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ADVENT—SAINT PHILIP'S FAST--PILIPKIVA

ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yurij, Archbishop Jovan, Metropolitan Savas, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Paul Stoll, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John & Pani Mary Anne Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Protopresbyter William & Pani-Dobrodijka Sonia Diakiw, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smolynec, Father Lawrence & Matushka Sophia Daniels, Father Joe Cervo, Father John Harrold [Saint Sylvester], Igumen Patrick, Pani Mary Ann Chubenko, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Fr. Vasyl Sendeha, Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Joshua Agosto and his family, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Joseph Sliwinsky, Gary & Linda Mechtly, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Michael Miller, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Linda Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Archbishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, Esther Holupka, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Julie Eiler, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—young man with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Pryhodzenko, Sonia Luciow, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Yvonne Christy, Father Deacon Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Gaelle Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, Lydia Wilson, Robert Pointon, Walter Cecelia, John Persico, Jeff Miller, Marv Kernick, Glenn Miller, Jean Marie, Donna & Walter McCrackin, Bonnie

& Eugene Blair [Pani Gina's parents], David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Mikaela Kapeluck, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Strozh [young lady with cerebral palsy], Dr. Kirsten Ream, Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Cher Mount, Frank & Janet Horrell, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Tom Hyatt, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Susan Lucas, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Kateryna Kocelko, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Kristy, Elaine Ellenberger, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Ron Schwartz, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Howell Swarm, Jane Bielewicz Allred, Manny "Lazarus" Lopez, Glenn & Lucas Burlack, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczuk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Marta Charron, Mary [Corba], Margie Sekelsky, Gary Howell, Fran Fulton, Gina Catanese, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kevin Allen (from Ancient Faith Radio), Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Jodi Hanczar, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Martha Nezolyk, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Jim & Kitty, Phil Bouse, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaugenhaupt, Louis & Teresa Bercelli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Judi Danser, Darcy, Denis Strittmatter, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam & Gordon Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Mike Pawlyshyn-Jeannie Stutchell's brother, Joe Samchuck vocations, Albert Heckman, Brianna Stumpf, Stanley Porembka, David & Terry Coyne Hartnett, Mike C., Jennifer Scheirer [Nick Behun's daughter], Catherine Beecham [Father Bob's cousin], JoAnne & Dave Andrews, Rev. Peg Bowman, Pat & Jan Jennings, Tim Sams, Mike Ruzzi, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Mary Kay Ludovicy, Pastor Sara Irwin, George Dilendorf, Andy & Sharon Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Joe Veto, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Theresa Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky,

Monk Andrew, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Steven—Harry Batch's cousin, Rose Mary Pavlovich—Mary Anne Kuznik's Cousin, Margaret Sekelsky, Robert Sekelsky, Robert Rodriguez, Dollie Irvin, Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Micky Delans [COVID-19], Pastor Terry Polen, Eleanor Kitt, Stacie & Gary, Maria Warholak, Stacie & Gary, Anna Sekelik, Christy, Mariruth, Rich & Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Denis Strittmatter, Father Joe Uzar—newly ordained, Tim—surgery, John Wakin, Olivia—young girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko [triple by-pass], John, Kris & Kait, Jeff & Mary Jane Double [COVID-19], Terri Crosby-Vega [COVID-19], Kristi Wilson, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Mike, Amy, Nathan, & Ben Forbeck [COVID-19], David Salazar, Ann Zurasky [knee replacement], James Mary, Barb Bookser, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess, Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Carolyn Strittmatter, Barbara Shegat & Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu, Candace Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Stacie Riley, Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr. [infant], Elizabeth [5year-old], Lillian Skowvron, Pani Cathy Danczak, Sue & Greg Heinen, Paul Simpson [Father Bob's cousin, car accident], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], Donna [dementia] & Darla, Linda Snow, Zack Blair [Pani Gina's nephew], Greg & Mary Lou Sheakley [Pani Gina's cousins—COVID], the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, Robert & Eleanor Rodrigues & family, Don Menagon [COVID-19], Father Deacon James Rossetti & Diakonissa Kari—ordination!, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry & Shirley [skin cancer] Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, Robert Chicka [cancer], Myra Woodruff [cancer], Zoe Oswalt—Fr. Bob's cousin [cancer], Barbette [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], Erm Hartmann, Barbara Bookser [cancer], Bob Mazzuca [cancer], Marko, Taylor, Terri Crosby-Vega, Christine Mohamed, Sue Demko, Tammy & Donnie [cancer] Marsico, Terry & David Hartnett, and Susan Pulcini—Father Ted Pulcini's mom. ARNOLD: Homer Paul Kline and Walter Sakol. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

