

Holy Virgin Dormition

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Nativity of Christ 7 January 2022

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY

Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday, Galatians 1:11-19; Matthew 2:13-23

Vigil Saturday Evening @ 5:00 PM

Church Services This Week

Saturday, January 8th - Second Day of Christmas

9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

5:00 PM, Great Vespers

Sunday, January 9th - 3rd Day of Christmas

9:00 AM, Sunday School

10:00 AM, Divine Liturgy

Yolka Program – Following Divine Liturgy

School Excuses

School excuses are available for those students who attended and will attend services for the Nativity Services. The school excuses will be available on the day of the church service. Any questions, please see Fr. Dimitri.

Just a reminder that when parking for weekday services, use the back parking lot of the city lot. It would be helpful to place a sign on your dashboard saying that you are "In Church".

Remember that only offerings made in the "Christmas" envelope will be printed in the gift list in this Sunday's bulletin.

New York: Nativity Epistle of His Eminence Metropolitan Hilarion of Eastern America and New York, First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad

With profound gladness I greet my fellow archpastors, honourable fathers, monastics, parishioners and the worshipers of our churches, scattered throughout the world, with the Nativity of Christ, the Baptism of the Lord and the New Year! May the Lord send us all the joy of the coming of the Son of God into the world. Both the struggle of our faith, and its fruits in our days, must be grounded in this joy: the joy that comes from hearing the angelic doxology and the triumph of the Incarnation of God the Word!

This past year was difficult and sorrowful for many of us, but it was also filled with diverse blessings and gifts for which we must offer up our gratitude to our Benefactor. We have reached this festal season because Divine Providence did not abandon us. If we have been able to carry forth to this time the duties lain upon us, it is solely because the Lord Himself has granted us health, power, nourishment and clothing, and has poured out upon us His help, and the gift of patience for the unfolding of our life's path. In addition to this, how many blessed gifts have been communicated to us in the holy sacraments, in the fast, and in the prayer and mystical life of the Church!

Christmastide always evokes feelings of love and gratitude in the believing heart. Let us also raise up in these days our own gratitude to God, let us bring our love to Him and to our neighbours, and let us convey our own Nativity gift to the temple, in which we are honoured with the wondrous, personal encounter with Christ and saving communion with Him. Let us open our hearts, dear fathers, brothers and sisters; let us receive the Son of God Who has come to earth; and let us worship Him together with the magi, rejoicing in His love and mercy towards us. Amen.

With love in the New-Born Christ,

+HILARION

Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York
Frist Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad
The Nativity of Christ, 2021/2022

Christ Is Born! Glorify Him!

The celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ offers mankind a renewed sense of hope. Every year, when the Christmas season approaches, everyone seems to be caught up in the feelings of "Peace on Earth, and goodwill towards men...", and many are more concerned about being kind to one another or donating to worthy causes, than to any other time of the year.

It causes one to stop and think that if we can have these feelings during the Christmas season, then why can we not have these feelings throughout the entire year?

Our Lord Jesus Christ came here for the sake of our salvation and for this reason He was born in a cave and lay within a manger. He died on the cross and rose from the dead to save each and every one of us from our sinfulness. This unselfish gift that God has given to us should be the reason enough for all of us to keep the spirit of this season alive and vibrant all year long. The feelings of peace, love, joy and hope should burn brightly in our hearts every day of the forth-coming year - and not be packed away with our Christmas decorations.

Let us all strive for a renewed sense of hope in God our Saviour that He will protect us from all possible harm and strengthen us to put all our trust in His name. Through Him we will conquer all adversaries, both visible and invisible. Because of His love of mankind and His gentle birth, we shall fear no evil. His kingdom shall reign forever!

May the New Born King be in your hearts always,
Archpriest Dimitri D. Ermakov

Altar Candles

Daniel & Lindsay Klipa and Family

George & Dorothy Klipa, 2

Dan & Mary Mizik

Nick Gatto, memory wife, Fran.

Priatko Family

Garine's and Lee's family health.

Beth Bratkowski & Deb Schultz, memory of family.

Sandra Janicki 3, health of family; memory of parents Rose &

Anthony Janicki; memory of Hatalovich & Janicki Families.

Marcie & Luke Sippey

Arthur & Dolores Vidil 2, memory of sisters Theresa Charlesworth
& Ruth Ann Williams.

Dolores Vidil, memory of grandparents Peter & Theresa Janicki
and Stephen & Anna Broda.

Carolyn Simkovich 2, Health & Special Intention for my family; in
memory of my son Eric Paul.

Georgeann Klipa 2, In memory of husband Steve M. Klipa; Health
of children and grandchildren.

Simo & Paula Dragovich 2, Health of children and family members;
In memory of parents & grandparents.

Ronald Demay, Memory Paul T. and Pearl S. Demay.

Robert Barron, Health of Godchildren.

Joanne Sinichak 2, In memory of John W. Sinichak; In memory of
John Sinichak, Sr. & Anna Sinichak.

Marlene Sinichak & John M. & Jennifer 2, In memory of John W.
Sinichak; In memory of John Sinichak & Anna Sinichak.

John & Carolyn Greco 3, Memory of Homer & Kostura departed;
memory of Greco & Tignanelli departed; Health and safety of
families.

Louis & Sandra Gephart 2, memory deceased Homer & Gephart
families; Health of family & safety.

Barron Family 3, Memory of deceased in Barron Family; Memory
of deceased in Homa Family; Memory of deceased in Hatalovich
Family.

