



T'was the Night Before Jesus Came

T'was the night before Jesus came, and all through the house,
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And mom in the rocker, with the baby on her lap,
Was watching the late show, while I took a nap.

When out of the east there arose such a clatter!
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter!
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters, and threw up the sash,

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here!
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray,
I knew in a moment this must be "The Day"!

The light off his face made me cover my head,
It was Jesus returning just like he said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw him in spite of myself.

In the book of life which he held in his hand,
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word, as he searched for my name,
When he said "it's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love,
He gathered to take to his father above.
With those that were ready, he rose without a sound,
While all of the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late,
I had waited too long, and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight,
Oh! if only we had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem, the meaning is clear,
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life, and when comes the last call,
We'll find that the Bible was true after all.



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12/23/2018
31st Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday of the Ancestors

<u>Date</u>	<u>Loca- tion</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service / Intention</u>	
12/22	N. Cam.	Sat.	3:00 PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confessions Holy Rosary Wasył & Anna Tocarchick	Magdalene
12/23	N. Cam. Revloc N. Cam.	Sun.	9:00AM 11:00AM 5:00PM	Mick Sapp Private Intentions Sarah's Health	Mike, Michelle, Michaela & Michael Friend
12/24	N. Cam.	Mon.	10:00PM	Kinka "Sunshine" Paronish	Son, John
12/25	N. Cam. Revloc	Tues.	9:00AM 11:00AM	Christmas Birth of Our Lord	
12/26	N. Cam.	Wed.	6:00PM	Synaxis of the Theotokos	Offered by the Chuff Family
12/27	N. Cam	Thurs	9:00AM	Stephen Protomartyr	Offered by the Chuff Family
12/28	N. Cam.	Fri.			
12/29	N. Cam.	Sat.	3:00 PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confessions Holy Rosary In Memory of Adam & Corrine Sclesky	M/M David Sclesky & sons
12/30	N. Cam. Revloc N. Cam.	Sun.	9:00AM 11:00AM 5:00PM	Sarah's Health Private Intentions For the People	Friend

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Angelic powers were upon Your tomb and the guards became like dead men; Mary stood before Your tomb seeking Your most pure body. You captured Hades without being overcome by it. You met the Virgin and granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

Great are the achievements of faith! In the fountain of flames, the three holy youths rejoiced as by the water of rest, and the prophet Daniel was revealed shepherding lions like sheep. Through their intercession, O Christ God, save our souls.

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Armed by the Being that defies description, You defied the manmade idol, O thrice bless'd youth. IN the midst of the unbearable flames you stood and cried out to God; In Your mercy, O gracious One, hasten and come to our aid, for you can do whatever You will.

Prokeimen:

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

For You are righteous in everything that You have done to us.

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your Name forever.

Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have told us the work You did in their days.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

You saved us from our oppressors and put to shame those who hate us.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse:

Praise the Lord from the heaven; praise Him in the highest.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Announcements

Income Report 12/16/2018

Sunday: \$627.00 Loose: \$194.00 Diocesan: \$65.00 Holy Day: \$48.00 Total: \$934.00
Candles: \$97.00 Buildings and grounds: \$74.00 Cemetery: \$15.00

The second collection at Divine Liturgies on the first weekend of the month will be for our Parish Christian Outreach.

The second collection at Divine Liturgies on the rest of the weekends of the month will be for upkeep of our buildings and grounds

Please remember the sick, shut-ins and deployed of the Parish and our community in your prayers, especially: James Scott, Mike Saxon, Mary Hanwell, Herb Kirsch & Family, John Kerr, Herluf Pedersen, George & Patty Kotrick, Jane Pavelko, Frank Farabaugh, William Paronish, Special Intention for a parishioner diagnosed with cancer (anonymous), Michael Katchmer, Barb Sidwar, Sarah Kelt, Brody Dick, Dustin Kirsch and Shirley Baum.

Deployed: Tim Shapiro

House Blessings

Fr. Andriy will begin to bless homes starting December 27, 2018. If you want Father to come at a specific time and day, please let him know. During the visit please have a cross, lit candle and holy water available. If you have any items to be blessed such as icons, rosaries, medals or other religious items, have them ready next to the cross.

Joke of the Week

Two young boys were spending the night at their grandparents the week before Christmas. At bedtime, the two boys knelt beside their beds to say their prayers when the youngest one began praying at the top of his lungs.

"I PRAY FOR A NEW BICYCLE..."

"I PRAY FOR A NEW NINTENDO..."

"I PRAY FOR A NEW VCR..."

His older brother leaned over and nudged the younger brother and said, "Why are you shouting your prayers? God isn't deaf."

To which the little brother replied, "No, but Grandma is!"