PLEASE REVIEW THE NAMES ON THE PRAYER LIST ABOVE AND LET FATHER BOB KNOW ANY NAMES THAT CAN BE REMOVED...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our January babies: Lindsey Weiser on the 4th, Demetra on the 4th, Marcy Jones on the 8th, Henry Tkacik, Jr, on the 23rd, Brenna Scott on the 29th, Kristin Tkacik Scott on the 29th, Kayla Weiser on the 29th. May God grant them all Many Happy, Healthy,

Prosperous, and Blessed Years! M'nohaya Lita! God Bless them and their families

PLEASE, PLEASE! PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD—AND OUR LIVES!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is <u>NOTHING</u> to keep us from praying...for each other, for our family and friends, and most of all for the first responders—EMTs, nurses, doctors, firefighters, police officers, and members of our military who keep us safe. Be well and be SAFE!!! God Bless!

Please remember ALL American service men and women in your prayers. May God watch over them and ALL American service men and women—and bring them all home safely!

REMEMBER-PRAYERS ARE <u>ALWAYS</u> <u>FREE!</u>

<u>Communion Fasting:</u> nothing to eat or drink after midnight, EXCEPT in cases where your doctor tells you to eat or drink something for medical reasons: medication, diabetes, etc. *If you have a question, please ask Father Bob.*

AT ANY TIME—if there is an emergency, if you have questions, or if you just need to talk, please CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 956-6626.

SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE

SUNDAY, January 01 OBEDNITZA—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM 29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS; SUNDAY BEFORE NATIVITY; BONIFACE AT TARSUS IN CILICIA; MARTYRS ELIAS, PROBUS, & ;ARES IN CILICIA; MARTYRS POLYEUCTUS & TIMOTHY THE DEACON; SAINT BONIFACE THE MERCIFUL-BISHOP OF FERNETINO; SAINT GREGORY-ARCHBISHOP OF OMIRITS; SAINT ELIAS OF MUROM-WONDERWORKER OF PERCHEVSKY LAVRA; VENERABLE AMFILOHIJE OF POCHAIV

Tone 4
Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40
Matthew 1:1-25

Litany in Blessed Memory of Rose Zalenchak, Stephen Kuzman, Timothy Stutchell, Cecilia Pysh, Nicholas Vetosky, Robert Rohal, & Gary Atutes—Fr. Bob

FRIDAY, January 06 Nativity Eve STRICT FAST DAY

SATURDAY, January 07 DIVINE LITURGY—SAINT BASIL—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Galatians 4-7 Matthew 2:1-12

*****JANUARY 07 THROUGH JANUARY 17—FAST FREE PERIOD*****

SUNDAY, January 08 NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE
SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY; AFTERFEAST OF THE NATIVITY; SYNAXIS OF THE
THEOTOKOS; RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH THE BETROTHED, DAVID THE KING,
JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD; HIEROMARTYR EUTHYMIUS-BISHOP
OF SARDIS; SAINT CONSTANTINE-MONK OF SYNNADA; SAINT EVARISTUS
OF THE STUDION

Tone 5
Galatians 1:11-19; Colossians 3:12-16
Matthew 2:13-23; Luke 18:35-43

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 01 JANUARY 2023

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TROPARION—TONE 4

When the women disciples of the Lord Learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; They cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, Granting the world great mercy.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son

Troparion—Tone 2

Great are the achievements of faith!

