

# ***Christ is Born! Glorify Him!***

December 30, 2018

**Epistle Reading:** Galatians 1:11-19      **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 2:13-23

**Next Week:** Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7      **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3:13-17

\*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

**Services:** Tues., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>      **Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord,  
Jesus Christ/St. Basil the Great**  
Hours      **8:45 am**  
Divine Liturgy      **9 am**  
Moleben of the New Year      **After Liturgy**

Sat., Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>      **Great Vespers with Litya**  
(Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)      **7 pm**

Sun., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>      **Holy Theophany**  
**Great Blessing of Water**  
Church School      **9:15 am**  
Hours      **9:45 am**  
Divine Liturgy      **10 am**

## **Announcements:**

Fr. Stephan and Matushka Denise wish to thank everyone who expressed holiday greetings through cards, gifts and messages. May God grant you many rich blessings this Christmas and in the year to come!

The Greshes are in the process of preparing for the FINAL move from Ohio. However, there's no room at the Rectory in order to complete the move! Father has had some success in minimizing some of his stuff and Parish Council has approved the posting of additional parish pieces that will need a new home. Pictures of these items that need a new home will be made available. If you have any interest, just let Father Stephan know and give a donation to the Church.

**Christmas Altar Candles:** The following Altar Candle was presented by the following:

Tim, Karen & Kiersten Laciak in ***Rudy Gerber & Sam Laciak***

A Turkey Dinner Coffee Hour is being planned for one and all! Bring a guest! On **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**, Toni Costella and Martha Zeli will be hosting a Turkey Dinner coffee hour with all the trimmings. While the ladies are fixin' the turkey and sides, they

are reaching out to fellow parishioners for assistance with a dessert to help finish this dinner with a bang! Do you have an awesome dessert that could help them out? There will be an RSVP sheet at the candlestand only to ensure that there's enough food for everyone. Also, there will be another sheet for the awesome dessert donation. This Turkey Dinner coffee hour is a reminder at the start of this new year for us to count the **many blessings** we have to be thankful for and to reach out to the many around us who do not! A Free-Will Offering basket will be available.

## **A Special Gift**

God gave us His son Christ Jesus and Savior as a special gift. As with the Blessed Virgin Mary, our heavenly Father gave all parents their loving children His miracle gift of birth and life. God gave parents children as a special gift to love and care for. The most wonderful gift you can receive is a gift of a child from God. The loss of life of a loved one of youth is a loss unbearable to live with as did the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Christ Jesus, suffered. The feeling of this unbearable experience of loss is knowing they are with God and Christ Jesus in His Kingdom of Heaven. Christmas is lonely without a loved one of youth or elderly as well but knowing and having their immortal heavenly spirit from God at Christmas with you helps fill the void of their absence. Again, God's special gift of Christ Jesus and our children of loss provides us with their existence from everlasting. **Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

**Don't forget:** To submit your Home Blessings Envelopes this year.

The **2019 Church Calendars** have arrived and are available in the vestibule today.

The winter season edging its way in! Use your judgment based on weather conditions. If the services are canceled, it will be announced on WPXI.

**Collection:** December 23<sup>rd</sup>: \$1,745