

## **Week of 12/19/10**

### **FOR THE HEALTH OF:**

Family Members by Helen Davis  
Peter Powers by Paul, Wendy & Family  
Mark by Rachael Spynda  
Thomas by Rachael Spynda  
Joanne by Rachael Spynda  
Family by Mariann Mica  
Costella Family by Toni  
Fr. Fred by Toni  
Mark by Mom  
Ronald by Martha  
Zachary by Baba  
Eric by Baba  
Jessica by Baba  
Miralles Family by Tony & Janet  
Janet by Tony  
Larry & Helen Morozek by Tony & Janet Miralles  
Chuck & Mary Jo Yetsconish by Tony & Janet Miralles  
Sam, Max, Luca & Vivian by Bill & Patty  
Parents by Timko Family  
Bertha Mischyshyn by Rose Janus  
Janet Miralles by Rose Janus  
Mary Jo Yetsconish by Chuck  
Tony & Janet Miralles by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Yetsconish  
Soroka Family by Augie  
Mary Gelli by Peter & Mary Stephanie  
Mary Turpack by Peter & Mary Stephanie  
Tony & Janet by Peter & Mary Stephanie  
Aunt Anne by Bill, Carol & Michelle  
Larry by Helen  
Michelle & Jody by Mom & Dad  
Mary & Johnny Kossol by Larry & Helen  
Audrey Kossol by Larry & Helen Family by Fran Sabo  
All Church Members by Fran Sabo  
Sophie Dudzinski by John, Marie & Jacob

Dudzinski Family by Jereme & Jacob  
Helen Davis by Dudzinski Family  
Margaret Wiker by Dudzinski Family  
Mary Braddock by Dudzinski Family  
Evelyn Grabana by Dudzinski Family  
Elizabeth Saul by Dudzinski Family  
Mariann Mica by Dudzinski Family  
Larry & Helen Morozek by Dudzinski Family  
Sophia & Joe Krill by Dudzinski Family  
Peter & Mary Stephanie Merella by Dudzinski Family  
Wendy & Paul Mica by Dudzinski Family  
Mom & Dad by Michelle & Jody  
Tony & Janet by Michelle & Jody  
Katherine Dupay by Dave & JoAnn Metz  
Sophia Krill by Dave & JoAnn Metz  
Joe Krill by Dave & JoAnn Metz  
Myron Sepitko by Dave & JoAnn Metz  
Karen Hady by Dave & JoAnn Metz  
Sophia Dudzinski by Jonathan, Jennifer & Ava  
Dudzinski Family by Jonathan, Jennifer & Ava  
Vernet Family by Jonathan, Jennifer & Ava  
Konsugar Family by Jonathan, Jennifer & Ava  
Sara Morgan by Jonathan, Jennifer & Ava

### **IN MEMORY OF:**

Deceased Family Members by Helen Davis  
Paul Mica by Mariann  
Chuck by Michelle & Jody  
Al Hines by Michelle & Jody  
Ginx Essey by Michelle & Jody

Aunt Steffie by Peter & Mary Stephanie  
John & Libby Rosak by Toni  
Deceased Joseph Family Members by Toni  
John Metz by Dave & JoAnn  
Al Sabo by Fran  
John & Ann Skurkay by Bill & Patty  
Paul Janus by Rose  
Furtak & Karbowsky Families by Dorothy Karbowsky  
Ben Dudzinski by John, Marie & Jacob  
Helen Koslosky by John, Marie & Jacob  
Mike Backo by John, Marie & Jacob  
Chuck by Mom & Dad  
Steven by Mom & Dad  
Joe Meisner by Larry & Helen  
John Yusko by Larry & Helen  
Anna Yusko by Larry & Helen  
Charles Yusko by Larry & Helen  
Lloyd Ohler by Greg & Dee Ohler  
Vera Ohler by Greg & Dee Ohler  
Freeman Myrick by Greg & Dee Ohler

### **SAFE TRAVEL:**

Jeff & Nancy by Jonathan, Jennifer & Ava  
Chuckie by Mom & Dad

### **THANKFULNESS:**

Fran

### **SPECIAL INTENTIONS:**

Fran

### **HEALTH & SAFETY:**

Jonathan & Jennifer by Mom & Dad  
Jereme & Jacob by Mom & Dad  
Ava by Baba, PapPap & Uncle Jacob  
Johnny, Jordan & Jessalyn by Mom & Dad  
Church Family by Timko Family  
Family by Chuck & Julia Urdenis

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## ***The Symbolism of the Nativity Icon***

The icon of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is rich with meaningful symbolism. Starting at the top of icon and proceeding clockwise, the icon tells the following story:

Casting down light from above we find a star, the light of wisdom. As the Orthodox Nativity hymn states: “Those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient on high.” The heavens themselves help to proclaim the majesty of Christ’s birth.

In the upper right corner of the icon, we see the Magi bringing their gifts from afar showing that Christ’s salvation touched the whole world, not just one nation or race.

The woman on the right side of the icon is a midwife. Her presence reminds us that the birth of the Christ-child was a real birth, and the body He assumed was a real, human body, requiring customary care and nurture.

At the bottom right of the icon, we find the Righteous Joseph, who served as protector and guardian to Mary and Jesus. The old man speaking to him represents the devil whispering to Joseph doubts concerning Christ’s conception and birth.

At the bottom left, young shepherds, playing their flutes, show their joy and amazement at hearing the Good News.

The two animals immediately to the left of Christ represent the fulfillment of an Old Testament prophecy: The ox knows his owner and the donkey his master’s crib” [Is. 1:3]. They are very near the Christ child, providing Him warmth from their breath.

The angels at the top left of the icon are glorifying God and announcing the Good News to the shepherds.

And of course, in the center of the icon, we find the Virgin Mary resting in a cave next to Jesus as a baby in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes. His manger is like a casket and His swaddling clothes are very much like grave clothes, showing that He was born to die for our salvation!