In the fountain of flame, as in refreshing water, the Three Holy Children rejoiced.

And the Prophet Daniel proved a shepherd of lions as of sheep. By their prayers, O Christ our God, save our souls.

And to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 4

My Savior and Redeemer,
As God rose from the tomb
And delivered the earthborn from their chains.
He has shattered the gates of Hell,
And as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Kontakion—Tone 1

O Bethlehem, rejoice! Make ready, Ephratha!

The ewe is hastening to give birth to the Great Shepherd Whom she carries in her womb.

The God-bearing Fathers rejoice at seeing Him, and the Shepherds praise the Virgin who suckles Him.

PROKEIMENON-TONE 4

READER: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

PEOPLE: O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

READER: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great! **PEOPLE:** O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

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ALLELUIA VERSES-TONE 4

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness.

You love righteousness and hate iniquity.

Glorify God

Psalm 85/86:12-I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore. (KJV)

Life is a continuous opportunity to glorify God the Creator and Giver of life. Being focused and mindful of the Creator and Giver of Life gives shape to life. The Living, Loving God fills the heart, mind and soul of the fervent believer. The fervent believer seeks to worship and glorify God in continuous gratitude. God's goodness, mercy, and love exceed the believer's ability to comprehend.

Luke 18:43-And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God. (KJV)

God's healing occurs throughout the course of every human's time of life. Healing by God takes place mysteriously and transforms the believer's life. Divine mercy, goodness, and love are the basis for the healing of God's creation. Expressing gratitude for healing originates from conscious recognition of God. Failing to be grateful for God's healing actions indicates self-centeredness.

Romans 15:6-That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)

Unity of heart, mind, and soul dedicated to the Lord God is reflected in actions. Giving praise and glory to God indicates fulness of joy in the heart, mind, and soul. Life abounds when God is glorified and praised abundantly with fulness of heart. The heart, mind, and soul filled with God's joy shine brightly in daily relationships. Darkness is overcome when the believer perceives and glorifies God's presence.

I Corinthians 6:20-For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Singing in Church is a way to glorify and give praise to the Living, Loving God. Believers glorifying God establish a record reflecting life's interest and gratitude. Daily actions manifest the deep interest and contents of the heart, mind, and soul. Being mindful of Christ's death on the Cross guides the believer on life's path. Jesus' Resurrection transforms the heart, mind and s,oul of the faithful believer.

I Peter 4:16-Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but, let him glorify God on this behalf. (KJV)

Faithful believers find a way to glorify and praise God in times of great difficulty. Joy in suffering is possible when the suffering is founded in the Lord Jesus Christ. Saints and martyrs witness and ascribe glory to Jesus Christ while suffering. Individuals choose whether to glorify the Forgiving, Loving, and Merciful God. Conscious decision-making determines whether God is glorified and praised.

Venerable Patapius; Holy Sosthenes, Apollos and others. December 8/21, 2022. Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania. Father Rodney Torbic



+ B A R T H O L O M E W
BY GOD'S MERCY, ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE-NEW ROME
AND ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH
TO ALL THE PLENITUDE OF THE CHURCH
GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE
FROM THE SAVIOR CHRIST BORN IN BETHLEHEM

Most honorable brother hierarchs, Beloved children in the Lord,

Today our Holy Church celebrates the Nativity in the flesh of the preeternal Son and Word of God, this "foreign and strange mystery" that "was concealed from ages and from generations" (Col. 1:26). In Christ, the truth about God and humankind is definitively revealed, as St. Cyril of Alexandria so theologically explains: "We are human by nature, but He condescended to what is contrary to divine nature for the sake of love and became man. We are servants of God by nature as His creation, but He became a servant once again, contrary to divine nature when He became man. But the reverse also holds true: He is God in essence, and we are, by grace, able to ascend to what is contrary to human nature. For we are human, and He is the Son by nature, yet we too become sons by status inasmuch as we are called to fellowship in Him."[1]

