

Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
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Glory Forever!  
Слава на вики!

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16 December 2018 / 7527 Sunday of the Ancestors

The Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete. Commemoration of the Dedication of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia in Constantinople.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Dec. 22 17:00 Vigil: Sunday of the Holy Ancestors

Sun. Dec. 23 10:30 Sunday of the Holy Ancestors Suffrages *pro populo*

Mon. Dec. 24 20:00 Vigil of Christmas w/ Mirovanije

Tues. Dec. 25 10:00 THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. Great Feast. Day of Pascha. w/ Mirovanije

Sat. Dec. 29 17:00 Vigil: Sunday after Christmas Suffrages for + John & Helen Krynicky – Daughter Joanne

Sun. Dec. 30 10:30 Sunday after Christmas Suffrages *pro populo*

		ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHERS
Sat.	Dec. 22	L. Prizzi	A. Prizzi	J. Basinger, J. Snitzer
Sun.	Dec. 23	M. Syphan	G. Krynicky	D. Hess, R. Knouse
Mon.	Dec. 24	All Acolytes	J. Hess, S. Saldahna	Any two present
Tues.	Dec. 25	All Acolytes	O. Syphan	Any two present
Sat.	Dec. 29	L. Prizzi	J. Krynicky	J. Basinger, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Dec. 30	E. R. A. Hess	O. Syphan	R. Knouse, G. Krynicky
12 / 16 / 2018		Adult: \$1155	Children: \$15	Candles: \$96
COLLECTION		Christmas: \$20	Holy Day: \$158	Fuel: \$190
				Flowers: \$65
				TOTAL: \$1699

To speak of our Lord, the son of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as true and perfect man is of no value to us if we do not believe that He is descended from the line of ancestors set out in the Gospel. Matthew’s gospel begins by setting out the genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham, and then traces His human descent by bringing His ancestral line down to His mother’s husband, Joseph. On the other hand, Luke traces His parentage backward step by step to the actual father of mankind, to show that both the first and the last Adam share the same nature.

Pope St. Leo the Great

**TEN BEST CHRISTIAN CHRISTMAS MOVIES:** If you’re home and looking for edifying movie entertainment, here’s an unscientific list of the 10 best Christian Christmas movies:

1. The Nativity Story (2006)

2. Chasing the Star (2017)

3. The Ultimate Gift (2007)

4. November Christmas (2010)

5. The Christmas Shoes (2002)
6. The Star of Bethlehem (2007)

7. Christmas Grace (2013)

8. The Heart of Christmas (2016)

9. Angels in the Snow (2016)

10. Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

And, of course, A Christmas Story (1983), which plays on a continuous basis on TBS from 8 pm on Christmas Eve till 8 pm on Christmas Day. Many are available on demand (rental fee \$1.99) from Christian Cinema or Amazon Prime Video. For more options, visit Christian Cinema ([https://www.christiancinema.com/catalog/default.php?cPath=180\\_71](https://www.christiancinema.com/catalog/default.php?cPath=180_71))

Bethlehem, make ready, for Eden has been opened for all. Ephrata, be alert, for the Tree of Life has blossomed forth from the Virgin in the cave. Her womb has become a spiritual paradise wherein the Divine Fruit was planted, and if we eat of it, we shall live and not die like Adam. Christ is coming forth to bring back to life the likeness that had been lost in the beginning.

Troparion of the Pre-feast

## Next Sunday's Readings: SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Epistle: Galatians 1:11 – 19 *Paul becomes an Apostle*

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13 – 23 *Flight into Egypt; Holy Innocents; Return from Egypt*



### ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **MONDAY CHRISTMAS EVE IS A DAY OF STRICT FAST: NO MEAT, WINE, OIL, DAIRY, EGGS.**
- **THEOSIS SUBSCRIBERS:** Time to renew your subscription. Please indicate on the sheet in the Narthex if you would like to continue your current subscription. The cost is **\$72** for 12 issues. If you would like to begin a subscription, there are additional spaces to fill in your name. **Make check payable to the parish, putting *Theosis* on the memo line.** Thank you!
- **THANK YOU** to all who volunteered their time and talent to make our St. Nicholas Dinner and ECF Presentation a wonderful time to be together as a parish, sharing in the joy of family and friends as we make ready for the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. **Спасибо Большое!**