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**CHRIST IS BORN!
GLORIFY HIM!**

January 7, 2018
Theophany pg 14
Epistle itus 2:11-14; 3:4-7
Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

**ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЄТЬСЯ!
СЛАВІМ ЙОГО**

SUN Jan 7 1:30 p.m. LITURGY in Moose Jaw
MON Jan 8 NO LITURGY
TUES Jan 9 NO LITURGY
WED Jan 10 NO LITURGY
THURS Jan 11 NO LITURGY
FRI Jan 12 NO LITURGY
SAT Jan 13 4 p.m. LITURGY
SUN Jan 14 NO LITURGY IN MOOSE JAW

Opening Hymn Во Вифлєємі нині новина (2 verses)
Closing Hymn: In Bethlehem, (2 verses)

Please be mindful in your prayers of Anne Sahaidak, Gloria Leniuk, Bronie Huska, Fr. Yurij and of all who are in the need of the gift of health

Liturgy schedule

Jan 7 1:30 p.m.
Jan 13 4 p.m.
Jan 27 4 p.m.

NO LITURGY in our parish on JAN. 21. Please fulfill your obligation at St. Joseph's or COOL

EVENTS & THINGS

Во Вифлєємі нині новина
Пречиста Діва зродила Сина
В яслах сповитий поміж
бидляти
Спочив на сіні Бог необнятий

Вже Херувими славу
співають,
Ангельські хори Пана
витають,
Пастир убогий несе що може
Щоб обдарити Дитятко Боже

JANUARY Prayer Intention Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia

Museum lotto CALENDARS are available again.
Still only \$20
Let's support the Museum!

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY

Please notify Fr. Yurij when someone is sick or hospitalized in order that these people be visited in a timely manner.

THOUGHT DU JOUR

Dear Santa, when you get here, could you please throw a quick load in the washer, vacuum the carpets and wash your cookie plate? Thanks.

The Epiphany of the Lord

They opened their treasures and offered him gifts. (Matthew 2:11)

What's the best gift you have received this Christmas? How about the best gift you have given? Most likely, it wasn't this year's must-have item, which everyone lined up to buy. Rather, it was one you chose specifically for that person, something that reflected his or her personality perfectly.

In many cultures, Christmas gifts are given not on December 25 but on the feast of the Epiphany. The tradition is meant to honor the Magi, who gave the infant Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts had symbolic value, but they were probably quite helpful as well during the Holy Family's flight into Egypt.

Thinking about gift giving at Epiphany can help us shift the focus a bit. Just as the Magi gave Jesus presents, we too have the opportunity to offer the Lord some gifts of our own. Of course, now that he has ascended to heaven and is no longer in need of anything, we face a quandary: what gift can I possibly offer the Creator and Lord of the universe?

The familiar verse from the poet Christina Rossetti has it right: What can I give him, poor as I am? Give him my heart. There are gifts we treasure not so much because they are appropriate for us as recipients but because the giver has put so much love into them. Think of the toddler offering his mother a dandelion, the older child who has carved his initials into a wooden paperweight, or the author who autographs the first copy of his book to present to his mentor. In the same way, God is delighted when we offer him what no one else can give: ourselves.

No one can praise God in quite the same way as you. No one can follow him down the exact same path. No one but you can love the same set of people. This is how we give Jesus a gift that fills him with delight.

"Lord Jesus, I give you my heart, the heart you created to love you."

Today following water blessing coffee will be served.
This will be followed by a presentation on the stewardship forum held recently in Saskatoon.

Bishop Andrew Roborecki Foundation was established in 1982 to accept donations from the Faithful for educational support of Seminarians or Priests who will serve our Eparchy. Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSSR, has designated the month of **January** in which to make your donations. Please use the envelope provided and deposit with your Sunday Collection. Make your cheques payable to your Parish, who will then forward all donations to the Foundation. Your donation will be receipted in your Parish records along with all your regular church donations. *Thank you for your continued support & prayers. ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЕТСЯ!*

This runs all of January.

The service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 7:00pm at Church of Our Lady.

Christmas Gift of Love

This is shared between the parish priest and the bishop. Separate envelopes are set out. Do not use these for the regular collection. If donating by cheque make it payable to Fr. Y. Lazurko. Thank you. This collection continues for one more week.

House blessing

Fr. Vlad will be here on Jan 7 to bless water (bring jars). Fr. Basil will be in Moose Jaw on Jan 13 and 27. They are available for house blessings, If you want your house blessed, please sign one of the sheets for a time convenient for you. Do that TODAY. Please include address and phone number.

TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Two turtle doves

Two turtledoves were the Old and New Testaments, but also, according to some traditions, the two turtle doves offered at Jesus' dedication in the Temple when he was twelve (Lev. 12:8; Luke 2:24). All of the temple sacrifices are symbolic of the one sacrifice Christ made by giving his life as a just payment for the sins of all (Heb. 10:1-10). Three French Hens Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love. French Hens were very expensive during the 16th century, and thus could also be symbolic of the three costly gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh given by the wise men (Matt. 2:10-11). An alternate significance is symbolism depicting the value of the three Christ virtues, faith, hope, and charity (sacrificial love) (1 Cor. 13:13). Other forms of the song use the French Hens to symbolize the three persons of the trinity.

In Bethlehem, the city of David,
Jesus was born and laid in a manger.
2. His Virgin Mother knelt in adoration
Before the Lord, and master of creation.

The Holy stillness on the night was broken
By angel voices throughout the heavens,
2. In songs of praise they told the wondrous story
Of God's great goodness and of His glory.

Four Calling Birds

The calling Birds stand for the four gospels.

Five Golden Rings

> The Rings stand for the first five books of the Old Testament, the "law of Moses" so often referenced in scripture, the "Torah" as they are called by Jews. The Torah tells the story of man's fall into sin and reconciliation through the Messiah (Luke 24:25-27).

Six Geese A-laying

The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation. Eggs are an almost universal symbol of new life and so the "laying" geese, therefore, stand for the 6 days of creation (Gen. 1:31-2:2).

Seven Swans a Swimming

Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy as listed in Romans 12:6-8

Eight Maids A-milking

The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes. The maids who milked the cows were the least of the servants in a home. Their job symbolized Christ's faithfulness even to us who don't deserve his love (Rom. 5:1-5) The eight maids stand for the eight "beatitudes" or blessings listed in Matthew 5:3-10:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.