"Know the truth, and the truth shall set you free" (Jn. 8:32). Our Lord Jesus Christ is "the way and the truth and the life" (Jn. 14:6), the liberator of man "from enslavement to the enemy." There is no life and liberty without the Truth or outside the Truth. Giving any meaning we desire to our life is not freedom, but the contemporary version of original sin, our self-enclosure within self-sufficient and self-serving independence, without a perception for truth as a relationship with God and our fellow human beings. Christmas is the time for self-knowledge, for understanding the difference between "God becoming man" and "man acting as god." It is the time for awareness of the Christian teaching that "we do not speak of man becoming divine, but of God becoming human."[2]

The message of the good news about Christmas today echoes alongside the din of war and the clash of weapons in Ukraine, which is experiencing the horrible consequences of a provocative and unjust invasion. For us Christians, all wars are the murder of our brothers; they are all civil wars, which as the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church proclaimed, are "the result of the presence of evil and sin in the world."[3] In the case of Ukraine, the words of St. Gregory Palamas about his contemporaneous bloody conflicts among Orthodox believers in Thessaloniki are still more relevant: "For their common nurturing mother is the holy Church and devotion, whose chief and perfecter is Christ, the genuine Son, who is not only our God, but who also deigned it appropriate to be our brother and Father."[4]

In the person of Christ, the "recapitulation" of all has been achieved, the emergence of unity within the human race and the sanctity of the human person, the opening of the way toward the "likeness of God," and the revelation of the peace "that surpasses all understanding" (Phil. 4:10). Christ is "our peace" (Eph. 2:14), and it is to Christ that the historic and emblematic Sacred Church of "Holy Irene" is dedicated in the City of Constantine.

Our Savior blesses the "peacemakers," for "they shall be called children of God" (Matt. 5:9); He promotes the notion of righteousness and love, even toward our enemies. In the Divine Liturgy, the Orthodox Church prays "for the peace from above" and "for the peace of the whole world." And during the Liturgy of Basil the Great, we pray to and glorify the Giver of all good things: "Grant us your peace and your love, Lord our God; for you have granted us all things." As recipients and supreme beneficiaries of all things from God, we are obliged more than anyone else to strive for peace in accordance with the scriptural: "To the one that has received much, more will be demanded" (Lk. 12:48). In this sense, all that is enacted by Christians contrary to this principle does not primarily affect Christianity but rather those who live contrary to the divine commandments.

Never in the history of humankind has peace among peoples been a condition taken for granted. Instead, it was everywhere and always the result of inspired initiatives, of courage and self-sacrifice, of resistance to violence and rejection of war as a means of resolving differences, and a perpetual struggle for justice and protection of human dignity. Their contribution to peace and reconciliation constitutes the primary criterion for the credibility of religions. Within religious traditions, there are undoubtedly motivations not only for inner peace, but also for the advancement and establishment of societal peace and overcoming aggression in relations between people and nations. This is especially significant in our time when the position is maintained that peace will

ensure due to economic development, a rise in living standards, and progress in science and technology through digital communication and the internet. We are convinced that there can be no peace among people and civilizations without peace among religions without dialogue and collaboration. Faith in God strengthens our effort for a world of peace and justice, even when that effort confronts humanly unsurpassable hurdles. At any rate, it is unacceptable for representatives of religions to preach fanaticism and fan the flames of hatred.

Most reverend brothers and beloved children,
Christ is born; glorify Him. Christ is descending from the heavens; come and meet Him. Christ is on earth; rise up to greet Him! Adhering to the exhortation of our holy predecessor on the Throne of the Church of Constantinople, let us celebrate the nativity of the world's Savior with spiritual joy, "not in an earthly, but in a heavenly manner," avoiding "everything superfluous and unnecessary; especially when others—made of the same clay and combination—are suffering hunger and poverty."[5] We pray that all of you may enjoy a prayerful and glorious Holy Twelve Days of Christmas, like a genuine fullness of time and radiance of the light of eternity. May the coming 2023 prove—by the goodness and grace of the Divine Word that became flesh for us and for our salvation—to be a period of peace, love, and solidarity, truly a year in the righteousness of our Lord!