Michael Mezhinsky, Health of family.

Shrine Candles

Ronald Demay 2, Memory of Theodore & Mary Demay/Edward & Eva Sapinsky; God's Blessings on Elliana Lipscak.

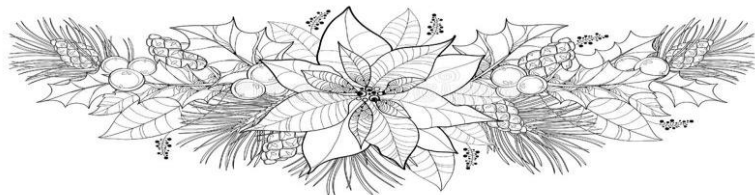
Arthur Vidil, Memory Margaret Vidil.

Robert Barron 2, Memory of Mark G, Fr Dimitri H., Carol Lugin, Diane Wydo; Don A. Homa, David Nothnagle.

Advanced Vigils for Nativity: Sandra Janicki, health Peter Janicki & family James Speelman 10

Christmas might mean a lot of different things to different people. But to true believers and followers of Christ, Christmas means that we are no longer alone. It means that when the Eternal Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, took the flesh of man, He brought joy, consolation and happiness to all creation. The true meaning of Christmas is that GOD IS WITH US – S'NAMI BOH!

Jesus, the Son of God, knows what we experience in our daily lives. He knows what we suffer and He knows what it is to be joyful and happy. Jesus, through the Incarnation, became one of us. This is the true meaning of Christmas!



St. Herman Shrine Votives

CHRISTMAS EVE

Adamovich, Health of family.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY

Tomkowitz Family, Memory of brother/uncle, Mark Gasparovic.

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (Jan. 9)

Lisa Raczkowski

EPIPHANY (Jan 19)

Louis & Sandra Gephart, Health of grandchildren.

Grand Chandelier

CHRISTMAS EVE

Kuehner Family, Memory of Robert Barron, Sr.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY

John & Carolyn Greco, memory of cousin Sharon Sabo.

2nd DAY OF CHIRSTMAS (Jan. 8)

Kuehner Family, mem. Father Ed Stefanik.

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (Jan. 9)

Tomkowitz Family

EPIPHANY (Jan 19)

Louis & Sandra Gephart, Memory of grandson, Alec James Kahler.

Flowers & Vases

Kuehner Family 20, memory of grandparents.

Fr. Dimitri Ermakov 50, memory of family.

Votive Crosses

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 1) Barron Family, Memory of Robert Barron, Sr.
- 2) Deb Schultz & Beth Bratkowski, Memory of grandparents Anna & Andrew Dorich.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY

- 1) Dan & Mary Mizik, Health of all parishioners.
- 2) Debbie Schultz & Beth Bratkowski, Health of family.

2nd DAY OF CHRISTMAS (Jan. 8) – HOLY VIRGIN

- 1) Arthur Vidil, Memory of parents Arthur Sr. & Margaret Vidil.
- 2) Dolores Vidil, Memory of parents Steve & Nettie Janicki.

SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (Jan. 9)

- 1) Michael Mezhinsky
- 2) Sandra Janicki, God's Blessings.

NEW YEARS – ST. BASIL'S (Jan. 19)

- 1) Kuehner Family, health of family.

EPIPHANY (Jan. 19)

- 1 & 2) John & Carolyn Greco, Memory parents Jacob & Anne Homer & sister Shirley Piggford; Memory of brothers Joseph & James Homer & nephew Alec James Kahler.

Protonastas Lampadi

Fr. Dimitri Ermakov, Health of all family & parishioners.

The Virgin today brings forth the Supersubstantial One, and the Earth offers a cavern to the Unapproachable; Angels with the shepherds sing praises; and the Magi journey with the star: since for our sake is born a Young Infant, the Pre-Eternal God.

SAINTS NAME FOR THIS WEEK TODAY, SUNDAY (Jan 9/Dec 27)- Sunday after Nativity: Joseph, David, James, Stephen, Theodore. MON- 20,000 Martyrs, Ignatius, Nicanor, Simon. TUE- 14,000 Infants slain by Herod, Marcellus, Mark, Thaddeus, Benjamin. WED- *Anysia*, Marcarius, Timon, Philaret, *Theodora*. THUR- Leave taking of Nativity, *Melania*, Gelasius, Theophylactus, *Sabiana*. FRI- Circumcision of the Lord/St. Basil/Julian New Year; Basil, Gregory, *Emelia*. SAT- Sylvester, *Juliana*, Seraphim, Theogenes, George.

A MOST HEARTFELT WELCOME

Welcome to all of our parishioners and friends visiting with us today on this The Nativity of Christ. As always, everyone is welcomed to worship with us. Today, after the Divine Liturgy, all of the faithful are invited downstairs to the church auditorium to join in a fellowship hour which will include coffee, donuts and some singing of Christmas carols.

MANY, MANY THANKS!

We would like to express our great appreciation to all those individuals who answered the call to volunteerism. We graciously extend our gratitude to all of you who were able and willing to give your precious time in decorating the Christmas trees, in cleaning church fixtures and lecterns and in the task of ordering flowers.

Also, thank you to Fr. Dcn. Andrei Garine and all our Altar boys as well as the choir members who attended rehearsals.

Everything that we do is done for the glory of God. No effort goes unnoticed before the Lord.

GOD GRANT YOU MANY YEARS!