

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN ORTHODOX CHURCH

UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE USA

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Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7 **Reader:** Anita Anderson
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 **Propers:** Festal Menaion

UPCOMING FEASTS & SERVICES:

Monday, December 26	<i>Second Day of the Feast of the Nativity Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos</i>
Tuesday, December 27	<i>Third Day of the Feast of the Nativity Holy Protomartyr & Archdeacon Stephen</i>
Sunday, January 1	<i>The Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy</i>
Thursday, January 5	<i>Eve of the Theophany of Christ (Strict Fast)</i>
Friday, January 6	<i>Holy Theophany of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ</i>
Sunday, January 8	<i>29th Sunday after Pentecost Afterfeast of the Theophany/Sunday after Theophany 9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water</i>

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS WHO ARE CELEBRATING THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST TODAY!

We welcome his Eminence Metropolitan Antony,
Protodeacon Ihor Mahlay and Deacon Ivan Tchopko,
As well as the Mahlay Family and all guests praying with us today.

THEOPHANY: The Great Blessing of Water in observance of the feast of the Theophany will take place on Sunday, January 8th. Feel free to bring your own bottle to fill to take home, or one can be purchased online or at the bookstore at the Consistory.

BLESSING OF HOMES: It is the tradition of Orthodox Christians to have their homes blessed following the Feast of the Theophany, and if you wish to have yours blessed please speak to Fr. Vasyl to arrange a date and time.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS: Every Monday at 7 pm at St. Andrew's Memorial Church.

CAROLING FOR CHRIST: Free concert on Saturday, January 21st at 1 pm at the Ukrainian Cultural Center (135 Davidson Ave.).

FREE 2017 CALENDARS are now available for pick-up in the Church Hall.

PIEROGIE SALES: Pierogie Sales will be suspended until January 1, 2017. After January 1st, orders will be taken by phone. Please leave a message with your order information (908-561-6366).

HOLY COMMUNION: Please remember that Holy Communion is only offered to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and sincere repentance of their sins (Holy Confession). Everyone is invited to partake of the "prosfora/antidoron" (blessed bread) which is a reminder of the "agape feast" that followed worship in the early Church at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy. If you would like to participate in the sacrament of Confession, either before or after Liturgy, please let Fr. Vasyl know.

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us after today's Divine Liturgy for coffee hour and fellowship in the parish hall. If you would like to host coffee hour on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the sheet located next to the door. Your help and participation are greatly appreciated.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will take place after Divine Liturgy on the last Sunday of each month.

PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers this week Fr. Vasyl, Fr. Victor, Fr. Ivan, Dobrodijka Ivanka, Lyudmila, Steffie Tybor, Nettie Sherby, Maryanne Quartuccio, Kathie Thomas, Natalia, Taissa, Andy Olear, Gleb and Maria.
If you or your loved ones are sick or in the hospital, please let Fr. Vasyl know.

*Out of respect for God's House, please keep all communication to a minimum.
Please join us in the church hall after Liturgy for food and fellowship.
Attend Church as a Family!*