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DECEMBER 25, 2018

THE NATIVITY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

*THE ADORATION OF THE NEW-BORN CHRIST BY THE MAGI—MELCHIOR, GASPAR &
BALTHASAR—AND BY THE SHEPHERDS IN BETHLEHEM WHO WERE
WATCHING THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT AND CAME TO SEE THE LORD*



*What shall we offer
Thee, O Christ, who for
our sakes hast appeared
on earth as man?*

*Every creature made by
Thee offers Thee thanks.
The angels offer Thee a
hymn; the heavens a
star; the Magi, gifts; the
shepherds, their wonder;
the earth, its cave; the
wilderness, the manger:
and we offer Thee a
Virgin Mother.*

*O pre eternal God,
have mercy upon us.*

LITURGY VARIATIONS

1ST ANTIPHON (PSALM 110.1-3 LXX)

I will give thanks unto the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Refrain: Through the intercession of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Great are the works of the Lord, adapted to all His purposes. *Refrain*

Full of honor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever. *Refrain*

Holy and terrible is His Name. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *Refrain*

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: Matins, 8:50 AM
Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

Wednesdays: Vespers, 6:30 PM

Saturdays: Great Vespers, 5 PM

Confession: After Saturday Vespers
During Sunday Matins
Or by Appointment

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled



**Remember to turn
cell phones off!**

Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

As there are NO CHURCH SCHOOL classes today, children should sit with their parents and come to Communion with them. An usher will dismiss your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared through prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

2ND ANTIPHON (PSALM 111.1-4 LXX)

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; he will greatly delight in His commandments.

Refrain: O Son of God, Who *wast born of the Virgin*, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

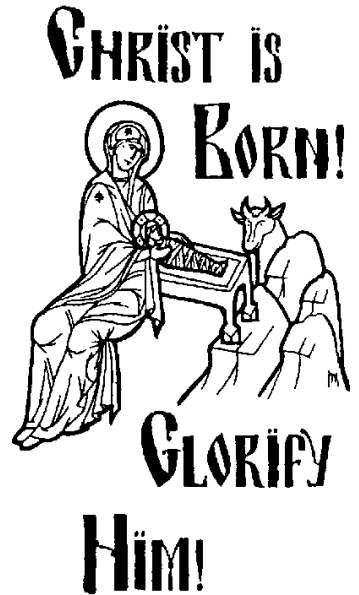
His seed shall be mighty in the earth; the generation of the upright will be blessed. *Refrain*

Glory and riches shall be in His house, and his righteousness endures forever. *Refrain*

There hath risen up in darkness a light for the upright; He is merciful and compassionate and righteous. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...



3RD ANTIPHON: (PSALM 109.1-3 LXX; TONE 4) TROPARION OF THE NATIVITY AS REFRAIN

The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make Thine enemies the footstool of Thy feet."

Refrain: Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they who did worship the stars did learn from them to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that thou didst come from the east of the Highest: Glory to Thee, O Lord.

The Lord shall send to you a scepter of power from Sion. *Refrain*

With Thee is dominion in the day of Thy power, in the splendor of Thy saints." *Refrain*

ENTRANCE HYMN (PSALM 109.3-4 LXX; TONE 2)

Clergy: Out of the womb, before the Morning Star, have I begotten Thee. The Lord hath sworn and will not repent: Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedech. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin...

People: ...save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of the Nativity (Tone 4)

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise from them to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice,
to the light of knowledge in the world; for and to know that thou didst come from the
they who did worship the stars did learn east of the Highest: Glory to Thee, O Lord.

Kontakion of the Nativity (Tone 3)

Today the Virgin giveth birth to the Trans- Magi with the star travel on their way; for a
cendent in essence; the earth offereth the new child hath been born for our sakes, God
cave to the unapproachable One; the angels before the ages.
with the shepherds glorify Him; and the

INSTEAD OF THE TRISAGION (GALATIANS 3.27)

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ! Alleluia.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 65.3, 1 LXX; Tone 4)

Let all the earth worship You, and sing to You.
Verse: Shout with joy to God, all the earth.

Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (4.4-7)

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

Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (2.1-12)

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling
in the days of Herod the King, behold, wise all the chief priests and scribes of the peo-
ple, he inquired of them where the Christ
men from the East came to Jerusalem, say- was to be born. They told him, "In Bethle-
ing, "Where is He Who has been born King hem of Judea; for so it is written by the
of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land
East, and have come to worship Him.'" When of Judah, are by no means least among the
Herod the King heard this, he was troubled,

rulers of Judah; 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, till 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.

NATIVITY GREETINGS

ARABIC: Al-Maseehu wulida! / Famajjedouhou!

المسيح وُلِدَ \ فَمَجِّدُوهُ!

ENGLISH: Christ is Born! / Glorify Him!

FRENCH: Le Christ est né! / Glorifiez-Le!

GIZ: Christos tewaldwal! / Bonay tewaldwal!

GREEK: Christos gennáta! / Doxásate!
Χριστός γεννάται! / δοξάσατε!

ROMANIAN: Hristos se naște! / Măriți-L!

SERBIAN: Hristos se rodi! / Vo istinu se rodi!

SLAVONIC: Kristós rozhdáetsya! / Slaveete egó!

SPANISH: ¡Cristo ha nacido! / ¡Glorificado sea El!

Christ is born!



المسيح ولد

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the health of all those who participated in the “Christmas Gift to Our Church,” oblations offered to the Newborn King and those for whose health and in whose memory they offered them, who have been remembered at the preparation of the Holy Gifts at this Liturgy—*listed below*.
- By Michael & Audrey Arbuckle, for the health of Dale Barbick, Natalie Barbick, Destiny Adams, Ming Lowe, Robert Abraham, Kerri Barton, Nathan Jr., Salim Najjar, Vicki

Mesalam, Staci Stitt, Alyse Hilty, Judy, Becky, Paul, Mark, Kathy, in memory of Richard Arbuckle.

- By Anthony Azakie & family, for the health of Therese Azakie, David & Amalia Aguilera.
- By Riyadh & Hala Bannourah, for the health of Hala, Tala, the Bannourah, Shomali, Musleh & Khoury families, in memory of Saliba, Sued, Anton, Mariam, Iyad & Ziyad.
- By Steve & Susanne Baranyk, for the health of the St. George family, in memory of the Founding Families.
- By Kh. Patty Beauchamp, for the health of the Beauchamp, Khoury, Panella, Sankey families, in memory of Fr. Anthony, William, George, Mary, Lillian Pierce, Shirley Sankey.
- By Jeff & Joanne Beck, for the health of Julia Leon & Carol, in memory of Richard & Laretta, Lee & Esther.
- By Julia Beck, for the health of Jeff & Joanne Beck, Ana, Jame, Rain & Luna Yi, in memory of Laretta & Richard Hood, Esther & Lee Seidel.
- By David & Nancy Chobany, for the health of Adam, Shelby, Josh, Julie, Gwen, Graham, Vera, Brooklyn, Hayden.
- By Brian, Donna, Claire, Grace & Brian Dickinson, for the health of all St. George Parishioners & their families, in memory of Sam Johns, Cheryl Dickinson & John Barney.
- By Brent & Elaine Eckhart, for the health of Tom Beczkiewicz, in memory of Ania Beczkiewicz.
- By Kathleen Everhart, for the health of Thomas Everhart, in memory of Lloyd & Hazel Pickett, Donna Beyer.
- By Billy & Amanda Fadel, in memory of Janice Helen Fadel.
- By Fr. Radoslav & Barbara Filipovich, for the health of Sonja, in memory of Milan.
- By Ron & Loni Freeman, in memory of Arthur & Louise Freeman, James & Jacquin Paterson.
- By George F. Freije, for the health of the Freije, Kafoure, FitzSimons & Eckhart Families, in memory of Fred & Ann Freije, George & Agia Freije, Frank & Julia Kafoure, John Kafoure & Georgia FitzSimons.
- By Delores George, in memory of Emory John George.
- By Annabelle Gough, in memory of Frieda, Isaac, Henry, Emory, Bill, Leo & Jean.
- By the Handwork family, for the health of Lesli Handwork & Mitch.
- By Fr. Nabil & Elaine Hanna, for the health of Anastasia, Basil, Gregory, Lotfy & Lucy Hanna, Victoria Saad, John Meyer, Fr. David Buss, Fr. Douglas Wyper, Fr. Augustine Hanna, Mark Hanna, Argyro Ellias, Georgiann Jacobson, in memory of Nicholas & Thalia Gounaris, Nadia Hanna, David Mouck and Fr. Paul Doyle.
- By Jamise Kafoure, for the health of all her family, in memory of her departed loved ones.

