

The Icon of the NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



In the Christian icons that feature both Christ and Mary, the Mother of God, the icon of the Nativity is the one that depicts Mary not looking at the Christ Child. Instead, she is looking at her husband Joseph, interceding for him, praying for him that he may come to know that the One who is born of her is the Son of God. Tradition tells us that after the birth of Jesus, Joseph walked out of the cave, battling doubts. The figure of the old man next to him is believed to be the devil who is, of course, filling Joseph’s mind with all sorts of doubts and probably angry thoughts.

Since he knew he was certainly not the father, Joseph’s confusion and feelings of disgrace are expressed this way in the prayers of the Feast: *“I do not understand, and I tremble ... now what do I behold?”* Yet Joseph has a halo, which indicates his sanctity.

Our Church’s hymns mention Joseph’s doubt and Mary’s encouragement:

When Joseph, overwhelmed with worry, was on his way to Bethlehem, you, O Virgin, spoke to him, saying: Why do you, seeing me with child, look sad and troubled, not knowing the great mystery, which is revealed in me? Cast away all fear and learn glorious things: Out of love God comes to earth, receiving a body in my womb. You shall see His birth, as He ordained; be filled with joy and worship Him as your Creator, Whom the angels unceasingly praise and glorify together with the Father and the Holy Spirit. – (Ninth Hour of the Prefeast of the Nativity of Our Lord)

Excerpt by Fr. Julian Bilyj, Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton. <https://eeparchy.com/>

Holy Spirit Church Candle Sponsorships for Calendar Year 2026:

For Candle Sponsorship, please contact **David Dudinyak** at: **Cell # 607-239-3836** or email him at: HSByzcandles@gmail.com

Once you have **confirmed your candle selection** with David, **Please place your “candle donation” in the Sunday Collection.** *Thank You!*

- Sanctuary Lamp (Eternal Candle)** – (\$60/month) **Nov & Dec** – **AVAILABLE**
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine – **ALL Months Taken**
Tetrapod – (\$35/month for the Tetrapod) **Jan, Feb, July thru Oct** – **AVAILABLE**
Table of Preparation (Priest’s Side Altar) – **ALL Months Taken**
Vesting Table (Deacon’s Side Altar) – (\$25/month) **Mar thru Dec** – **AVAILABLE**
Candles in front of Iconostasis:
Main Icon of Jesus: (\$20 per month) **May thru Oct** – **Available**
Main Icon of the Virgin Mary: (\$20 per month) **Jan, Mar, April** – **Available**
Main Icon of St. Nicholas: **ALL Months Taken**
Main Icon St. John the Baptist – **ALL Months Taken**

Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church

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Ss. Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church

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December 21, 2025

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Sunday of the Ancestors

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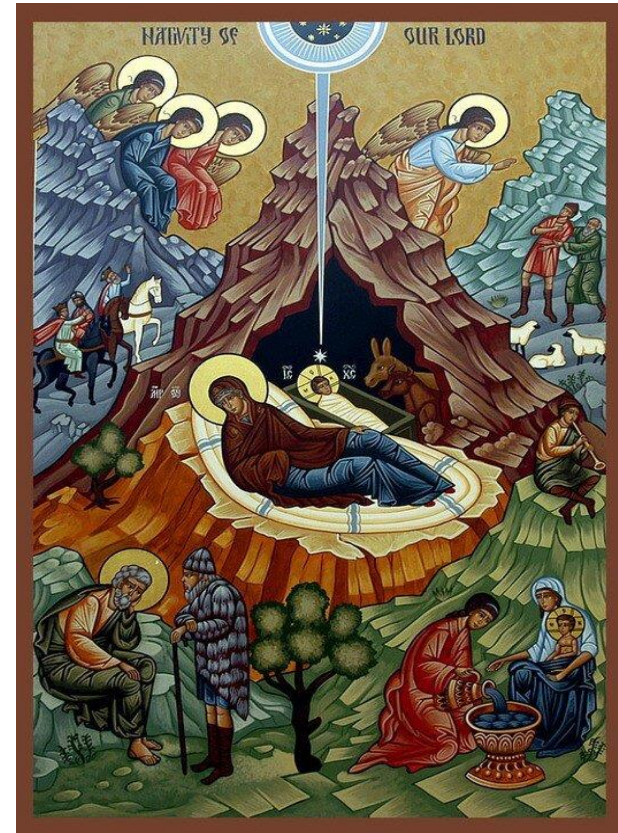
On-Line Giving: Please use the link below for on-line donations for Ss. Peter & Paul **OR** for Holy Spirit Church:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA77/home>

You can also scan the QR code with your phone or you can visit the Parish website for a link !



