

“Today the Beginningless doth begin, and the Word becometh incarnate”

--Nativity Orthros

Saturday, December 26, 2020
Synaxis of the Theotokos

10:00 am Divine Liturgy
The Epistle **Hebrews 2:11-18 (p. 1655)** The Gospel **Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 1268)**
6:30 pm Great Vespers 7:30 Confession



Sunday, December 27, 2020
St. Stephen the Proto-martyr

9:00 am Orthros Doxology 1 Troparion 1
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
All: Second Antiphon
O Son of God, who was born of a Virgin, save us sing to you, Alleluia. Glory to the Father...
Chanters: Third Antiphon
All: Entrance Hymn
Chanter: Resurrectional Troparion in Tone 4
Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.
All: Troparion of the Nativity of Christ



Chanter: Troparion of the Sunday after Nativity
Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

Chanter: Troparion of St. Stephen the Proto-martyr
The crown of the Kingdom hath adorned the brow of thy head because of the contests that thou hast endured for Christ God, thou first of the martyred Saints; for when thou hadst censured the Jews' madness, thou sawest Christ thy Savior standing at the right hand of the Father. O Stephen, ever pray Him for us, that He would save our souls.

All: Troparion of the Holy Transfiguration

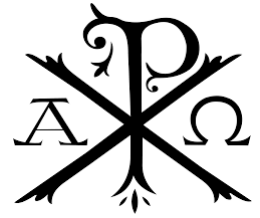
All: Kontakion of Christ's Nativity

The Epistle **Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60 (pp. 1479)** The Gospel **Matthew 2:13-23 (p. 1268)**

11:40 am Fellowship time in the Great Room *Please bring something to add to the buffet table each week.*

12:00-1:00 pm Church School (Beginner and Primary Classes will meet in the nave)

12:00-1:00 pm Catechumen Class (in the priest's office)



This week we celebrate these special days in our parish:

Fr. Wilbur Ellsworth

Name Day today

Sbdn. Joseph (Jeremy) Steven

Name Day today

Steven Doelman

Name Day today

Chuck and Connie Parsons

46th Wedding Anniversary on Monday

Melanie Nassif

Name Day on Thursday

Bill Morrison

Name Day on Friday

Chuck Parsons

Name Day on Saturday

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!

PROVIDING THE HOLY BREAD

Today: Kh. Jean

As a parish, we are grateful to all of those who make the Holy Bread (Prospora) each week. May the Lord reward you with every heavenly blessing.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday 6:30 pm Mid-Week Vespers Confession 7:30 pm

Thursday 10:30-12:30 am Work Morning and brown bag lunch

Friday FEAST OF ST. BASIL, THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST
and the blessing of the Vasilopita

10:15 am Orthros

11:00 am Divine Liturgy Fr. Patrick Reardon will be the homilist

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy our Beginner and Primary children will give a brief presentation of the Scripture memory project they have been working on in Church School classes this fall.

12:30 pm New Year's Lunch and Party

As a part of this fellowship time the VASSILOPITA (Bread of Basil) will be cut and we will see who receives the golden coin, indicating that he or she is especially blessed to be a blessing in the New Year. Fr. Patrick will be joining us for this fellowship time. Some very special musical numbers will be presented and games will be available for those who wish to compete. Prizes will be awarded!

Saturday 10:00-11:30 am Divine Liturgy with Additional Precautions
(face masks are required and social distancing is carefully maintained)

Saturday 6:30 pm Great Vespers Confession 7:30 pm

COMING EVENT

Wednesday, January 6 *FEAST OF THEOPHANY and the Blessing of the Waters*

9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
11:30 am Fellowship Meal



Sometime before this Feast please take your Holy Water vial and pour any remaining water onto a plant. (Never pour the blessed water down the drain or onto a place where people walk.) Bring your empty vial to the church and place it in the basket in the nave. You will receive a filled vial at the conclusion of the Feast.

MATTERS FOR PRAYER

For our loved ones who are struggling: TJ Farrell's brother Bruce, Joanne Vlachos's daughter Ashley and mother Zulma, Ellena Vranas's brother Michael, and Rose Karantzis's friend Cheryl

For Mariana and Mary Cuceu as they begin their work in Romania

For God's forgiveness for our many sins as individuals and as a nation and for His healing from the sickness and violence that has overtaken us

For those suffering from the Coronavirus and those caring for them, and for those grieving the loss of loved ones during this plague

For those who are attempting to govern us at local, state and national levels

For believers all around the world who are being persecuted for their Faith in Christ

For the Hoppe family ministering in Albania, and for Peter and Sharon Georges ministering to orphans in Uganda

For our college students, Katherine Hoppe, Melanie Nassif and Ben Bollinger

For our loved ones who have departed this life: Gus Karantzis, Bonnie Parisek, Beverly Meyers, Dr. Michael and Eva Kontos, Andrew and Mary Rousonelos, Gus Koutselas, Spiridon Vlachos, Tony Nassif, Mary Gibson, +Metropolitan PHILIP, Faye McDonald, Philip Stevens, +Fr. Peter Gilquist, John and Gertrude Foust, Dorothy Parsons, Helen Koutselas