

Volunteers are needed tomorrow, January 2nd at 10:00 a.m. to decorate the church Christmas trees. Volunteers will also be needed on Thursday, January 5th, at 9:00 a.m., to arrange the poinsettias.

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At 12:30 p.m. tomorrow, January 2nd, parish youth and their parents are asked to meet at Fr. John & Pani Matka Mary Anne's house to go caroling to our elderly parishioners in local nursing homes. Parents - please see that your children participate. The joy that they bring to our shut-in parishioners with their very presence is immeasurable.

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Calendar of Events for the week of January 1st:

- Monday** - 12:30 p.m., Youth & parents to go caroling to shut-ins in nursing homes
- 10:00 a.m., Volunteers are needed to decorate the church Christmas trees
- Wednesday** - 8:30 a.m., Moleben for sick parishioners
- Thursday** - 9:15 a.m., Delivery and set-up of poinsettias in the church. Volunteers are needed.
- Friday** - *Christmas Eve (strict fast day)*
- **Afternoon, volunteers needed to prepare for Holy Supper**
- **6:00 p.m., U.O.L. Holy Supper (Sviata Vechera) (see separate announcement)**
- **7:30 p.m., Great Compline and Matins**
- Saturday** - *Christmas Day*
- **9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy; Live radio broadcast (see separate announcement)**
- Sunday** - *Council of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- **9:00 a.m., One bilingual Divine Liturgy followed by traditional carol sing-along with readings by parish youth**

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For the 24th consecutive year, our parish will reach out to our elderly and shut-in parishioners and everyone of Greater Cleveland by sponsoring our Christmas radio program. On Saturday, January 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the Divine Liturgy will be broadcast over radio station WJMO – 1300 AM. Please inform anyone who is unable to be in church for Christmas. Also please note that the Liturgy will be broadcast on the internet at praisecleveland.com. Let them rejoice with us, celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord God & Savior Jesus Christ.

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Please notify the clergy of any sick and hospitalized parishioners, as well as when they have been discharged from the hospital to their homes or gone to a nursing home. This is the duty of the family.

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Throughout the year, our parish's Senior UOL chapter sponsors many activities for the welfare of our parish and youth. For over 25 years, the most commendable project is their sponsorship of the Sviata Vechera (Holy Christmas Eve Supper) on Christmas Eve, January 6th. This year's dinner will be on a Friday evening, at 6:00 p.m. When the first UOL Sviata Vechera was served, approximately 30 people participated. Over the years, the attendance has grown. Last year, over 125 people participated. The Senior U.O.L. once again invites everyone who is not able to prepare their own Christmas Eve Holy Supper to come to the church hall for Sviata Vechera. If you would like to attend, please make a reservation in advance by calling the clergy or the parish office from Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. With the increase in the number of guests, there is also a need for additional volunteers. If you can help, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. Every additional hand makes the burden a little lighter. You do not have to be a member of the UOL to volunteer. For more information, please speak to Mrs. Daren Jogan, chairperson of the dinner.

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**Please check out
our new parish website by going to <http://www.stvladimirs.org>**



As in the past, our parish youth will be participating in the Christmas Eve services on Friday, January 6th, at 7:30 p.m. by reading the special readings. The reading will be done in the front of the church and will be in both Ukrainian and English. Parents – please encourage your child to read. For readings and more information, please speak with Melanie Nakonachny as soon as possible so that your child can prepare for the service.

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The 2012 Church Almanac from the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA is now available in the church office. The cost is \$15.00.

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It's Malanka Time!

All parishioners and friends are invited to the Annual Malanka (Julian New Year) Dinner/Dance, sponsored by St. Vladimir's Brotherhood on Saturday, January 14th, immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Vespers. It will be held in the parish's Grand Hall. Tickets cost \$35.00 per person and may be obtained by calling Walter Syder at (216) 661-5646 by January 10th. Music will be provided by Fred Ziwich & the International Sound Machine. Please support this annual event and invite a friend to join you.

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Because our Christmas this year will be celebrated on Saturday, parents are encouraged to have their children invite a friend to join them on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This would be a beautiful opportunity to show our non-Orthodox friends the beauty of our Liturgical services.

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On Sunday, January 8th, there will be one bilingual Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. Following the service, our children will read in front of the Iconostas and we will have our traditional carol sing-along. Please encourage your children to participate. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael or Pani Matka Anna Hontaruk.

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The All Saints Camp Boosters, which are sold annually to help raise funds for camp maintenance, are now on sale. They cost \$25.00 each and make great Christmas gifts. Please see Mrs. Mary Ann Sklaryk for more information about this project and to purchase your boosters.

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On Sunday, January 15th, the Senior U.O.L. will hold its annual UOL Sunday dinner at Dimitri's Restaurant, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Liturgy. Everyone is invited to attend. Please contact Pani Matka Mary Anne at (440) 885-1509 or nackos3201@gmail.com if you would like more information and to let her know if you plan to attend as the restaurant must be notified in advance of how many people to expect.

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Please note that, because of the joy of the Nativity season, there is NO kneeling during services from Christmas, January 7th, through Epiphany, January 19th.

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Make plans to invite someone to church for Christmas and, then, to share dinner with you and your family.

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*Christmas is about the Birth of Christ!
As Christians, please send religious Christmas cards to family and friends.
Greet everyone with the traditional Christmas greeting:
Christ is Born! & Merry Christmas!
Remember that Jesus is the Reason for the Season!*

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As we say good-bye to 2011, we thank
God for His many blessings and ask that He grant
us health, peace and a determination to love and
serve Him more in 2012!



Happy & Blessed New Year to all!

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“Greetings!

Hoping everyone is well this Christmas season.

My health has not been the best lately. On October 6th, my entire right shoulder was replaced. After the VA hospital, I was placed in a nursing home (rehab) and did not get released for home until December 12th. After 9 weeks it is so good to be home again! Still going to physical therapy at the VA hospital twice a week, and doing the exercises each day at home.

I wish to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls and goodies while I was away. I appreciate it so much. May God bless you.

Have a blessed and wonderful Christmas and may we all have a happy and healthy new year!

**As always, with love,
Bill Dobransky”**

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Please note the change in time for caroling to parishioners in local nursing homes. We will be going tomorrow, January 2nd at 12:30 p.m. Please meet at Fr. John’s home.

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The Ukrainian Orthodox League, Young Adults Committee, is sponsoring a “Winter Weekend Getaway” in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania from January 13th – 16th, 2012. First 15 registrants will get free housing. For more information, contact Ms. Emily Kominko or the parish clergy.

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During the Christmas season, the words for our beautiful Ukrainian carols (in both Ukrainian and English phonetics) can be found in the book holders in each pew. Please use them whenever we carol. Since the singing of religious carols is forbidden in public school, our children will not learn the words and melodies of the Christmas carols if we do not sing and teach them in church. We are truly blessed to have 2 beautiful choirs in our parish but, equally beautiful, is the sound of the entire parish singing together. Let us try it this Christmas season!

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