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***We are each of us angels with only one wing...  
And we can fly embracing each other...***

Luciano DeCrenzcenzo

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**December 7, 2025** – Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost; Octoechos Tone 1; Our Holy Father Ambrose, Bishop of Milan. Nativity Fast.

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*Intentions this Sunday*

Saturday at 4:15pm: Parishioners; Sunday at 9:30am: Parishioners; Sunday at 11am: Parishioners.

***First Antiphon***

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,\* sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.\* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.*

Say unto God, "How awesome are Your works!" Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You".\* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.*

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You,\* let it sing to Your name, O Most High!\* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.*

Glory. Now. Only-begotten Son.

***Third Antiphon***

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,\* let us acclaim God, our Saviour. *Son of God, risen from the dead,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise,\* and acclaim Him in psalms.\* *Son of God, risen from the dead,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord,\* and the great king over all the earth.\* *Son of God, risen from the dead,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

***Entrance***

Come, let us worship\* and fall down before Christ.\* *Son of God, risen from the dead,\* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 1:* Y Though the stone was sealed by the Judeans,\* and soldiers guarded Your most pure body,\* You arose, O Saviour, on the third day,\* and gave life to the world.\* And so the heavenly powers cried out to You, O Giver of Life:\* Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ!\* Glory to Your kingdom!\* Glory to Your saving plan,\* O only Lover of mankind.

***Перший антифон***

Воскликніте Господеві, вся зємле,\* співайте ж імені Його, віддайте славу в хвалі Йому! *Молитвами Богородиці,\* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Скажіте Бóгові: як страшні діла Твої!\* У мно́жестві сили Твоїї лєстїтимуть Тобі ворогї Твої. *Молитвами Богородиці,\* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Вся землѧ нехай поклонїться Тобі і співає Тобі,\* нехай же співає імені Твоєму, Всевїшній!\* *Молитвами Богородиці,\* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Слава. І нині. Єдинорódний Сїну.

***Третій антифон***

Прийдіте, возра́дуємся Господеві, воскликнім Богу, Спасителеві на́шому. *Спасі нас, Сїну Бóжий,\* що воскрес із мєртвих, співаємо Тобі: Алилуя.*

Ідїм перєд лицєм Його з ісповїданням, і псалма́ми воскликнім Йому. *Спасі нас, Сїну Бóжий,\* що воскрес із мєртвих, співаємо Тобі: Алилуя.*

Бо Бог – великий Господь і цар великий по всїй землі. *Спасі нас, Сїну Бóжий,\* що воскрес із мєртвих, співаємо Тобі: Алилуя.*

***Вхідне***

Прийдіте поклонїмся\* і припадїм до Христá.\* *Спасі нас, Сїну Бóжий,\* що воскрес із мєртвих, співаємо Тобі: Алилуя.*

***Тропарі й кондаки***

*Тропар воскресний (г. 1):* Хоч ка́мінь запечата́ли юдеї\* і воїни стере́гли пречїсте тіло Твоє,\* воскрес Ти на третїй день, Спа́се,\* даруючи світові життѧ.\* Ра́ди цьогó сили небєсні взива́ли до Те́бе, Життеда́вче.\* Сла́ва воскресінню Твоєму, Хри́сте,\* сла́ва ца́рству Твоєму,\* сла́ва про́мислові Твоєму,\* єди́ний Людинолю́бче.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Kontakion, Tone 1:* You arose in glory from the tomb\* and with Yourself You raised the world.\* All humanity acclaims You as God,\* and death has vanished.\* Adam exults, O Master,\* and Eve, redeemed now from bondage, cries out for joy.\* “You are the One, O Christ, Who offer resurrection to all.”

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

*Theotokion, Tone 1:* When Gabriel uttered to you, O Virgin, his ‘Rejoice!’\* at that sound the Master of all became flesh in you, the Holy Ark.\* As the just David said,\* you have become wider than the heavens carrying your Creator.\* Glory to Him Who dwelt in you!\* Glory to Him Who came forth from you!\* Glory to Him Who freed us through birth from you!

### **Prokeimenon**

*Tone 1:* Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

*Repeat:* Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

*verse:* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. *Repeat:* Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we have hoped in You.

**Epistle** Ephesians 5:9-19

### **Alleluia, Tone 1**

*verse:* God gives me vindication, and has subdued peoples under me.

*verse:* Making great the salvation of the king, and showing mercy to His anointed, to David, and to His posterity forever.

**Gospel** Luke 12:16-21

### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* praise Him in the highest.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

Слава Отцю, і Сїну, і Святому Духові.

*Кондак воскресний (г. 1):* Воскрес Ти як Бог із гробу у славі\* і світ із Собобою воскресів,\* і людське ество як Бога оспівує Тебе,\* і смерть щезла.\* Адам же ликує, Владико,\* і Єва нині, від узів визволяючись, радується, взиваючи:\* Ти, Христе, Той, Хто всім подає воскресіння.

