

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

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December 25 & 26, 2021

Christmas Eve Orthros & Liturgy, 10pm • Sunday Orthros & Liturgy, 8:30am
The Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ



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Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

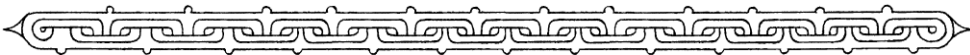
Troparion of the Nativity (Tone 4): Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shown to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to Thee!

Kontakion of the Nativity (Tone 3): On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence. To the Unapproachable, the earth doth offer a small cave. Angels join in choir with shepherds in giving glory; and with a star the Magi travel upon their journey. For our sakes is born a young Child, He who existed before the ages as God.

[Sunday only] **Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 2):** When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

[Sunday only] **Troparion for the Sunday after Nativity (Tone 2):** Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

Troparion of All Saints (Tone 4): Adorned in the blood of Thy martyrs, throughout all the world as in purple and fine linen, Thy Church through them doth cry unto Thee, O Christ God: Send down Thy compassion upon Thy people; grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.



THE EPISTLE

For the Nativity

Let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Shout with joy to God, all the earth.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (4:4-7)

Brethren, when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

THE GOSPEL

For the Nativity

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (2:1-12)

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, are by no means least among the rulers of Judea; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern My people Israel.’” Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.” When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

THE EPISTLE

For the Sunday after the Nativity

God is wondrous in His saints. In the churches, bless ye God.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel, which was preached by me, is not man’s gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I

persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

THE GOSPEL

For the Sunday after the Nativity

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (2:13-23)

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called My Son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region, who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more."

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child's life are dead." And he rose and took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

:: NATIVITY GREETINGS FROM METROPOLITAN JOSEPH ::



“From the heights our Savior, Christ, the Dayspring of the East, is come to visit us. And behold! We, who once were in the shadow and the dark, have now found the truth. For from a holy Virgin, the Lord hath been born today.” ~Exaposteilarion of the Nativity of Christ

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Even today, the light of Christ comes to warm and brighten a world haunted by spiritual shadow and darkness. His birth is celebrated each year as a joyful reminder that God has not abandoned us. In the person of His Son, He visited us in our wounded human condition, and He visits us still. Like a spiritual Sun, He rises each day to enlighten our minds, warm our hearts, and energize our spirits. As we glorify His descent into our midst, may each of us find healing, guidance, and

help, in the bright rays of His love.

With prayers and best wishes for a most joyous feast, I remain yours in the service of Christ,

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

:: NATIVITY GREETINGS FROM BISHOP ANTHONY ::

To the beloved Clergy and faithful of our Diocese Family,

Christ is born! Glorify Him! **المسيحُ يُف مجدوه َاولد**

It is instructive that Jesus Christ was born in the wilderness and in a cave. The wilderness wanderings of the freed slaves from Egyptian tyranny and bondage required the miracle of Manna ~ the honey-like bread that God gave to nourish and strengthen. The wilderness also had a cave and a rock that when struck poured out fresh water.

Jesus is both bread and water, the water pouring out eternal life (John 4:14). “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever” (John 6:51)

Our Savior was born in Bethlehem, the house of bread (Micah 5:2).

When Christ was tempted by the Fallen Angel to turn stones into bread, He changed the conversation from bread which cannot satisfy our hunger for eternal life and talked about Himself as the True Bread; “man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Deuteronomy 8:3).

The Holy Gifts are prepared for the Divine Liturgy under the Nativity icon. Here the Bread of Life is brought forth as the Word by which we live.

May He who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation, Christ our true God, bless you and your families always.