We wish you many blessed years!
Christmas 2022
+ Bartholomew of Constantinople
Fervent supplicant of all before God

^[1] Cyril of Alexandria, Thesaurus on the Holy and Consubstantial Trinity, PG 75.561.

^[2] John of Damascus, Exact Exposition of the Orthodox Faith, PG 94.988.

^[3] The Mission of the Orthodox Church in Today's World, IV, 1.

^[4] Gregory Palamas, On Peace with One Another, PG 151.10.

^[5] Gregory the Theologian, On the Feast of Theophany, or the Nativity of Christ, PG 36.316.



Christmas Message of Archbishop Elpidophoros of America 2022 My beloved Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As you settle into your homes and prepare to enjoy this Holy Feast of Christmas with family and friends, I ask that all of you take a moment to remember those whose lives have been shattered by violence and war.

The Prophet Isaiah promises:

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given...and His name shall be called...The Prince of Peace.

How we need the Prince of Peace more than ever in our world! Especially for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters who have endured for nearly all of 2022 a brutal invasion by Russia. Tens of thousands have lost their lives on both sides, and, just as there is no justifiable reason for this war, there is no end in sight.

Therefore, as we welcome the Holy Infant of Bethlehem, beholding in His humility and poverty the essence of true power and glory, may we remember those whose lives are deprived of the blessing of peace.

May the Newborn Lord of Glory grant peace to His world, and bring speedy justice, reconciliation, and hope to the Peoples of Ukraine and Russia.

A very Merry Christmas to you and yours, and a happy and healthy 2023. **Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

Hieromonk Sava [Janjić]

As of tonight [18 December to the night of 26 December]
In December, Jews all over the world celebrate the feast of
Hanukkah—the feast of light and the victory of light over darkness as a sign
of remembrance of the struggle for their people's freedom against the
heathens in the time of the Selevik Emperor Antioch Epiphan 2, a century
before Christ. The struggle for freedom was led by the Maccabees brothers,
whom our Church celebrates as holy martyrs.

https://sr.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Martyrs_Maccabees After the victory, the desecrated Jerusalem temple was sanctified and the menorah—the seven-pointed candlestick was lit again. During the seven days of the holiday celebrations, Jews light one candle every night in memory of this event. Happy holiday to all Jewish friends.

Chag Sameach—happy holiday!



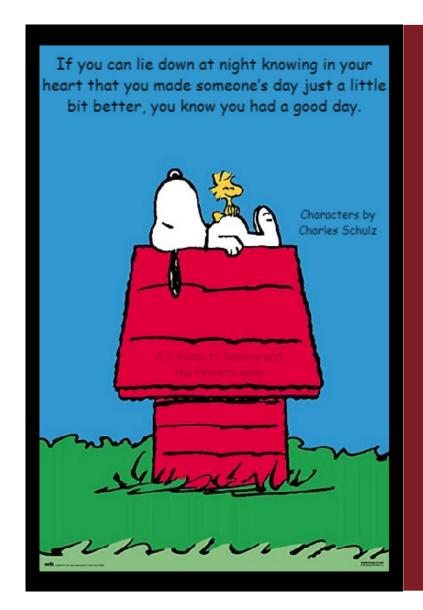
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May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve.



CHRISTMASPHERE, COM

Nativity Celebration Information:
Friday, 06 January 2023 is a STRICT
FAST DAY—no meat, no milk, no dairy
products. Medical exceptions apply...see
Father Bob with any questions.

SATURDAY, 07 January 2023, we will have Divine Liturgy upstairs starting at 10:30 AM.

There will be NO service on Sunday, 08 January 2023.