

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Saint Ann and Mary*

### *If Moses did not Take off his Shoes*

Moses was prevented from approaching the burning bush until he had taken off his shoes. You are aspiring to stand in the presence of the One who is greater than every thought and every passion. How then can you refuse to strip yourself of every passionate thought?

Praying means rejecting pleasures and banishing anger.

Do not open your heart to fleshly longings. They stir up emotions that trouble the eye of the mind and therefore destroy prayer.

Your prayer ought to be steadfast and fervent. So dispel all distractions and wandering thoughts the moment they present themselves. They disturb you and worry you so that your fervor is weakened.

During your prayer, try to keep your mind deaf and dumb. Only so will you be able to pray.

Do not be content with external attitudes of prayer. Turn your mind to the prayer of the spirit, with awe and fearfulness.

*St. Evagrius of Pontus*

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"Slava Isusoo Khristoo!"  
"Glory to Jesus Christ!"

Dec. 9, 2012  
Imm. Conception

A FIRST FOR OUR PARISH! We have been invited to sing our Ukrainian Christmas carols at the First Presbyterian Church on DeKalb St. in Bridgeport at the 3 pm "Carol Sing" this Sunday, the 9th of December. So sign up today in the vestibule and show up at 2:30 for our one and only "rehearsal" with Father Pastor at the DeKalb St. Church, so that we can honor all our singing forebears like our long-time Cantor Pete Martinick and so many others.

NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 16, our terrific Sunday School Staff and students will perform on stage a live Nativity scene at 10:30 am. And then we will all share a Holy Supper sampler of the 12 foods of Christmas Eve. Every parish family is invited to attend and show our love and support for our children. It's all free and all for you!

NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 16, we will have our annual Christmas Luncheon and Party at Peppers Restaurant in King of Prussia at 1:30 pm. We invite all our Parish Auxiliary, all our Sunday School Staff, all our Parish Officers and Ushers and the good men of St. John Society. Come and share with us some great food and drinks, along with some Christmas fun and friendship next Sunday afternoon!

THE GREAT FEAST of St. Anne's Conception (The Immaculate Conception) of Mary the Theotokos will be celebrated this weekend. This Holyday marks the conception in the womb of St. Anne of Mary, the future Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We will sing our hymns of praise to Mary and her mother Anne today and anoint all the Faithful.

OUR SUNDAYS WITH FATHER adult seminar will have its final session of 2012 this Sunday at 10:10 in the School Lounge. Our subject will be the Christmas Celebration, Its Feasts and Fasts. Come and learn with us Sunday morning and share your own Christmas experiences over some coffee/tea and sweets.

ALL OUR SODALITY GIRLS are asked to serve the Christmas foods at the buffet table next Sunday. We thank Denise and Michele for overseeing this great group and working with the girls this Christmastide.

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DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm For all the Faithful

Sunday, 9 am +Donna Bednar (The Fonock Family)

+Anna Newmaster (Son Thomas)

Thursday, 7 am +Maria Karaba (The Fediuk Family)

Friday, 7 am +Walter Gutkowski (Martha Dinich)

Saturday, 8 am +John Berkezchuk (Wife Jean)

Saturday, 6 pm For all the Faithful

Sunday, 9 am +Nicky Bracaglia (Sunday School Children)

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TODAY'S TROPAR: Today the bonds of childlessness are broken for God has heard the prayer of Joachim and Anna. He announced to them that they would give birth to a holy virgin, of whom the Indescribable One shall be born. He ordered the angels to sing to her: "Hail, Full of Grace, the Lord is with you."

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER...

TODAY'S KONTAK: Today the whole universe celebrates St. Anne's conception brought about by God. For she gave birth to the one, Mary, who mysteriously has borne the Word Jesus the Christ.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: God is admirable in His Saints, the God of all Israel, amen.