- By Eric Kahre & family, in memory of the Kahre, Traycoff, Dimitroff, Spudic & Hooker families.
- By Patrick & Diane Koers, in memory of John & Mary Calugar, Raymond & Roberta Koers.
- By Sonya Lakey, for the health of Rich Lakey.
- By Sharon Majestic.
- By McKary Family, for the health of George, Sohir, Mira, Magy, Monica & Michael, in memory of Emil, Shehata, Samir, Reda, Nargis, Alis.
- By Nahia Mesalam, for the health of Brenda, Maureen, Janet, George & Molly Mesalam, in memory of Faris Mesalam.
- By Suzanne Mesalam, for the health of the Mesalam, Sickie, Walsh, Johns, & Wiltrout Families, in memory of all departed family & church family members.
- By Veronica Minnefield, in memory of Hazel Minnefield, Amos & Thomasine Jackson.
- By Gregory & Barbara Mitchell, for the health of the Mitchell, Hodson, Erler and Jankura families, in memory of Mary, Edwin, Emma, Bert, Susan, Stephen, Philip and Alexandra.
- By Anthony Mitson.
- By Daniel & Rodica Mohr, for the health of Florin and Maria Mohr & Eleonora Denes, in memory of Mihai Denes.
- By David & Karen Najjar & family, for the health of the Najjar & Phillips families.
- By Salim & Paula Najjar, in memory of Kaiser, Constance, Bernard, Angelle, Allie and Sarah.
- By John G. Pappas, in memory of Gust, Helen & James Pappas.
- By The Roberts family, for the health of Rosie, Jennifer, Todd, Jason, Christy, Eli, Sarah, Noah, Leon, Judy, Amy, Mark, Marky, Lorice, Jennifer, Mark, Grace, Jimmy, Gina, Xavier, Gabriel, Micah, Jaycie, Joey, Denny, Phillip, Tia, the Roberts, Pennington, Chalhub and Shalhoub families, in memory of Sarah, Margaret, Clara, Florence, Leon, Jimmy and Frank.
- By Kathryn Sankey, for the health of Teen SOYO & Advisors, the parish of St. George, in memory of Shirley Sankey, Lillian Pierce, Faris Mesalam, Rick Spurgeon, Janice Fadel, Fr. Anthony Beauchamp.
- By Jeff & Margaret Sankey & family, for the health of the Sankey, Saikley, Mesalam, Beauchamp, Pierce and Nasser families, in memory of Lillian Pierce, Louise & Sam George, Shirley Sankey, Fr. Anthony Beauchamp, Faris Mesalam and Rick Spurgeon.
- By the Sharaya family, for the health of Hani, Manal, Nora, Will, Joseph, Becky, Rami, Angham, in memory of Fawzi, Danny, Zozo, Zakia.
- By Andre Smith, for the health of Kana, Ken, Charlotte, Vic.
- By Daniel Svrcek, for the health of Doug & family, in memory of Martha.

- By Jerry & Rochelle New Kirk & family & George K. Todd & family, in memory of George K. & Najla M. Todd and Genny C. Todd.

A sign-up sheet for baking and offering the prosphora (altar bread) is posted on the bulletin board, next to the elevator. You can also contact Thelma Hoover at (317) 782-1633.

MEGALYNARION (IRMOS FROM ODE 9 OF THE CANON; TONE 1)

O my soul, magnify her who is more honorable and who is more glorious than the heavenly hosts.

A mystery I behold which is strange and wondrous. The cave is heaven, and the Virgin is the Throne of the cherubim. In the confines of the manger is laid the infinite Christ, our God, Whom we praise and magnify.

