

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Tone 5 || Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday before the Nativity.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 **GOSPEL:** MATTHEW 1:1-25

PARISH CONTACTS

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, Dec. 23rd: Sunday before Nativity, 8:40am Hours, 9am - Divine Liturgy and Fellowship Hour, Church School

SATURDAY, Dec. 29th: 5:00pm - Great Vespers

SUNDAY, Dec. 30th: 8:40am Hours, 9am - Divine Liturgy, Christmas Reception, Choir Rehearsal

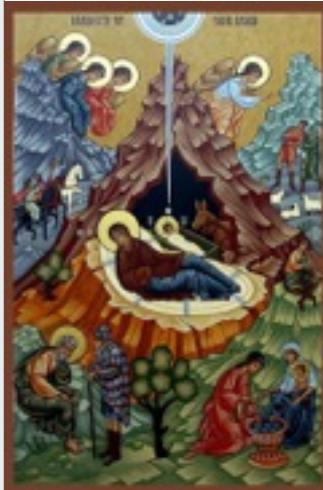
Upcoming:

Monday, Dec. 31st: Great Vespers with Prayers for Civil New Year

Saturday, January 5th: Eve of Theophany - Vigil at 5pm

Sunday, January 6th: Holy Theophany, Festal Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Water

Welcome to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. We also hope you will join us for the Fellowship Hour.



Services for the Nativity of Christ

Please invite your Family and Friends to Worship with us as we Greet the Newborn Savior.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

EVE OF THE NATIVITY

**8:00AM - ROYAL HOURS,
7:00PM - COMPLINE AND
MATINS (VIGIL OF NATIVITY)**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

8:40AM - HOURS, 9:00AM - FESTAL DIVINE LITURGY

A CHRISTMAS SOCIAL— Next Sunday, December 30, 2018 after the Divine Liturgy. Bring your favorite holiday foods to share and enjoy the fellowship with your brothers & sisters in Christ..

Prayer List

+Memory Eternal:

James - Newly Departed 12/12

Archpriest John U.
 Archpriest Stephen
 Priest John B.
 Deacon Mark H.
 Parker
 Lindsay
 Hannah
 Katerina

Living:

Archpriest Jason	Elizabeth
Archpriest Herman	Kristen
Rdr. David	Katherine
Rdr. Thomas	Ruth
Nadezhda	Valerie
Kathleen	Helen
Infant Hannah	Lee
Leon	Elizabeth
Kate	Anastasia
Antonina	Margarete

Special Intentions:

All those traveling in this Holiday Season

For Metropolitan Onufry and all pious Orthodox Christians in Ukraine, that peace and good order prevail.

Parish Children:

Lucia	Natalie	Angelina	Nadia
Hannah	Emilia	John	Nathan
Jeremiah	Patrick	Thomas	Justus
Andrew	Dimitri	Nikolai	
Myra	Jonah	Melania	
Anthony	Gabriel	Alexei	
Anysia	Anna	Larissa	
Lydia	Katherine	Julianna	

Christ is God in the Flesh

That is why when we have a new Adam who never grows old, "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" (1 Pet. 2:22), and whom we now possess as Father and forefather, Father of the age to come and prince of eternal life. He has taken away our sins and removed aging from our midst. This is Christ Jesus the Son of God, clothed in the flesh taken from the Virgin for our sake, the forefeast of whose birth we have begun to celebrate today, as we keep the commemoration of the Fathers who lived before and under the law, who shone forth on account of their virtue and godliness. Theirs were the prophecies and to them were the promises given, and from among them Christ was descended according to the flesh.

He was born as we are, but of a Virgin that He might recreate us from what is our own, and, through holy baptism, renew us and make us once more capable of containing the grace of the divine Spirit, clothing in righteousness and true holiness the man created after God in Himself. He accomplished this righteousness and holiness in His own person, putting the evil one finally to shame, in spite of all sorts of attacks, rightly obeying his Father to the end and showing that obedience to Him procures resurrection and true life."

(St. Gregory Palamas, *The Homilies*, p. 448-449)

HOUSE BLESSINGS: As is the Holy custom of our people during Theophany season, home blessings are being offered on Sunday's following the Divine Liturgy in January. Please speak with Subdeacon S. Michael to sign up for a time.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

Saturday, December 22, after Vespers Sunday, December 30, after Liturgy

Fellowship Schedule:

Dec. 23rd: Charlanow
Nativity Fast Family
Dec. 30th: Parish Holiday
 Potluck/ Meal

Readers Schedule:

Dec. 22nd & 23rd: Sdcn. S. Michael
Dec. 29th & 30th: Rdr. William