

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

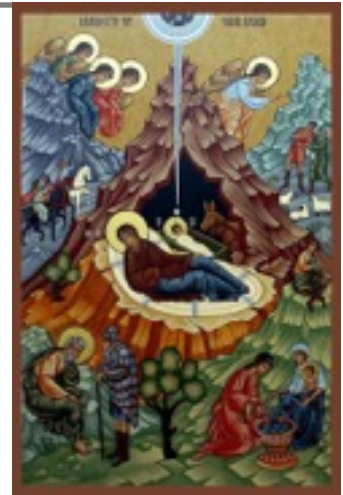
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CHRIST IS BORN ~ GLORIFY HIM!

Христос раждается ~ Славите его

Χριστός Γεννᾶται! ~ Δοξάσατε!



Parish Contacts

Clergy:

Interim Priest-in-Charge:

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Reader Thomas Cheplick

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Mr. Steve Cheplick

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Parish Choir Director:

Ms. Nina Dudek

Parish Youth Coordinator:

Mrs. Kathryn Karney

Weekly Service Schedule

Saturday:

5:00pm - Great Vespers

Sunday:

8:40am - 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00am - Divine Liturgy, followed by
Fellowship Hour & Youth Program

Welcome to all our visitors and guests who are joining us for the services of the Nativity of Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here!

On Christmas Eve, the Vigil of Christmas begins with Great Compline, highlighted by the solemn chanting of God is with us and the words of the prophecy of Isaiah.

At Compline there is also the singing of the Troparion and Kontakion of the feast along with the special hymns glorifying the Savior's birth. There are also the special long litanies of intercession and the solemn blessing of the five loaves of bread together with the wheat and the wine of which the faithful partake and the oil with which they are anointed. This part of the festal vigil, which is done on all great feasts, is called the litya (in Greek, the artoklasia or the breaking of the bread). **All are welcome to come forward for the anointing.**

The Christmas Matins, begin as usual with the words: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will among men" (Lk 2.14).

At the Christmas services these words of the angelic song are normally sung with great solemnity rather than being chanted as at the daily service. The Christmas Matins proceed as usual. The gospel reading from Matthew (1.18-25) tells of the birth of Christ, and all of the hymns and verses glorify His appearance on earth:

Christ is born, glorify Him. Christ is from heaven, go to meet Him. Christ is on earth, be ye lifted up. Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing out with gladness, all ye people. For He is glorified

(First Ode of the Christmas Canon).

On Christmas Morning, we serve the Liturgy of St. John, with the Festal Antiphons and in the Joy of the Newborn Savior. Please note that 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.

Thank you for joining us at Holy Trinity. We pray you will be with us again soon!

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	



2018 Christmas Memorials

We gratefully and prayerfully acknowledge the following benefactors for their generosity during the Nativity Season. May God Bless You!

- Antonina Melnik - *In Memory of Melnik Family*
- Nadezhda Melnik - *In Memory of Melnik Family*
- Maria Turic - *In Memory of Alexander Melnik and Sean Alexander Powers*
- Beverly Michalko - *In Memory of Stephen Michalko*
- Paul and Mildred Urda
- Thomas and Maria Cheplick & Family
- Valerie Angelo
- Denis Kingsley - *In Memory of Daniel and Clara Kingsley*
- Robert and Marilyn Cusick
 - *In Memory of Vera & Walter Michalko and Irene & William Cusick*
- Subdeacon Shawn Michael and Kathryn Karney
 - *In Memory of Departed Grandparents*
- Adam McKane - *In Memory of Carolyn Lynn*
- Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Susch
- The Family of James Mikel, *newly departed.*
- Anonymous

Upcoming Special Services

Monday, Dec. 31st: 6pm - Great Vespers with Prayers for Civil New Year

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

Sunday, January 6th: 9am - Holy Theophany, Festal Divine Liturgy with

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Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, Has shone to the world the Light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, Were taught by a Star to adore Thee, The Sun of Righteousness, And to know Thee, the Orient from on High. O Lord, glory to Thee!