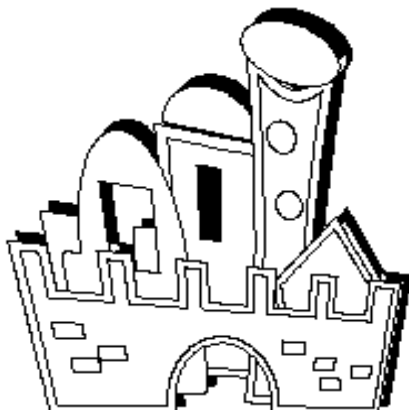


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Jerusalem Stand Upon The Heights

Second Sunday of Advent - "C"
Druga Niedziela Adwentu

December 9, 2018

O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people to God and to the Church.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, December 9th - II Sunday of Advent

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Al and **Louise Gursky**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

- Covered dish Christmas Party.

MONDAY, December 10th – *Advent Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. Helena Bednarek...(All Souls).

TUESDAY, December 11th - *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. Jan Zaborowski...(All Souls).

WEDNESDAY, December 12th – *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

THURSDAY, December 13th – *Advent Weekday*

6:30AM – Rorate Holy Mass

FRIDAY, December 14th – Advent Weekday

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention for: Sp. Bishop Casimir Grotnik.

SATURDAY, December 15th – Advent Weekday

9:30AM – Holy Mass to the BVM on Saturday, and Litany.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 16th – III Sunday of Advent

➤ Advent Penitential Service begins prior to the Mass, please **DO NOT BE LATE.**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Paul Elsavage, of. by Sue Korapchak & Sylvia Yanalunis.

- Decorating the church for Christmas.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – Pokropisz mnie Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Christ's Coming in the Hearts of Men

Prayer:

P. Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down the Just One.

R. Let the earth be opened and bud forth the Savior.

P. Lord Jesus, eternal Wisdom -

R. In Your merciful love, You came down to earth to expel the darkness with the brightness of Your Divine Life.

P. You removed the wall which sin had raised between God and us.

R. You opened the gates behind which the devil made prisoners of humanity.

P. Through You we regained access to God.

R. You have reconciled us with the heavenly Father.

P. But many have not yet seen Your Light.

R. Ans many are the hearts that have not yet known Your Heavenly Peace.

P. Our own hearts too, o Lord, are often dark and sinful.

R. We cry to Your, in this Holy Season of Advent:/Come anew and save us.

P. Let Your power be known, o Lord.

R. Come, and let Your Face shine upon us.

Let us pray: Merciful God and Savior, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to save what was lost. You made Him shine through the darkness of their world as the true daybreak. We pray to You, with the sweet radiance of Your grace, illumine our dark hearts and the hearts of all those sit in the shadow of paganism, and guide our feet in the way of peace, unto Your glorious kingdom. Through the same Christ, our Lord.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Malachi 3:1)

V. Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before Me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord Whom you seek.

R. And the messenger of the covenant Whom you desire, yes, He is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

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.

I Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

GRADUAL (John 1:6-8)

V. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

R. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

II Reading: Philippians 1:4-6.8-11

ALLELUIA (Psalms 85:8)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Show us, o Lord, Your love, and grant us Your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Thou Creator Spirit blest. And in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...**\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00** each additional hour, and **\$50.00** returnable deposit.
- **December 16 – Advent Penitential Service** before the Mass. We are going to decorate our church for Christmas on **Sunday, Dec. 16** after the Holy Mass. Please, mark your calendar.
- **Upcoming liturgy events: Dec. 24 at 4:00PM – Christmas Vigil Mass; 10:00PM – Christmas Eve Mass (Pasterka); December 25 – 11:00AM Mass.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 14 – Angela Elsavage.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz – Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausk - Joseph Ross - Thomas Justen; ***H & R Center Tremont***: Dolores Halaburda.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS are available in the vestibule. Free will offerings are for our organist, **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff**.

SNOW and ICE ALERT – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2018**. Therefore, please, be responsible for your own church and fulfill your obligation to the Parish before that date. **THANK YOU**. A member, who fulfills the financial obligation to the Parish, by paying our yearly dues (**\$137.00**), is a financial good standing member of the Church. This means that he/she is a voting member of the Parish, can be elected to the Parish Committee, can be elected as a delegate for Synods and Seniorate Council, can be married in the church, and when time comes could be buried at the Parish Cemetery.

EVERY LOFTY MOUNTAIN MADE LOW

Baruch had one of the more unusual backgrounds of all the prophets. He was a private secretary to another prophet, Jeremiah. He lived during the Jewish exile in Babylon (Iraq). Following Jeremiah's lead, he preached that the exile would end. He said that the people of Israel would return home in triumph. Baruch pictures mountains being leveled to facilitate this homecoming. The "mountains" are the political obstacles to be hurdled before it could happen. The church cites this passage to suggest a cosmic preparation for the coming of the Son of God.



HEROD THE TETRARCH

Luke dates the start of John the Baptist's ministry by setting it in the 15th year of the reign of Emperor Augustus: 29 AD. He notes that Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, was "tetrarch" of Galilee. The word is related to "monarch" which means "one ruler". A tetrarch is a quarter ruler. After Herod the Great's death, Rome decided to divide up the kingdom of Israel so that no one person would hold all of the power. Herod Antipas is the king most frequently mentioned in the gospels. He later arrested John the Baptist and sentenced him to death.