POST-COMMUNION: TROPARION OF THE NATIVITY (TONE 4)

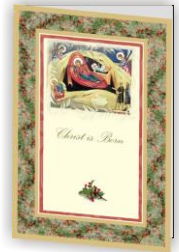
Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge....

FEASTING – NO FASTING

The period of Christmas rejoicing extends to the day before Epiphany (that is through January 4, with January 5 always being a strict fast day). Until then fasting is suspended, even Wednesday s and Fridays. Throughout this time, it is also the custom for Orthodox Christians to greet each other with: "**Christ is Born!**" and the response: "**Glorify Him!**"

ADDITIONS TO THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

- We regret that were inadvertently omitted the following from the Community Christmas card:
David and Nancy Chobany
Janet Mesalam
- The following were received after the card went to press:
Linda and Megan Carroll



STARTING THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT

Every good work begins with prayer. On **January 1**, our holy Church commemorates the Circumcision of Christ on the Eighth Day after His birth, in fulfillment of the Mosaic Law. We also commemorate St. Basil on January 1 with the Great with the blessing and cutting of the Vasilopeta.

Because it is Fr. Bill's nameday, he has invited us to join in Liturgy there on New Year's Day:
Liturgy 9:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Cathedral (3500 W. 106th Street, Carmel)

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA

Nativity 2018

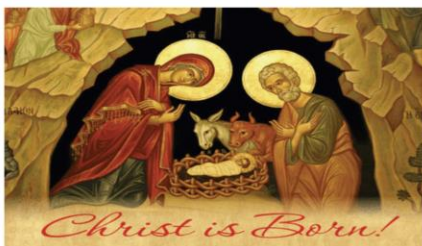
Christ is born, glorify Him!

Christ is from heaven, go to meet Him!

Christ is on earth, be ye lifted up. Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing out with gladness, all ye people. For He is glorified!

(First Ode of the Christmas Canon)



Beloved in Christ,

Today, as the fire from the cave of Christ's birth burns deep within our hearts, we rejoice with all the earth. Anticipation imbues the world as we celebrate the birth of the One who willingly became Man for our salvation. Quiet, meek, guileless and patient, how do we behold and gaze upon the resplendent One who draws us to Himself in pure love?

He comes prepared for victory to prepare us. He comes willingly that we be willing. He comes courageous and strong to give us courage and strength. He comes in humility to humble us. He comes in peace, that all men should live in peace.

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Yours in the service of Christ,

Metropolitan Joseph

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH

The Right Reverend
Bishop ANTHONY



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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
December 25, 2018

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
المسيحُ وُلِدَ! فمجدوه!

Christmas is many things, which includes a story of two kings. One is from the world and the other King comes from heaven.

The first king, Herod, was not confident. He thought his power had to be protected. Although he was wealthy, sat on a throne, and looked down on others, he was afraid of everyone. Instead of bringing smiles to people's faces, he brought tears to their eyes. When he heard from the wise men that a baby Boy was born of a Holy Woman in the countryside, a Savior who would serve and save the people, Herod's fear got the best of him and he was in a "furious rage". He looked everywhere to find this newborn King.

Therefore, God hid the baby King, who was from heaven, and His very own Son, in a cave in the country, under the stars, in the Holy arms of his Mother, while the animals, shepherds, and angels kept watch over Him. Unlike Herod, this baby Jesus would grow up to be the Perfect King. *"He increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."* (Luke 2:52) People loved Him. They were not afraid of Him. Little children would run up to Him. People were drawn to Him like metal to a magnet. And though crowds were always with Him, He made time with each person that needed Him. Everyone, well almost everyone, loved him.

The worldly king sold his kingdom for his pleasure at a party. The heavenly King, Jesus Christ, bought a Kingdom to give to His Father as a present. His purpose was His pleasure.

Herod loved making speeches. He gave speeches from his throne to force people to do his will. The fearful king wanted frightened subjects. He put on golden robes because he thought he was a god. But just as his proud heart swelled to the cheers of the crowd, he died then and there (Acts 21).

