

For Communion at the
Mass, tomorrow evening,
Sign up in your halls --

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It is necessary that we be
informed, that we may pre-
pare the bread and wine.

Byzantine-Slavonic Mass in Sacred Heart

In anticipation of the annual Church Unity Octave, a Mass in the Byzantine-Slavonic rite will be celebrated in Sacred Heart Church tomorrow night at 8 p.m. -- the Feast of the Epiphany. Communion will be given under both species.

The Divine Liturgy embraced by this Mass will be celebrated by the monks of St. Procopius Abbey of Lisle, Illinois, who for over 37 years have been engaged in the unique apostolate of re-uniting the dissident Christian Churches with the See of Rome. Their efforts have been directed largely toward the Slavic peoples of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The celebrants of the Mass will be:

Rev. Athenase Reszec, O.S.B.
Rev. Demetrius Kowalchik, O.S.B.
Rev. Vladimir Tarasevitch, O.S.B.

The deacon of the Mass will be Rev. Pascal Honner, O.S.B.

The commentator during the Liturgy will be the Rev. Claude Viktora, O.S.B.

The Cantor and members of the choir will be composed of Moreau Seminarians, and students of Notre Dame, under the direction of Mr. James Burtchaell, C.S.C.

The chanter of the tropars and kondaks will be Br. Sebastian Kuhn, O.S.B.

The chanter of the epistle will be Professor Elie Denissoff of the Notre Dame faculty.
The acolytes will be Fathers Konechak, O.S.B. and Joseph Vesely, O.S.B.

All those who attend will be furnished with Slavonic-English Missala to enable you to follow the ceremony intelligently, and reverently.

Those of you who receive Communion tomorrow morning may not, of course, receive Communion again at this evening Mass. And since the reception of Communion at the evening Mass will take place at approximately 9 o'clock, those of you who intend to receive at this Mass should observe the required 3-hour fast beginning at 6 p.m.

Confessions will be heard in Sacred Heart Church during the evening Mass.

The Novena to the Sorrowful Mother will not be resumed until January 13.

To some of you this Mass will be an eye-opener. As members of the Roman, or Latin, Rite, we are unaware of other Rites existing in the Church, and of Catholics with other liturgies, who, nevertheless, look to the Holy Father as the Supreme Head of all Christendom. Tomorrow evening you will have an opportunity to observe one of the venerable rites of the Eastern Churches -- whose peoples are fervent Catholics, and faithful members of the flock of Christ. Their services are not heretical, nor schismatic. Their Mass is the real unbloody Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Saviour; their sacraments are the same as ours, instituted by the same Divine Founder and producing the same spiritual effects -- and the Mass and the sacraments are lawful; for those who use these various rites are in full communion with Christ's Vicar on earth. The Feast of the Epiphany is especially appropriate for this Mass.

Tomorrow is First Friday -- the day on which we pray especially for the graces of a
Happy Death. Start the year off wisely. Remember that
late Confession and Communion facilities are available in Alumni hall chapel.