Thank you for your support of your Churches!



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Christos Razdajestsja! Slavite Jeho!

- December 25th -



⦿ **Liturgies for the Week of 12/20 – 12/28** ⦿

SAT **Dec 20** *The Holy Martyr Ignatius the God-bearer (107)*

--- No Divine Services ---

SUN **Dec 21** *Sunday before the Nativity (Sunday of the Ancestors)*

9:00 am Holy Spirit — ⦿ Myron Deliman by Eleanor Deliman and Family **Apostol:** Heb 11: 9-10, 17-23 & 32-40
Gospel: Mt 1: 1-25

(Tone 3)

11:00 am Ss. Peter & Paul — *Living and Deceased Members of Holy Spirit and Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches*

MON **Dec 22** *The Holy Great Martyr Anastasia (304)*

--- No Divine Services ---

TUES **Dec 23** *The Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete (250)*

--- No Divine Services ---

WED **Dec 24** ***Vigil of the Nativity***

7:00 pm Holy Spirit — *Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil Living and Deceased Members of Holy Spirit and Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches*



THU **Dec 25** ⦿ ***Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ*** ⦿ *(Holy Day of Obligation)*



9:30 am Ss. Peter & Paul — *Festal Divine Liturgy* **Apostol:** Gal 4: 4-7
⦿ David Zevan by Anne Marie Zevan **Gospel:** Mt 2: 1-12

FRI **Dec 26** *Synaxis of the Theotokos (Solemn Holy Day)*

9:30 am Ss. Peter & Paul — *Festal Divine Liturgy*
⦿ Theodore and ⦿ Arvilla Jean, by Family

SAT **Dec 27** *The Holy Apostle and First-Martyr Stephen (Simple Holy Day)*

--- No Divine Services ---

SUN **Dec 28** *Sunday after Nativity*

9:00 am Holy Spirit — *Living and Deceased Members of Holy Spirit and Ss. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches* **Apostol:** Gal 1: 11-19
Gospel: Mt 2: 13-23

(Tone 4)

11:00 am Ss. Peter & Paul — ⦿ Barbara Swan by Mary Ann and Bob Swan



Happy Birthday: We'd like to wish a very Happy Birthday to:

Alyssa Dudinyak , who will celebrate her Birthday this Saturday, ***December 20th***
Vicky Dennis , who will celebrate her Birthday this Tuesday, ***December 23rd***
Taylor Dudinyak , who will celebrate her Birthday this Tuesday, ***December 23rd***
David Dudinyak , who will celebrate his Birthday this Friday, ***December 26th***!

May Our Lord and God bless them and grant them long life, good health, peace and happiness for
Many Happy and Blessed Years! - Na Mnohaja i Blahaja Lita!



Christmas Liturgy Schedule:



Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24: Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil at 7:00pm at Holy Spirit

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25: Festal Divine Liturgy at 9:30am at Ss. Peter & Paul.

Synaxis of the Theotokos: Friday, December 26: Festal Divine Liturgy - 9:30am at Ss. Peter & Paul.

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2025 ANGEL TREE PROJECT - We would like to say ***THANK YOU*** to the parish families and friends of Holy Spirit and Ss. Peter & Paul churches, who adopted Angels from our 2025 Angel Tree! We are grateful for your outpouring of support. The **Children's Home of Wyoming Conference** is, too.

Your participation and the beautiful gifts collected confirm that many children will feel loved and have a Merry Christmas! By fulfilling wishes and spreading joy, Thank You for showing a strong sense of community and being part of something that truly makes a difference !



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