

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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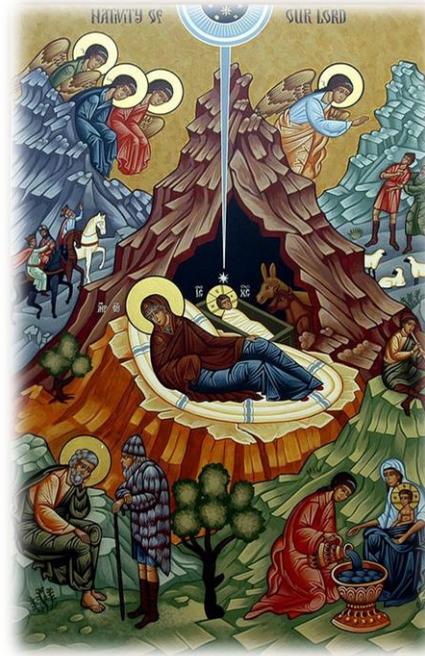
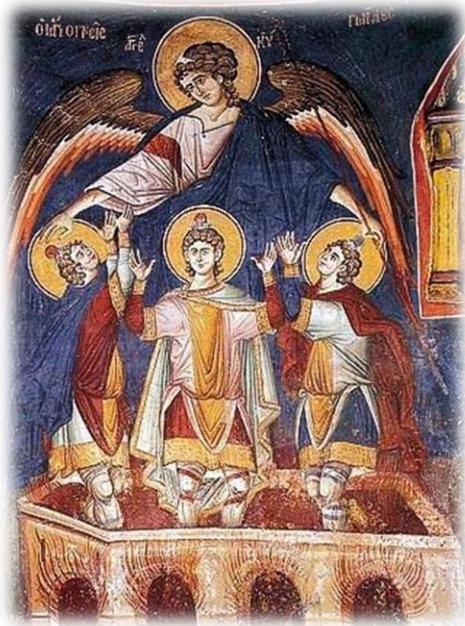
Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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22 December 2019 / 7528 SUNDAY OF THE ANCESTORS

Prefestive Day of Christmas. The holy Great Martyr Anastasia.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Dec. 21 17:00 Vigil: SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS *pro populo*

Sun. Dec. 22 10:30 SUNDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS
+Rosemarie Macchiaroli – Husband Antonio

Tues. Dec. 24 8:00 PM VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS w/ Mirovanije

Wed Dec. 25 10:00 CHRISTMAS, THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD, GOD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST w/ Mirovanije

Sat. Dec. 28 17:00 Vigil: SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sun. Dec. 29 10:30 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS *pro populo*



ACOLYTES

LECTORS

USHERS

Sat. Dec. 21

L. Prizzi

M. Harhai

Sun. Dec. 22

M. N. Syphan

C. Ciganko

R. Knouse, A. Syphan

Tues. Dec. 24

All Acolytes

J. Kontir, S. Saldanha

Any two present

Wed. Dec. 25

All Acolytes

C. Ciganko

Any two present

Sat. Dec. 28

L. Prizzi

A. Prizzi

Sun. Dec. 29

E.R.A. Hess

G. Krynicky

C. Ciganko, A. Syphan

12 / 15 / 2019

Adults: \$1053

Children: \$10

Candles: \$88

COLLECTION

Holy Days: \$110

Fuel: \$20

Flowers: \$40

TOTAL: \$1446

Misc. \$125

**TUESDAY CHRISTMAS EVE IS A DAY OF STRICT FAST:
NO MEAT, WINE, OIL, DAIRY, EGGS.**



The feast of the Nativity of Christ belongs to the 12 major feasts of the Church. Yet none of these feasts is celebrated with as much solemnity as the festival of Christ's Nativity. It is called *Pascha*, a splendid 3 day Pascha. [...] This emphasizes the close connection with the mystery of our salvation and deliverance from sin and death; the mystery which the Church proclaims in her dogmatic teachings and with which she bring us into direct spiritual contact in her liturgical services and sacraments. The liturgical services for Christmas are consciously patterned after the services for the Pascha of the Lord, the holy Resurrection. There is a 40 day fast. There are prefeast preparations. There are the special royal hours with the prophecies, epistles, gospels, and hymns on the eve of the feast, followed by the vesperal liturgy of St Basil the Great. There is the solemn all-night vigil, crowned by the Matin's canon and hymns. And finally, after the Eucharistic celebration of St. John Chrysostom on the day of the feast itself, the celebration continues to its completion in the festival of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple 40 days later. At the center of the festival season remains the original «Festival of Lights» The Holy Theophany of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Liturgical verses and hymns for Christmas, Theophany, the Pascha of Christ's incarnation and manifestation in the flesh, repeat those of Easter, the Pascha of Christ's death and resurrection. The Lord's birth is directly connected to His dying and rising. [...] Jesus lay as an infant in the cavern in the reign of Cæsar Augustus that He might lay in the tomb under Pontius Pilate. He was hounded by Herod that He might be caught by Caiaphas. He was buried in baptism the He might descend into death through the Cross. He was worshipped by wise men that the whole of creation might adore Him in His triumph over death. The Pascha of His Cross was prepared by the Pascha of His Coming. The Pascha of His Resurrection was begun by the Pascha of His Incarnation. The Pascha of His Glorification was foretold by the Pascha of His Baptism. *Slightly adapted from «The Winter Pascha» by Fr. Thomas Hopko*

Next Sunday: SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Epistle: Galatians: 1:11 – 19 *The Calling of the Apostle Paul*

Gospel: Matthew: 2:13 – 23 *The Flight into Egypt*



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **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.