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MASS SCHEDULE:

SUN. DEC. 23, 2012 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOLY MASS - 9:00AM

*MON. DEC. 24, 2012 - **VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - 12:00 MIDNIGHT**
CAROL SING (11:30) ,CANDLE LIGHT PROCESSION, BLESSING
OF THE MANGER, HOLY MASS - 12:00 MIDNIGHT*

*TUE. DEC. 25, 2012 - **SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**
MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY - 9:00AM*

*WED. DEC. 26, 2012 - FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, PROTO MARTYR (Red)
HOLY MASS - 9:00AM*

*THU. DEC. 27, 2012 - FEAST OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST (White)
HOLY MASS, (Blessing and distribution of Wine after Mass) - **7:00PM***

FRI. DEC. 28, 2012 - FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS (Red) - MASS - 9:00AM

*SAT. DEC. 29, 2012 - **SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY - (White) - MASS - 9:00AM*

*SUN. DEC. 30, 2012 - **SOLEMNITY OF THE HUMBLE SHEPHERDS**
HOLY MASS - 9:00AM*

ENTRANCE RITES:

LITANY - pg. 63 in the Mass Booklets

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

LOW MASS IN THE TRADITIONAL RITE - pg. 15

TODAY'S READINGS:

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET MICAH

Thus says the Lord: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the Lord, in the majestic name of the Lord, his God. And they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.
READER - THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE - THANKS BE TO GOD!

*PSALM RESPONSE - LORD LET US TURN TO YOU; LET US SEE YOUR FACE
AND WE SHALL BE SAVED!*

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU DID NOT DESIRE, BUT A BODY YOU PREPARED FOR ME; IN HOLOCAUSTS AND SIN OFFERINGS YOU TOOK NO DELIGHT. THEN I SAID, 'AS IS WRITTEN OF ME IN THE SCROLL, BEHOLD, I COME TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD. '"

First he says, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS, HOLOCAUSTS AND SIN OFFERINGS, YOU NIETHER DESIRED NOR DELIGHTED IN." These are offered according to the law. Then he says. "BEHOLD, I COME TO DO YOUR WILL." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will." we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

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+ A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE+

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in the womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

PRIEST - THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD!

PEOPLE - PRAISE BE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The second collection next Sunday will be taken up for the Seminary of our Church located in Scranton, PA.

Tomorrow is the Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity (Christmas Eve.) Mass will be celebrated according to ancient tradition beginning at Midnight. A Carol Sing by our choir will precede it at 11:30 PM. The Mass will begin with a candlelight procession, including members of the ANS Society of our parish, all altar servers and Fr. Mikula. Let's have a nice turn out for this, one of the most solemn and important Masses of the year.

Please take a special look at the Mass schedule for the upcoming week. There are many important and beautiful feasts coming up in the Liturgical calendar of our Church.

LITURGICAL NOTES

For four weeks now we have prepared our hearts and minds during Advent for the celebration of the TRUE Christmas season. According to traditional Polish custom it lasts from the celebration of Midnight Mass on Dec. 24th beyond the Feast of the Three Kings all the way until Feb. 2nd or "CANDLEMASS DAY." When the secular "holiday season" is long gone and over, we believers will still be proclaiming the new born Christ to the world. We have kept the spirit of Advent with deepened prayer and penance...now may the JOY of the new born Christ fill our hearts and minds, so that our celebration of His Nativity may bear abundant spiritual fruits for us as individuals, for the Holy Church and for the entire world.

LET US KEEP CHRIST AT THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS NOW AND ALWAYS