+Bishop ANTHONY

Bishop of Toledo Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America



Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at All Saints, see our website www.allsaintsorthodox.org

This weekend:

- No Vespers on Saturday, Dec. 25
- Sunday Matins & Liturgy as usual. We will have coffee hour but no church school

Upcoming services and events:

- Confession, anointing, and other pastoral services will be available after every listed service, or by appointment with Fr. Andrew.
- **Morning prayers** will take place **Thursday and Friday** this week at 9am.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 29:** Evening prayers with Christmas carols, 7pm.
- **Friday, Dec. 31:** Vesperal Divine Liturgy for St. Basil's Day, 7pm. *All are welcome to bring food and stay afterwards.*
- No Vespers on Saturday, Jan. 1
- **Sunday, Jan. 2:** Matins & Liturgy as usual; coffee hour but no church school.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 5:** Theophany Liturgy & Water Blessing, 7pm.

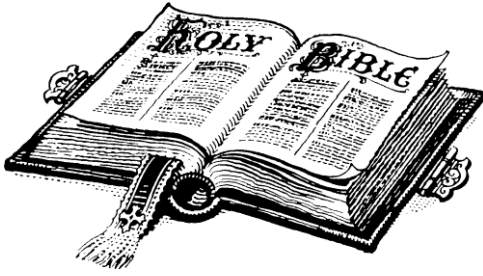
Volunteer Schedule

Date	Reader	Prospora	Greeter	Coffee	Food
Fri, Dec 24 <i>Nativity</i>	Sdn Joseph <i>Gal 4:4-7</i>	Domitille	Azizeh		
Sun, Dec 26	Polycarp <i>Gal 1:11-19</i>	Cristina P	Jerry C	Zach C	A-F
Fri, Dec 31 <i>St. Basil's Day</i>	Doug J <i>Col 2:8-12</i>	Dn Walid	Nancy L		
Sun., Jan. 2	Jim K <i>2 Tim 4:5-8</i>	Sandy A	Sandy A	Lydia A	G-K
Wed., Jan. 5 <i>Theophany</i>	Paul K <i>Titus 2:11-3:7</i>	Octavian F	Azizeh C		
Sun., Jan. 9	Joseph L <i>Eph 4:7-13</i>	Debbie K	Jerry C	Domitille	L-P
Sun., Jan. 16	Richard C	Pat K	Domitille	Alina S	R-Z
Sun., Jan. 23	Michelle C	Domitille	Nancy L	Zach C	A-F
Sun., Jan. 30	Polycarp	Cristina P	Sandy A	Lydia A	G-K
Tues., Feb. 1 <i>Presentation</i>	Sd Joseph	Dn Walid	Domitille		
Sun., Feb 6	Doug J	Sandy A	Azizeh	Domitille	L-P

For Sunday coffee hour, the church has been divided into four parts alphabetically (A-F, G-K, L-P, and R-Z). On your assigned week, please bring something simple to share with everyone for coffee hour.

If you have children, please monitor them as they go through the coffee hour line, and help them clean up after themselves.

Weekly clean-up will be the responsibility of those providing coffee hour. And of course, things go faster when we can all pitch in and help.



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

DECEMBER 26–JAN. 1, 2021

ADAPTED FROM THE
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Sunday, Dec. 26: Synaxis of the Theotokos, and St. Joseph the Betrothed

Luke 24:12-35 / Galatians 1:11-19 / Matthew 2:13-23

Monday, Dec. 27: St. Stephen the Deacon & First Martyr

Acts 6:1-15 / Acts 7:1-16 / Acts 7:17-43

Acts 7:44-8:2 / Matthew 21:33-42

Tuesday, Dec. 28: Twenty-Thousand Martyrs of Nicomedia

1 Timothy 5:1-16 / Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday, Dec. 29: The Holy Innocents slain by Herod in Bethlehem

1 Timothy 5:17-6:2 / Matthew 2:13-23

Thursday, Dec. 30: Virgin Martyr Anysia of Thessaloniki

1 Timothy 6:3-21 / Mark 10:24-32

Friday, Dec. 31: Melania the Younger, Nun of Rome

2 Timothy 1:1-18 / Luke 16:10-15

Saturday, Jan. 1: Circumcision of the Lord Jesus Christ

Genesis 17:1-14 / Colossians 2:8-12 / Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

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