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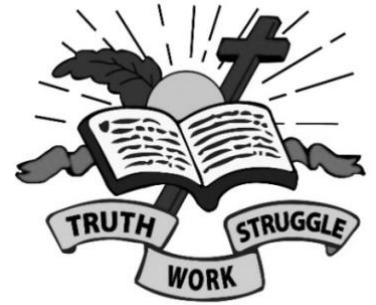
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The Nativity of our Lord

FAITH SHARING

God undertook the Incarnation of Jesus as True God and true man to save us from the bondage of sin. Every Christmas reminds us that we need a Savior every day, to free us from our evil addictions and unjust, impure, and uncharitable tendencies. Christmas 2022 also challenges us to accept Jesus in the manger as our saving God and personal Savior and to surrender our lives to him, allowing him to rule our hearts and lives every day in the New Year.

In our first reading today, following the death of the Assyrian monarch in the late 8th century B.C., the Lord God, through His prophet Isaiah, promises relief for both the northern and the southern kingdoms of Israel through a new king and his descendant in the line of David, in the person of Jesus. Jesus is the child that Isaiah's prophesy calls the "prince of peace."

The second reading, taken from the "pastoral letter" of Paul to Titus, tells us that it is only by the saving power of God in Christ that we are enabled to live virtuously in the present with hope for the future.

The Gospel tells us how Jesus was born in Bethlehem and how the news of His birth was first announced to shepherds by the angels. Since David was a shepherd, it seems fitting that the shepherds were given the privilege of visiting David's successor in the stable. Further, since shepherds cared year-round for the Temple sheep and lambs meant for daily sacrifice in the Temple of Jerusalem, how suitable it is that shepherds were the first to see the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!

Responsorial Psalm

R. Today is born our Savior, Christ

ENTRANCE HYMN (Isaiah 9:6 [NRSV]; Psalm 98:1a)

V. A Child has been born for us, a Son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

R. Sing a new song to the Lord, Who has done marvelous deeds.

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

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

LK 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

O
star
of wonder,
star of night,
Guide us to
thy perfect light.
May the true spirit of
Christmas shine in your heart
and light your path. May God fill
your heart with love, joy, and peace.
May your heart be lifted in praise for the
wonderful gift of
Jesus.

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

057 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

083 We Three Kings of Orient Are

Communion Hymn

077 Away In A Manger

Recessional Hymn

076 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 25

Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, January 1

New Year

Circumcision of our Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, January 8

Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, January 15

2 Ordinary Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

NATIONAL SAMBS CONVENTION SCHEDULED – SAVE THE DATE

Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT, The Eastern Diocese (ED) Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (SAMBS), aka ANS (Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu), will host the National SAMBS convention on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, 2023 at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT. An exciting program is planned with a dynamic local speaker, Rev. Vicki Triano of Christ Community Church. Our theme and activities are still being planned.

For questions or more information contact Marilyn Folcik at 860-584-4606

or marilyn4412@comcast.net . Please put these dates on your calendar to spend some time in prayer and fun with the good sisters of the SAMBS.



THANK YOU FOR DECORATING OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you very much for making our church looking beautiful for Christmas. May God reward all of you involved in this project.



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Mass stipend \$ _____

Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137