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## Our Lord's Ascension Parish of the PNCC

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**HOLY FAMILY - SOLEMNITY**

### News Flash!

LET US REJOICE, THE  
CHRIST IS BORN!

### The Readings

Sir 3, 2-6

Psalm 128

**R. HAPPY ARE THOSE  
WHO FEAR THE LORD  
AND WALK IN HIS  
WAYS**

Col 3, 12-21

### Eucharistic Prayer III

### Holy Masses

**TODAY - December 31st -  
Solemnity - The Humble  
Shepherds/Holy Family**

09:00 A.M. - Holy Mass.

After Mass Blessing of Wine.

**SUNDAY - January 7th -  
Solemnity - Epiphany of the  
Lord.**

09:00 A.M. - Holy Mass.

After Mass blessing of  
incense, charcoal and chalk.

### The Lectors

Dec. 31st - Tara Broczkowski

Jan. 7th - Magda Yurchishin

### Entrance Hymn

*V. The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."*

**R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger.**

*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.**

### The Gospel (Lk. 2, 22-40)

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with

fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**My Dear in Christ!**

**Our year of 2017 is coming to an end. I think it is good time for reflections about our life; reflections about progress in God's faith and also about our failures in it. A New Year comes! I wish you all by using the example of St. Joseph, to follow God's voice in your life. I wish you all to take very seriously your calling to holiness by carrying Jesus daily in your heart - trying to use different ways to get there. Be creative! Be strong! Be faithful! May God bless you for the New Year of 2018!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUR FRIENDS:** Our prayers are needed for: Gertrude Gron, Eugene O'Callaghan, Amelia Stankus, Helen Trexler, Joseph Jurnock, Gerry & Dorothy Villa, **Our Father...**