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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

Sunday January 7, 2018

Col. 3:4-11, Luke 14:16-24

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CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Welcome! We welcome to our church this morning all visitors, guests, relatives, and friends of Saints Peter and Paul Church. We pray your visit with us is spiritually rewarding, holy and life-giving. Visit often!

- Sunday January 14th 10:00 Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great - Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord and Julian New Year. Also commemorating Joseph, the Betrothed, David the Kind, James the Cousin of our Lord.
- Thursday January 18th - ~~6:00 PM Theophany Eve supper~~ (strict fast) - Cancelled

7:00 PM Vigil service for Theophany, commemorating the baptism of Jesus Christ with the blessing of water.

- Saturday January 20th 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Synaxis of St. John the Baptist with the Blessing of Homes following the service.

NO Fast during the Twelve Days of Christmas: As we celebrate the coming of the Son of God in the flesh at His birth, we feast and do not fast. Fasting is forbidden from Jan 7 (Dec 25) until Jan 18 (Jan 5), which is the *Eve of Theophany*.

Fast: On *Theophany Eve* we fast in the same way as Christmas Eve: that is, we fast from meat and dairy.

New! House Blessings are coming up. I will begin blessing homes on Saturday the 20th after the liturgy. I will begin with the homes in Homer City and then to those further out. I hope to have a more precise schedule next week.

Orthodox Nativity

It was fitting that the Giver of all holiness should enter this world by a pure and holy birth. For He it is that of old formed Adam from the virgin earth, and from Adam without help of woman formed woman. For as without woman Adam produced woman, so did the Virgin without man this day bring forth a man. *For it is a man, saith the Lord, and who shall know him* [Jer. 17:9]. For since the race of women owed to men a debt, as from Adam without woman woman came, therefore without man the Virgin this day brought forth, and on behalf of Eve repaid the debt to man at the time of His death (Jn 19:39-40).

That Adam might not take pride, that he without woman had engendered woman, a Woman without man has begotten man; so that by the similarity of the mystery is proved the similarity in nature. For as before the Almighty took a rib from Adam, and by that Adam was not made less; so in the Virgin He formed a living temple, and the holy virginity remained unchanged. Sound and unharmed Adam remained even after the deprivation of a rib; unstained the Virgin though a Child was born of her.

+ St. John Chrysostom, "Homily on Christmas Morning"

Here is the broadcast schedule for Fr. Matthew's interview with the local radio station of Orthodoxy and the Julian Calendar: "replay" is scheduled for FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. on WMUG-FM (105.1) and streamed on the internet at wmugradio.org at the same time.

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Nativity Donations

Incense: In memory of Duane by Irene

Charcoal: In memory of Michelle by Art

Liturgical Oil: In memory of Steve and Rose by Steve and Lois Rebovich

Altar Wine: In memory of Michelle by Art

Tall Decorated Altar Candles:

2 - In memory of Michelle by Art

1 - In memory of Steve and Rose by Steve and Lois Rebovich

1 – In memory of Kate and John Daskivich by Kathy Daskivich

1 – In memory of parents by Helen Busi

1 – In memory of Cybulsky family by Dick and Marie

1 – In memory of husband by Helen Busi

1 – For good health and love of mom and dad by Debbie Isenberg

1 – In memory of brother-in-law Vince by Dick and Marie

2 – Helen Sweeney in Memory of Pappie and mother Susan

1 – In honor of John, Beth, Jill by Mike and Sheila

Eternal Light: In Memory of Joseph, Sam, Anna, and Joseph (Lefty) Horchar
by Kathy Daskivich

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2 Vases for the Altar:

In Memory of John and Kathryn Daskivich by Kathy

In Memory of Margaret Pramik by Kathy

Large Poinsettias for the Altar

In memory of Steve and Rose by Steve and Lois Rebovich

In Memory of John and Kate Daskivich by Kathy

Live Wreath – Processional Cross: In Memory of Michelle by Art

2 Vases in front of the icons of the Virgin Mary and St. Nicholas:

In memory of Sam by the Sasala Family

In memory of grandparents and parents by the Charnego Family

Flowers at the Tetrapod:

In Memory of John and Susan Romancik and Richard Stiteler by Mary Stiteler

