



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

December 25th, 2022 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7

Brethren, when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'" Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.



DEC Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st - Robert Boyd
2nd - Pete Pyatt
2nd - Marah Robinson
2nd - Meagan Gardner
6th - Jeanie Mikita
11th - Anya (Boyd) Gazii
12th - Mayzie Ann Jackson
17th - Tatiana Boyd
20th - Lexi Ann Guy
27th - Larry Don & Lori Meier
29th - Sabrina Lee
31st - Natalie Hlatki

SCHEDULE

Dec 31st - Great Vespers (5:00 PM)
Jan 1st - Divine Liturgy (9:30 AM)

WISDOM

"He lay in a manger, a child newly born: tiny in body, abject in poverty. But in this Child something great lay hidden, of which these, the first-fruits of the Gentiles, had learned, not from earthly rumor, but from heavenly revelation. Hence we have: We have seen His Star in the East. They announce, yet they ask; they believe, and yet they seek to know: as though prefiguring those who walk by faith, yet still desire to see."
- St. Augustine

"With the God-man Christ, all that is God's has become man's, human, ours, so that each of us individually and all of us assembled together in the Divine-human body of Christ, the Church, might become god-men, having attained to the perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ' (Eph 4:12-13). Therefore Christmas, the day of the birth of the God-man, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the greatest and most important day in the history of all the worlds in which man moves and lives."
- St. Nikolai Velimirovich

WEEKLY JOKES

What did the wise men say after they offered up their gifts of gold and frankincense? Wait, there's myrrh.

What do snowmen eat for dessert? Ice crispies.

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Merry Christmas from the Osburns and Christensens!

On behalf of the entire Osburn and Christensen family (who for the first time in Fr. Stephen and Mat. Lindsey's marriage are together for the holiday), we want say Merry Christmas and Christ is Born! Glorify Him! May the feast be a joyful, one filled with cheer and plenitude of warmth and love! May God Grant everyone Many More Years!

Calhan Community Highlights

Dee and Harold's 15th great grandchild, Riker was born on December 15th. May God Grant the newly born Riker and all of his family Many Blessed Years!!

The Come and See Challenge:

Have you brought someone NEW this month?
Have you gone to Great Vespers at least once this month?
When was the last time you went to Confession?

Prune Pierogi, Noodles, and Halupki still for sale

We have plenty left over from Slavic Fest. Please see Butch if you are interested in buying some.

St. Ambrose Donations (Bin in the Hall, please donate)

Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ:

The Nativity, according to the flesh of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ, also called Christmas, is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church.

In the fullness of time, our Lord Jesus Christ was born to the Holy Theotokos and Virgin Mary, thus entering into the world as a man and revealing Himself to mankind.

According to the Bible and to Holy Tradition, Jesus was born in the city of Bethlehem in a cave, surrounded by farm animals and shepherds. The baby Jesus was born into a manger from the Virgin Mary, assisted by her husband St. Joseph. St. Joseph and the Theotokos were forced to travel due to a Roman census; the odd location of the birth was the result of the refusal of a nearby inn to accommodate the expecting couple (Luke 2:1-20). Since it is known historically that dwellings were built directly over such caves housing livestock--in order to make use of the heat.

Though three magi from the East are commonly depicted as visiting during the event itself (or, in Roman Catholic tradition, twelve days thereafter), the Bible records the coming of an unspecified number of wise men as being a few years after Jesus' birth (see Matthew 2). In either case, these magi came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matt 2:11). In the hymnography for the feast, these gifts are interpreted to signify Christ's royalty, divinity, and suffering.

Troparion (Tone 4)

Your 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 You,
The Sun of Righteousness,
And to know You, the Orient from on High.
O Lord, glory to You!

Kontakion (Tone 3)

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One,
And the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One!
Angels with shepherds glorify Him!
The wise men journey with a star!
Since for our sake the Eternal God was born as a Little Child!

Prayer List

Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Melchisedek, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Fr. David, Fr. Alexander, Mat. Xenia, Mat. Krista, Anna, Muriel, Sheila, Meryl, Harold, Vern, Tammy, Stephanie, Taylee, Steve, Litsa, Jill, Leilani, the child Lilliana, Roberta, Katy, Robert, Lynda, Carl, Christina, Craig, Joel, Brinley, Jon, Lindy, Marlene, Stacey, Pina, Matthew, Jack, John, Carol, Johnny, Shery, Ryan, Irene, Jillian, Lizzie, Jamie, Sherrie, Jeremy, Preston, Ian, Sophia, Emmary, Sabrina with child, Loren, Rachel, George, Nicole, Elizabeth, Greg, Daron (Basil), Mark, Andrew, Kiyo, Charlotte, Samina, Emersen, Betty, Alicia, Will, Richard, child Ellowyn, Tiana, Juston, Larry

Departed:

Pdn Paul, Sdn. Peter, Mat. Mary, Ronnie, Christian, Abakar, Phillip, Stephen, Mike, Raymond, Isabella

Youth:

Ice Skating (Jan. 22nd):

Coming up next month, we will be going down to World Arena Hall after Liturgy with the kids for ice skating. More details will be on the way in the coming weeks.

Volunteers Needed:

We need Volunteers for the following:

- 1) Coffee Hour (2023 List up to end of May in the Hall)
- 2) Church Clean Up (2023 List up to May in the Hall. It is now weekly, not bi-weekly. Please sign up if you have not signed up before)