beauty and significance. We again ask Christ to bless and enter into our homes and our lives. We ask Him to be with us, as we desire to be with Him. We ask that by the sprinkling of blessed water, the Holy Spirit renews us, our families and our lives in our homes. As Christ brought salvation to the house of Zachaeus; we ask the same for all those who dwell in our homes. **If you would like your home blessed, please write your name and daytime contact telephone number on a sheet of paper and drop it in the Sunday collection or call Fr. Popovici for an appointment. House blessings can be done through February 2, 2024.**

Please Note:

To Communicate Better: To share my feelings honestly, to look for safe ways to express my anger and to work at solving problems peacefully.

To Listen: To listen carefully to one another, especially those who disagree with me and to consider the feelings and needs of others rather than insist on having my own way; and to charitably correct my brother when what is said is in opposition to the laws of God.

To Forgive: To apologize and make amends when I have hurt another, to forgive others, and to keep from holding grudges.

To Be Courageous: To challenge violence in all its forms whenever I encounter it, whether at home, at school, at work, or in the community, and to stand with others who are treated uncharitably.

Quotations to Stir the Soul.

Repent: If we review the various ages of history, we will see that in every generation the Lord has offered the opportunity of repentance to anyone willing to turn to him. CLEMENT, 1c, A Letter to the Corinthians.

The Friendship of God: Our Lord, the Word of God, first drew men to God as servants, but later he freed those made subjected to him; He himself testified to this: I do not call us servants any longer, for a servant does not know what his master is doing. Instead I call you friends, since I have made known to you everything that I have learned from my Father. Friendship with God brings the gift of immortality to those who accept it. IRENAEUS, 2c, Against heresies.