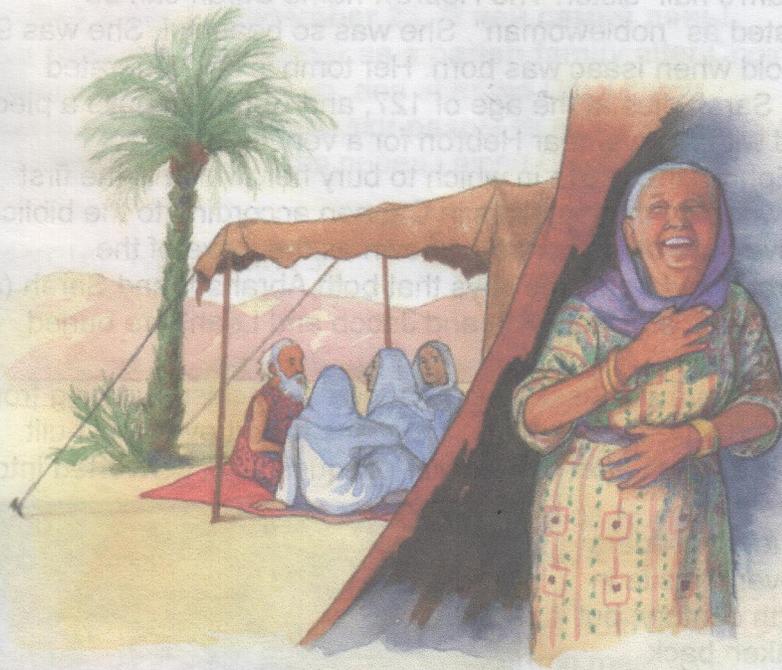


**СВЯТО-МИКОЛАЇВСЬКА УКРАЇНСЬКА
ГРЕКО-КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЦЕРКВА
ST. NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Коли 90-літня Сара почула, що три незнайомці сказали її чоловікові Аврааму, що вона через рік народить сина, вона засміялася. (Книга Буття. Глава 18)



When the 90ty year old Sarah overheard what the three strangers said to her husband Abraham that she will give birth to a son in a year, she started laughing. Her laughter was derisive. God was angry with her but did not punish her.

(Genesis, 18)

2018

December - 16 – Грудень

Неділя Святих Праотців. Попразденство Непорочного
Зачаття Богородиці або Св. Анни.

Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers. Post feast of Immaculate
Conception or St. Anne's.

Epistle: Genesis 18, 1-15 Gospel: Luke 14, 16-24

Today we pray especially for: + Maria Holtmeyer

In our first reading we hear about Sarah's conception of Isaac. Sarah or Sara is a matriarch in the Hebrew Bible, who was the wife of Abraham and the mother of Isaac. She was also Abraham's half-sister. The Hebrew name *Sarah* can be translated as "noblewoman". She was so beautiful. She was 90 years old when Isaac was born. Her tomb is still venerated today. Sarah dies at the age of 127, and Abraham buys a piece of land with a cave near Hebron for a very large fee from Ephron the Hittite in which to bury her, which is the first land owned by the Israelites in Canaan according to the biblical narrative. The place became known as the Cave of the Patriarchs and traditions says that both Abraham and Sarah (as well as Isaac and Rebekah and Jacob and Leah) are buried there.

Over the cave stands a large rectangular enclosure dating from the Herodian-era. Byzantine Christians took it over and built a Basilica which after the Muslim conquest was converted into the Ibrahimi

Mosque. Crusaders took over the site in the 12th century, but it was taken back by Saladin 1188 and reconverted into a mosque. Israel took control of the site in 1967, dividing the structure into a

synagogue and a mosque. In 1994, the Hebron



massacre occurred in which a Jewish settler killed 29 Muslims praying in the mosque.
The site is considered by Jews to be the second holiest place in the world, after the Temple of Jerusalem.

Confessions: half an hour before the Divine Liturgy or by appointment
Сповідь: пів-години перед Сл. Божою або по домовленості з Отцем-парохом

Attention Choir members!!! Увага хористи!!!
Choir practice for Christmas Eve – Sunday December 23
at 9.15 a.m.

Same day ! December 23 В цей самий день!
Let us **sing carols together as a parish family** after Choir practice at around 9.45 a.m. and after the Div. Liturgy
Давайте **заспівасмо колядки разом** як парохіальна сім'я у неділю 23-го грудня перед і після Сл. Божої.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday Collections: Nov 18- [redacted] Nov 25- [redacted] , Dec 2- [redacted]
Dec 9- [redacted]

Donations: St. Nicholas Ukrainian Seniors' Club- [redacted]
Our Ukrainian Knights of Columbus - [redacted]

Major Expenditures: Property insurance (Eparchy)- [redacted]
Electricity and water (hall and church)- [redacted]

We also had a very successful turkey bingo on November 30.
Thanks to all who helped and/or contributed raffle prizes as well as attended the event. We netted funds of [redacted] (gross- [redacted] including [redacted] donation for turkeys from Mrs. P. Wolos, expenses- [redacted] which will help the Church meet its expenses in the coming months.

As well, many parishioners and guests attended a very successful Praznyk last Sunday. A delicious meal and good company were enjoyed by all.

Thanks to everyone who supports the Church through your attendance at such functions. Ann Pekaruk, parish treasurer

Schedule of services for Christmas and Theophany

2018

Sunday Dec. 23 at 10.00 a.m. – regular Sunday Div. Liturgy

Monday Dec. 24 at 9.00 p.m. – Christmas Eve services

Tuesday Dec. 25 at 10.00 a.m. – Christmas Div. Liturgy

2019

Sunday January 13 at 10.00 a.m. – Post-Feast of Theophany

Blessing of water and Kutia

Розпорядок відправ на Різдво і Йордан

2018

Неділя, 23 грудня – 10та ранку звичайна недільна Сл.

Божа

Понеділок, 24 грудня – 9та вечора 3 нами Бог і урочиста

відправа Навечір'я Різдва

Вівторок, 25 грудня – Різдво Христове. Сл. Божа на 10 -ту

ранку.

2019

Неділя 13 січня – Посвяття Богоявління. Сл. Божа на 10ту

ранку. Опісля свячення Води і Кутя

What's the difference between St. Nicholas and Santa?

St. Nicholas gives presents to those who made an effort to grow and live lives pleasing to God. Santa gives to everyone.