



• UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS •

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30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BEFORE NATIVITY, OF THE HOLY FATHERS

Sunday, 31 December, 2023

Epistle Reading: Heb. 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 • *Gospel:* Mt. 1:1-25

SUNDAY SERVICES:

Sunday, 31 December, 2023 – ENGLISH

Sunday, 7 January, 2024 – BILINGUAL

Sunday, 14 January, 2024 – ENGLISH

Sunday, 21 January, 2024 – BILINGUAL

Sunday, 28 January, 2024 - ENGLISH

Confession will be available on Sunday morning starting at 9:15 AM. It is recommended that members of All Saints attend confession at least once every four (4) months.

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD SERVICE JANUARY 7, 2024

9:30 am – 9:40 am : Hours will be read

9:40 am – 9:50 am : Carols will be sung

9:50 am – 10:00 am : Fr. Nicholas will begin pre-liturgy service accompanied by choir

10:00 am : Divine Liturgy “Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ” begins

PARISH CAROLING

Members of the church choir intend to visit homes of parishioners on Sunday January 7 to deliver carols in celebration of Christ's birth.

For those of you who are interested in having them visit your home, please add your name, address and telephone number to the signup sheet that has been put up on the church bulletin board.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Fr. Oleh and Dobrodyika Maria, Victor and Helen, Nadia, Marilyn, Lawrence, John, Janet, Chelsey, Mervin, Sonia, Elaine, Jeffery, Richard, Mary, Allan, Linda and Michael, Bob, Debbie, Alex, Rev. Frs. Olexander, Eugene, Nicholas Orest, Dobrodyika Genya, Elaine, Zane, Larry, Darlene, John.

PRAYER OFFERINGS: If you would like someone to be mentioned in prayer, submit their names by email, directly to Fr. Nicholas - revorestrauliuk@gmail.com , Fr. Deacon Thomas - thechaputs@shaw.ca or allsaintsuoc@mymts.net , or inform one of the church elders.

The care and maintenance of our property remains a priority. If you are unable to attend church, please continue to support us with your offerings. All Saints accepts Interac E-transfers for donations in addition to cheques or cash. Please submit e-transfers to allsaintsuoc@mymts.net .

CHOIR NEWS

The All Saints Choir invites our congregation to participate in singing along with us during the Liturgies, specifically during; *"Communion before and after prayers"*, *"I Believe,"* and *"Our Father"*.

These are particularly important to sing or recite along with the choir. Join us as we lift our voices and pray to our Heavenly Father in unity!"

There are Liturgy booklets in the pews. Please ask an elder or sister to locate one for you if one.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Thank you to Anya Haraschuk and Demi Kuzyk Bernier for providing this important program for our children. For more information about our Sunday School program, please contact Anya Haraschuk at fedvaz@yahoo.ca or Demi Kuzyk at demikb@shaw.ca .

LET'S CELEBRATE!

If you or your family are celebrating a major life event such as a birth, birthday, anniversary, retirement, etc., please notify **Fr. Deacon Thomas** at thechaputs@shaw.ca so a note of congratulations can be included in our bulletin. We look forward to sharing in your joy

COMING EVENTS:

Malanka on January 13, 2024. Music by "Dennis Nykoliation Band".

Tickets are available: Adults - \$70 pp. / Children 12 and under - \$35 pp. Catering is by Ludwick.

Call Emil at 204-488-2200 or Ted at 431-279-4965.

Your support is needed to ensure these fund-raising events are successful.

Please circle these dates on your calendars and let your family and friends know about them!

Do You Have an Item for Our Bulletin? Please contact us via email at allsaintsuoc@mymts.net

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH? If you're unable to make the trip on your own, we would be pleased to provide you with transport. **Contact us at allsaintsuoc@mymts.net and we'll arrange a ride for you.**

CHECK US OUT!

All Saints website, Facebook page, and Instagram has a great deal of information waiting for you at your fingertips!