І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

*Богородичний (г. 1):* Коли Гавриїл звичав тобі, Діво: Радуйся,\* – із голосом воплочувався Владика всіх\* у тобі, святім кивоті,\* як мовив праведний Давід:\* Явилася ти просторішою небес,\* що носила Створителя твого.\* Слава Тому, що вселився в тебе,\* слава Тому, що пройшов із тебе,\* слава Тому, що визволив нас різдвом твоїм.

### **Прокімен**

*(г. 1):* Будь, Господи, милість Твоя на нас, бо уповали ми на Тебе.

*Всі:* Будь, Господи, милість Твоя на нас, бо уповали ми на Тебе.

*Стих:* Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала.

*Всі:* Будь, Господи, милість Твоя на нас, бо уповали ми на Тебе.

**Апостол** Еф. 5, 9-19.

### **Алилуя (г. 1)**

*Стих:* Бог, що вершить відомсту за мене і підкорив народи мені.

*Стих:* Ти велично спасаєш царя Свого і твориш милість помазаникові Своему Давидові і сімені його довіку.

**Євангеліє** Лк. 12, 16-21.

### **Причасний**

Хваліте Господа з небес,\* хваліте Його во вишніх.\* Алилуя, алилуя,\* алилуя.

## Opening Hymn at 10am

1. O Come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel!  
To thee shall come Emmanuel!

3. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid every strife and quarrel cease  
And fill the world with heaven's peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! O Israel!  
To thee shall come Emmanuel!

2. Прийди, прийди, Емануїл,  
Рятуй людей від темних сил.  
В неволі так страждає світ,  
Чекає правди стільки літ.

Радій, радій! Емануїл  
Врятує світ від темних сил.

4. Прийди, прийди, Ти – радість нам,  
Ти світло всім людським синам,  
Бог спокій дав, спасіння час.  
О, миру Князь! Прийди до нас!

Радій, радій! Емануїл  
Врятує світ від темних сил.

## Liturgical Schedule

<b>Monday, Dec 8</b> Our Venerable Father Patapius.	1 Timothy 5:1-10 Luke 17:20-25			
<b>Tuesday, Dec 9</b> ✙ The Conception of Saint Anna	Galatians 4:22-31 Luke 8:16-21	10am	Divine Liturgy	Intention: +Elsie Barrett (40 <sup>th</sup> Day)
<b>Wednesday Dec 10</b> The Holy Martyrs Menas, Hermogenes, and Euphrasius.	1 Timothy 5:22-6:11 Luke 18:15-17, 26-30	10am	Rosary and Divine Liturgy	<i>Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat</i>
<b>Thursday, Dec 11</b> Our Venerable Father Daniel the Stylite.	1 Timothy 6:17-21 Luke 18:31-34			
<b>Friday, Dec 12</b> ✙ Our Venerable Father Spiridon the Wonderworker, Bishop of Tremithus.	2 Timothy 1:1-2, 8-18 Luke 19:12-28			<i>Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat</i>
<b>Saturday, Dec 13</b> ✙ The Holy Martyrs Eustratios, Auxentius, Eugenius, Mardarius, and Orestes. The Holy Martyr Lucia, Virgin.	Ephesians 6:10-17 Luke 21:12-19	4:15pm 5:30pm	Divine Liturgy (English) Great Vespers	Intention: Parishioners
<b>Sunday, Dec 14</b> Sunday of the Holy Forefathers	Colossians 3:4-11 Luke 14:16-24	9:30am 11am	Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) Divine Liturgy (English)	Intention: Parishioners Intention: Parishioners

## Other Events This Week

Monday, Dec 8 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am

Wednesday, Dec 10 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am.

Thursday, Dec 11 – Cabbage Roll and Perogy making from 7am to noon. Lunch is provided.

Sunday, Dec 14 – All-you-can-eat brunch 10am-12:30pm.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We welcome our guests and visitors. Thank you for worshiping with us! Our annual St. Nicholas visit and concert is today after the 10am Liturgy. Please stay and have lunch too!
2. NATIVITY FAST CONTINUES! The Church gives us this 40-day season to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ in the flesh. As a minimum, the Church requires the faithful (ages 14-59) to abstain from meat and all foods containing meat on Wednesdays in addition to Fridays during this time.
3. FEAST DAY ON TUESDAY: The Conception of St. Anna, when she conceived the Mother of God. Known among Latin Christians as the Immaculate Conception. Divine Liturgy on Tuesday at 10am.
4. ALL DAY CONFESSIONS: Tuesday, December 16 from 9:30am-6pm at Precious Blood Cathedral. Prepare your heart well for the coming of Christ. Confess and be absolved of your sins!
5. CHRISTMAS BREAD PREPARATION: A team of volunteers will be making Christmas bread on Saturday, December 20 which will be available for sale beginning at that afternoon's Liturgy. Please consider contributing to the ingredients. A sign-up sheet is posted at the entrance.
6. KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN: Members of Knights of Columbus Council 932 will be at our parish next week handing out 'Keep Christ in Christmas' buttons.

