

Announcements

We welcome all of those who are visiting with us this morning at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. Please join us following the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour. We pray that your experience here this morning was uplifting. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

1. As Pani Susan and I consider our blessings during this Nativity, we count as one of the greatest the loving, warm and devout people of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. While I do not say it as often as I should, each and every one of you are wonderful people. Through God's grace and the labors of each person in this church, St. Nicholas has become a thriving mission, pious and God-loving. We love you all and thank you.
2. There will not be vespers this coming Wednesday night. Our usual schedule of services will resume on Saturday, December 31.
3. Those who wish to participate in the reading of post-communion prayers please gather before the icon of the Theotokos at the iconostasis after the veneration of the cross at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.
4. Upcoming at *St. Nicholas*:

Saturday, December 31	5:00 - Vespers
Sunday, January 1	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (29th Sunday after Pentecost) 10:00 a.m.

Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church

December 25 , 2011

The Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ



Christ is born! Glorify Him!

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Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

"Blessed Is the Kingdom" 8
The Great Litany of Peace (Romanian responses) 8
Festal Antiphons 149, 150
Hymn of the Incarnation 17
Third Festal Antiphon.....150
Entrance Hymn 151
Tropar of the Nativity.....supp
Kondak of the Nativity.....supp
As Many as have been Baptized.....
Prokimenon (Tone 8).....
 Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee; let it
 praise Thy name, O Most High! (Ps. 65:4)
 v. Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth! Sing of
 His Name, give to Him glorious praise! (v. 65:2)
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 praise Thy name, O Most High!
Epistle..... Galatians 4:4-7
Alleluia (#2)..... 35
Verses
 v. The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the
 firmament proclaims His handiwork! (Ps 18:2)
 v. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night
 declares knowledge (Ps. 18:3)
Glory to You, O Lord..... 36
Gospel..... Matthew 2:1-12
Glory to You, O Lord..... 36
Verse At the Sermon 37
Homily Fr. James
The Triple Litany..... 37
Cherubic Hymn 153
The Litany of Supplication.....supp
The Creed*spoken by people*

The Anaphora 56
Holy, Holy, Holy (#2)..... 58
The Praise 61
The Epiklesis..... 62
"It is Truly Meet..." and Irmos of the Festal Canon supp
The Litany Before the Lord's Prayer 64
The Lord's Prayer (Rimsky-Korsokov) supp
Communion Prayer 78
Communion Hymn ("The Lord has sent redemption to
 His people...")
Reception of Communion (Alaskan) supp
Response No. 1..... 80
Thanksgiving Hymn 82
Thanksgiving Litany 84
Amvon Prayer 154
Response..... 86
The Dismissal Blessing..... 88
Post Communion Prayers

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While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting, non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.

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Forget for at least this space of time the bustle and concerns of everyday life. Be like an angel, filled only with thoughts of God and of serving Him. After all, He is present now, and is blessing you. -Hieromartyr Seraphim (Zvezdinsky), Bishop of Dmitrov (1883-c.1937)