All Saints news and information can be accessed at:

Church Website: <https://www.allsaintsuoc.ca/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsuoc/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/allsaintsuoc/>

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DIVINE LITURGY LIVE STREAMS CAN BE FOUND AT THESE WEBSITES:

- Live stream from **Ukrainian Orthodox Church of All Saints**, Winnipeg, MB @ 10:00

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsuoc/live>

- Live stream from **Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral**, Winnipeg, MB @ 6:30 am

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

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BEFORE NATIVITY - Tone 5

Martyr Sebastian at Rome and his companions (287). St. Modestus, archbishop of Jerusalem (4th c.). Ven. Florus, bishop of Amisus (7th c.). Ven. Michael the Confessor at Constantinople (845).

SOMETHING TO CONSIDER...

Genealogies don't mean the same to us as they did for ancient peoples, so the first part of this morning's reading may be tedious to modern ears. Most people will remember the list of strange names and forget the ending probably because a majority check out somewhere around "Amminadab" if not before. By the time we get to the story of Christmas at the end people are a little glassy-eyed. I actually look forward to it. I like this reading!

Just a word of explanation about the genealogy part. Both Matthew and Luke include genealogies of Jesus in their Gospels and they differ from one another. No worries. Genealogies were useful for a variety of reasons, so it wasn't unusual for a person to have more than one made up to cover their bases. Things like inheritance, land ownership, and vocation were at stake. You had to prove your pedigree!

Since the point was to establish an ancestral link rather than to list all the family names exhaustively they were not as interested in getting all the names in there just right the way we would be. Thinking of the size of Middle Eastern families that would be ridiculous anyway.

St. Matthew's genealogy emphasizes that Jesus is the Son of David. He begins with David and moves then to Abraham, a double whammy for Jewish identification and backward since Abraham came before David! His predominately Jewish audience would be looking for that connection. His aim was to convince the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah and Davidic sonship was essential to do so.

St. Luke emphasizes the Lord's human nature so he begins his genealogy with Adam to be more universal in his message. For his predominately Greek audience that would be significant. Luke points also to the Lord's divine origin. He ends with "Jesus the Son of Adam and the Son of God".

Both genealogies are essential for our understanding of the Incarnation. They compliment one another. Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of David, both human and Divine. As a human being he was specifically Jewish. As God He was perfect God.

The real story here is that the Son of God was born at all. If the Son of God had not been born in the flesh, then he could not have been the Son of David. The genealogy tells us that Jesus was a real, live human being with grandparents, uncles, aunts, and probably hundreds of cousins. Tradition tells us that Jesus had half-brothers and sisters since Joseph was a widower and had children from a previous marriage.

Some of the Lord's relatives were righteous people, some were scoundrels. At least one of them was a prostitute. Just like our families! White sheep and black sheep. Jesus was a human being with an all-too-typical human family. I'll bet their Hanukkah dinners were a riot!

This tells us another very important thing. Even scoundrels and sinners are included because this is the human condition. Things down here are far from perfect. The thing is that even sinners and scoundrels have the image of God in them. Whether we are righteous or sinners we all have that in common. Human nature does not become evil because we do evil things. Impossible! What God has called “very good” will always remain “very good”. That “very good” human nature we share in common is what Jesus took upon himself – your nature and my nature, everyone’s nature and yet He still remained perfect God and perfect man! But there is more! Then, he took upon himself our suffering and sins and bore our diseases as well and still remained perfect God and perfect man! This is a very great mystery! He took upon Himself the whole of the human condition from birth to death and beyond and remained fully God and fully man! He took upon Himself all that we are in order to heal all that we are. Why? Because He loves us!

At Vespers on Saturday night we usually chant a prokeimenon that says, “The Lord is King, he has clothed himself with majesty. The Lord has put on His apparel and has girded Himself with strength.” What is this “majesty”? What is “His apparel”? It is human nature. Human nature is majestic. It is beautiful! The crown of God’s creation. It is filled with God as is everything he has made. That we have dirtied this beautiful thing is not God’s fault; it is ours. What we discover as we embark on the interior spiritual journey is that no matter what we do, or think, or feel, underneath it all is human nature which sparkles with the light of God. It is the ground of our being, the truth of who we are. Those who come at long last through meditation and prayer to see their own essential goodness understand the core truth about themselves and their neighbors. The Son of God reveals this to us in the example of His own human/divine life.

Christ Is born! Let Us Glorify Him!
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