Jesus never spoke like that. He never sat on a throne; he was nailed to the Cross. And from the Cross, He never spoke more powerfully than when He didn't speak at all. And when this King died, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords gave life to everyone. (Revelation 19:16 and 1 Timothy 6:15)

It does not matter what conditions we are given in life, whether we live in a palace and sit on a throne, or are born in a cave and lay in a manger, it is our love for God that makes us great, like Jesus Christ, the heavenly King.

May He who was born in a cave and lay in a manger for our salvation bless you always.

+ Bishop Anthony

+Bishop ANTHONY

Bishop of Toledo

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

Please Join Us for Fellowship after the Liturgy

The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit via the north (side) doors of the nave, following the dismissal and verbal announcements.

SERVICES FOR THE EPIPHANY

Friday, Jan. 4: Royal Hours

- Royal Hours of the Epiphany 10 am

Saturday, Jan. 5: Paramon of the Feast – strict fasting

- Divine Liturgy, 10 am

Sunday, Jan. 6: Great Feast of the Epiphany

- Matins, 8:45 am
- Divine Liturgy and Great Blessing of Water, 10 am



MAY GOD BLESS YOUR HOME AND ALL WHO DWELL IN IT

After the Twelve Days of Christmas we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, whose celebration includes taking the blessed water to the homes of all our parishioners.

Thus Fr. Nabil would like to come and visit with you, pray with you and ask God to bless your home. It would help in setting up his schedule if you would kindly return the coupon below. Father would like to do his best to see as many as possible before Lent (which will start March 11, 2019).



House Blessing Scheduling Form

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Check ALL Possible Days: Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Check ALL Possible Times: Mornings Afternoons Evenings

Please place in tray in church, or mail back as soon as possible.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following—those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John

Riyad and Hala Bannourah, 2/1

Hana Musleh, IU North Hosp., 1/30

Cynthia Egly, 1/27

Jamal Omeish, 1/25

Elias ALTawil, Carmel Care Rehab., 1/24

Fouad Fred Musleh, Copper Trace Rehab., 1/24

Kh. Ann Patricia Beauchamp, 1/21

Carol Abraham, Carmel Care Rehab., 1/8

C. Edward Edge, 12/25

Mary Lou Saikley, Margaret Sankey's aunt, 1/22

John Meyer, Fr. Nabil and Elaine Hanna's brother-in-law, 1/18

Thomas Fedor and Christine Cataldo, Liza Nahas' father and aunt, 1/17

Susan Moore and Andrea Tabanelli, Joanne Beck's sister and sister-in-law, 1/7

Trenton Wesley, deployed in Afghanistan

All those suffering from illness, violence or want throughout the world

DEPARTED

George Belovic, 2/2

Kristin, friend of Al and Martha Sleder, 1/28

Lewis Campbell, Jeff's uncle, 1/23

Paul Thomas, friend of the Kiritsises, 1/23

Hani Sarweh, cousin of Oussama, Samer and Amer Nahas, 12/25

Mohy Saleh, Iman Kiritsis' father, 1/16

President **George H. W. Bush**, 1/9

Lauretta Hood, Joanne Beck's mother, 1/6

William McKnight, 1/5

The victims of violence throughout the world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

December 2018

Mon. 24	Christmas Matins , 8:30 pm CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY , 10 pm • Dinner/Breaking the Fast
Wed. 26	Vespers , 6:30 pm
Thu. 27	Ladies of St. George Christmas Dinner, 6 pm at George's Neighborhood Grill
Sat. 29	Great Vespers , 5 pm • Confessions heard afterwards
Sun. 30	Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am
Mon. 31	Parish Family Christmas/New Year Party , 8 pm

January 2019

Tue. 1	Circumcision of Christ Feast of St. Basil the Great Secular New Year Divine Liturgy , 9:30 am at Holy Trinity (3500 W. 106 th Street, Carmel)
Wed. 2	Vespers , 6:30 pm
Fri. 4	Royal Hours of Theophany , 10 am
Sat. 5	Paramon of Theophany – Strict Fast Divine Liturgy , 10 am
Sun. 6	Great Feast of the Theophany Matins , 8:50 am Choir practice , 9 am Divine Liturgy , 10 am • Great Blessing of Water Teen SOYO meeting , 4 pm

See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates at www.stgindy.org/calendar