**Outreach to Homebound Parishioners:** Know of someone who might like a priest's visit? Contact the office or Fr. Michael to arrange.

**PRAYER LIST OF SICK, SHUT-INS, AND DEAR ONES FAR AND NEAR:** Lorraine Wilson, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katherine Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Straticchuk, Elsie Barrett, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jann, Ron Barsanti, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky, Elizabeth Cepecawer, MaryAnn & Art Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, Mary Romanchuk, McGill Perry, Tammy Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Paul M, June, Bob, Dustin Wenmany and Tracey Burmaster, Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Sylvie B, Bill McConnell, Anastasiia Pavliuk, Wanda Featherston, Roger McMillan, Clark Hutton, Gerry, Moira O'Pallie, Chris Applejohn, Barb and Gerry.

*Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen*

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**DONATIONS – November 30, 2025**

Collection: \$1262; Building Fund: \$700;

In memory of Elsie Barrett: \$20; Nicolas Georgas: \$25; Paraska and Joseph Proschuk: \$40.

Women in Crisis Christmas Campaign: \$25

Online Donations Received November 2026: \$692

**THANK YOU!!**

**Financials January – October 2025**

Revenue: \$193,637; Expenses: \$201,865; Net: -\$8,227

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**“On Call Priest”**

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7. You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL. (705-256-6675)

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**AS CHRISTMAS IS APPROACHING AND WE ARE PLANNING AND PREPARING TO SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS, PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO NEED OUR HELP TO PUT FOOD ON THEIR TABLE FOR THEIR FAMILY. LET'S DONATE FOOD ITEMS TO THE SALVATION ARMY SO THEY TOO MAY HAVE A VERY BLESSED AND MERRY CHRISTMAS.**

**Please be sure the items are not past their expiry date.**

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Conception of St. Anna (December 9)

THE CHURCHES OF EAST AND WEST generally commemorate the saints on the day of their death, their “heavenly birthday,” as some describe it. In addition the Church remembers three conceptions: those of Christ (the Annunciation, March 25), of His Mother (December 9), and of St John the Forerunner (September 23). We celebrate these days as festivals recognizing that each was sanctified even before their birth in view of the tremendous role they played in salvation history: Christ by virtue of His divine nature and Mary and John by the grace of God given them.

In the Byzantine calendar, as in that of the West, Christ's conception is celebrated exactly nine months before the festival of His birth. With the Theotokos and the Forerunner the nine months are not exact. Mary's conception is remembered on December 9 and her nativity on September 8. St John's conception is remembered on September 23 and his birth of June 24. This is a way of saying that the three conceptions were not identical: Christ's was unique.

### **The Story of Mary's Conception**

The conceptions of Christ and the Forerunner are recorded in chapter 1 of the Gospel of Luke. The story of Mary's conception is not found in the canonical Scriptures but in the mid-second century Protoevangelium (or Pre-Gospel) of St James. This text tells that, for many years, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, were childless and the couple suffered much reproach as a result. When they were in Jerusalem to offer sacrifice to God, the High Priest, Issachar, upbraided Joachim: "You are not worthy to offer sacrifice with those childless hands." Both spouses gave themselves to fervent prayer, and the Archangel Gabriel announced to each of them separately that they would be the parents of a daughter who would bring blessings to the whole human race. The icon of the feast shows Saints Joachim and Anne embracing, after each had run to share the news of their daughter-to-be. The icon also very prominently displays a bed to indicate that this conception took place by the usual physical means, unlike the conception of Christ.

The first record of this feast being celebrated is from fifth-century Palestine. It spread to southern Italy during the eighth century and from there to England, France, Germany, and eventually Rome. In the East this feast has always been called "the Conception (or Maternity) of St. Anne," stressing Anne's conceiving of the Theotokos, just as the conception of Christ is revered as "the Annunciation to the Theotokos." In the West the feast came to be called "the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary" and later "the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

*For the complete article, see <https://melkite.org/faith/conception-of-st-anne>*

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From Fr. Anton's Facebook Page

The "Christ Mystery" is much bigger than Christianity as an organized religion. If we don't understand this, Christians will have little ability to make friends with, build bridges to, understand, or respect other religions or the planet. Jesus did not come to create a country club or a tribe of people who would say, "We're in and you're out. We've got the truth and you don't." Jesus came to reveal something that was true everywhere, for everyone, and all the time.

~ Fr. Richard Rohr

And now for some Humour:

A priest and a pastor are standing on the side of the road. They are holding a sign that reads, "The end is near! Turn around before it's too late!"

A passing driver shouts, "You guys are nuts!" as he speeds past them. From around the corner they can hear screeching tires...then a big splash.

The priest turns to the pastor and says, "Do you think we should just put up a sign that says, 'Bridge Out' instead?"

An 88-year-old woman is pulled over by a police officer. When he comes to the driver side window he says, "Ma'am, the sign says 35 and you were going 55.

She replies, "I am aware Officer. My funeral is today and I don't want to miss my own entrance."

Have a very blessed week everyone!