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Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, James the Brother of our Lord, and the Synaxis of the Theotokos

Sunday January 8, 2017

Gal. 1:11-19, Heb. 2:11-18; Matthew 2:13-25

Tropar and Kondak Tone 4 and p. 132-139

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

- Saturday January 14th 9:00 AM Liturgy for the Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord and Julian New Year.
- Sunday January 15th 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Sunday before Theophany
- Wednesday January 18th

6:00 PM Theophany Eve supper (strict fast) and

7:00 PM Vigil service for Theophany with the blessing of water.

Orthodox Nativity

The gifts of the Magi are of particular significance. They are interpreted symbolically in the liturgy of the feast. The gift of gold is taken as the sign that Jesus is the king of Israel, of the entire universe, and of the kingdom of God to come. This is a crucial part of the Christmas story in the gospels. It caused Herod to kill all the "male children in Bethlehem and in all the region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men" (Mt 2:16).

The gift of frankincense is taken by the liturgy to signify the fact that Jesus is God, since incense is for worship, and only God may be worshipped.

And the gift of myrrh is for the Lord Jesus who has come to die as the perfect sacrifice for the people. For the dead were anointed with myrrh, as Jesus Himself was anointed, according to the scriptures, at the time of His death (Jn 19:39-40).

Fr. Thomas Hopko

"It is a great art to succeed in having your soul sanctified. A person can become a saint anywhere. He can become a saint in Omonia Square*, if he wants. At your work, whatever it may be, you can become a saint through meekness, patience, and love. Make a new start every day, with new resolution, with enthusiasm and love, prayer and silence — not with anxiety so that you get a pain in the chest."

— St. Porphyrios

January 22 – Presentation by the diocesan chairman, Andrew Podolak on Mission and Stewardship.

Now is the day of joy; let us not take revenge for offences! Now is the day of good will; let us not be harsh. On this day of tranquility, let us not become agitated by anger! Today God came unto sinners; let not the righteous exalt himself over sinners! Today the Most Rich One became poor for our sake; let the rich man invite the poor to his table!

Saint Ephraim the Syrian

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Nativity Donations

Incense: In Memory of Parents by Dick and Marie Tutoki

Charcoal: In Memory of Brother Mike and Sister-in-Law Mary by Dick and Marie

Liturgical Oil: In Memory of Vince by Dick and Marie Tutoki

Altar Wine: In Memory of Parents and Husband – by Helen Busi

Tall Decorated Altar Candles:

2 – Deb Sasala in Memory of Sam, Anna, and Sam S.

2 – Irene George in Memory of Parents Steve and Anna, and Husband Duane

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

1 – In Memory of Margaret and Joseph Pramik by Kathy Daskivich

1 – Orsargos Family in Memory of Rose Orsargos

2 – Helen Sweeney in Memory of Pappie and mother Susan

2 – Elizabeth in Memory of family and for health of family

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

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: Altar Society

Poinsettias for the side altar, icons, etc.

For Deceased Family Members by Liz

For Church Family by Liz

In Memory of John and Susan Romancik by Mary Stiteler

In Memory of Richard Stiteler by Mary Stiteler

For Taylor, Hunter, and Chaise by Mary Stiteler

