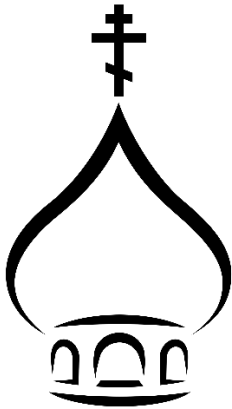


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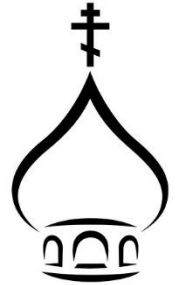
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Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)

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Beloved Parish Faithful,

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

I say those joyous words to you at the close of what has been the most trying year in recent memory.

It has been a trying year for numerous reasons: pandemic, separation, isolation, political and social issues, the list goes on.

However, at this Christmas time, we Christians are blessed with a knowledge and a certainty that exists nowhere else.

The first part of this knowledge is that we live in a world that is broken by sin and wickedness. That the stain of the fall spreads to every nook and cranny of our very being. This is what is often called the "curse" of the Fall.

That's the bad news. However, the greatness of the Christian message is the next part: Christ Himself is the good news.

It was prophesied centuries before, that the birth of Christ would herald the reconciliation between God and His fallen creation. That our messiah would be Emmanuel, literally "God with us."

And when God Himself comes to be with us in the womb of the Virgin, He accomplishes something amazing.

All of us know the opening verse to the Christmas hymn, Joy to the World:

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!"

Less known, though, is the third verse. This glorious verse says this:

"No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground.
He comes to make his blessings flow,
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found."

Christ comes in His great love for us to "make His blessings flow," and to destroy the curse. To fill with the blessings of God those nooks and crannies where the fallenness of man brings us misery! And, indeed, to make them go "as far as the curse is found!"

This Christmas, this trying and difficult Christmas, be encouraged, my dear ones, by the truth that none of this difficulty will last. Our King has overcome the world, and He will set all things to rights!

He has come to bring us joy, fullness of life, salvation from our sins, and union with Him by the Holy Spirit, in the love of the Father.

May His joy, grace, majesty, and truth be a comfort to you this year, and every year!

A very Merry Christmas!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

-Fr. Matthew Joyner

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Please note that due to Covid-19 precautions, all confessions will be heard by appointment only. Please contact Fr. Matthew by phone or text to schedule.

Friday, November 20, 2020

Forefeast of The Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple
7:00 pm - Great Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

Saturday, November 21, 2020

The Entry of the Most-Holy Theotokos into the Temple
8:50 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)
9:00 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)
6:00 pm - Great Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

Sunday, November 22, 2020

24th Sunday after Pentecost, After feast of the Entry into the Temple
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live Stream only)

Thursday, November 26, 2020

9:00 am Moleben of Thanksgiving (Live Stream will also be available)

Saturday, November 28, 2020

6:00 pm - Great Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

Sunday, November 29, 2020

25th Sunday after Pentecost, Martyr
Paramon and 370 Martyrs in Bithynia
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours (Live
Stream will also be available)
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream
will also be available)

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live
Stream only)

Saturday, December 5, 2020

6:00 pm - Great Vespers (Live Stream
will also be available)

Sunday, December 6, 2020

26th Sunday after Pentecost, St.
Nicholas the Wonderworker,
Archbishop of Myra in Lycia
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours (Live
Stream will also be available)
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream
will also be available)

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live
Stream only)

Saturday, December 12, 2020

6:00 pm - Great Vespers (Live Stream
will also be available)

Sunday, December 13, 2020

27th Sunday after Pentecost, Repose of
Ven. Herman of Alaska, Wonderworker
of All America; Sunday of the
Forefathers
9:10 am - Reading of the Hours (Live
Stream will also be available)
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream
will also be available)

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

7:00 pm - Readers Vespers (Live Stream only)

Saturday, December 19, 2020

6:00 pm - Great Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

Sunday, December 20, 2020

28th Sunday after Pentecost, Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

7:00 pm - Reading of the Royal Hours of Nativity - (Live Stream will also be available)

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Eve of The Nativity of Christ

7:00 pm - Vigil of the Nativity (Live Stream will also be available)

Friday, December 25, 2020

Nativity of Our Lord

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy - (Live Stream will also be available)

Saturday, December 26, 2020

Synaxis of the Theotokos

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

6:00 pm - Great Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ -
Feast of St. Stephen

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

Friday, January 1, 2021

The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; St. Basil the Great

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

Saturday, January 2, 2020

5:15 pm - Monthly Panikhida (Live Stream will also be available)

6:00 pm - Great Vespers (Live Stream will also be available)

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Forefeast of the Theophany

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Theophany Eve

9:00 AM - Reading of the Royal Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

6:00 PM - Great Compline with Great Blessing of Water

Wednesday, January 6, 2020

Holy Theophany

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours (Live Stream will also be available)

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy (Live Stream will also be available)