

December 19th, 2021

Sunday before the Nativity of the Christ (The Genealogy)

*As we enter the Church let us pray.....
I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.*

Resurrectional Apolytikion – Tone 1

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of the Sunday before the Nativity – Tone 2

Great are the accomplishments of faith; for the three holy youths rejoiced in the fountain of flames as though at waters of rest. And the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep. Wherefore, by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls.

Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8

Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

Kontakion of Preparation for Christ's Nativity - Tone 3

On this day the Virgin cometh to the cave to give birth to God the Word ineffably, Who was before all the ages. Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing the gladsome tidings; with the Angels and the shepherds now glorify Him Who is willing to be gazed on as a young Child Who before the ages is God.

SYNAXARION

On December 19 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Boniface and Aglaïa of Rome; Boniface the merciful, bishop of Ferentino in Tuscany; and Martyrs Eutychios and Thessalonica and their companions.

On this day, the Sunday before the Nativity of Christ, we have been enjoined by our holy and God-bearing Fathers to make commemoration of all them that from the beginning of time have been well-pleasing unto God, from Adam even unto Joseph the Betrothed of the Most Holy Theotokos, according to genealogy, as Luke the Evangelist hath recounted historically; and likewise for the Prophets and Prophetesses, especially of Daniel the Prophet and the three holy youths. It is also known as the Sunday of the Holy Genealogy. We remember the aforementioned names, those in the Old Testament who were related to Christ by blood, and those who spoke of His Birth as a man. In the Divine Liturgy, we shall read of Jesus Christ's lineage from the Gospel of Saint Matthew. In this way, the Church shows us that Christ truly became a man, taking on human nature. He was not a ghost, an apparition, a myth, a distant imagined god, or the abstract god of philosophers; such a god does not have a family tree. Our God is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He has flesh and blood, human ancestors—many of whom sinned greatly, but like David, also repented greatly. Yet, all of these righteous ones in every age had been wellpleasing to God because they loved Him. By taking on human nature, the Son of God became like us in all ways, in flesh and blood, in mind and soul, and in heart and will. He differed from us in only one way: He could not sin. Since we know that Christ's human nature remained sinless, He also fully divine, and He shows us the way in which we can avoid sin, and so improve and transform our human nature. By their holy intercessions, O God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen.

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His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of North America, Primate

His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

The Rev. David Hyatt, Assistant Pastor

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The Inquirer's Class – will meet today, Sunday, December 19th following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

The Nativity Fast - is divided into two periods. The first period is November 15 through December 19 when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed with katalysis for wine and oil on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and for fish, wine and oil on Saturdays and Sundays. The second period is December 20 through 24 when the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine and oil) is observed with katalysis for wine and oil only on Saturday and Sunday.

Weis and Giant Grocery Gift Cards – are available for purchase. You pay the face amount of the card and the church receives 5% of the value of the card. Please see Marjorie Barrett after any Divine Liturgy to purchase a card. Purchases benefit the general fund of St. John Chrysostom Church.

Attendance Last Week: 110

Operating Fund Offering Received: \$5,452.00

Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: **\$7,539.00**

Church Calendar

December 19 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Christmas Pageant. Inquirer's Class..

December 20 6:00 pm Nativity Paraklesis followed by Book Study: The Religion of the Apostles.

December 24 9:00 am Royal Hours. Noon Vespers Divine Liturgy. 10:00 pm Festal Orthros.
11:00 am Festal Divine Liturgy.

December 25 NO Vespers.

December 26 8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Inquirer's Class.

Remember In Your Prayers

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear" (Is. 65:24)

The Living – for their health and healing

Metropolitan Joseph

Bishop Thomas

Olena Bassarab

Jamey Miller

Matthew Miller

Officer Jamie Miller

Joyce "Kassiane" Williams

Michael Acierno

Ian Snyder

Francis "Patrick" Barrett

Marjorie "Marion" Barrett

Jerry "David" Desautels

Nancy Usner

The Departed – Memory Eternal!

Metropolitan PHILIP

Bishop Antoun

Priest Boniface Black

Wayne "Stephen" Coleson

Leavitt "George" Keener

Mary Jane Glagola

Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian

Nicholas Raptapolus

Walter and Mary Damm

Donnell Gregory and Mary "Rebecca" Beck

Michael Bogosh

Christos Tsakiris

Harry and Grace Dorion

Marianne Rupp

Mary Bincarowsky

Gene "Paul" Strayer

Katherine Monsour

George and Darla Feeser

Cindi "Monica" Bennett

Mary Kopey

Martha Allen

Mary Lou Grove

Melinda "Magdalena" Stika

James Fetter

Andrew Himes

Patty May

Julie Acierno

Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic

Steven Smith

Edward Boner

Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury

Thomas Lehman
Barry “John” Hart
Angela Pandelidis
Kathryn Velen
Renee McCutchen