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Christ is Born! Glorify Him

Services	Sat., Dec. 31 st	Great Vespers with Confession	7 pm
	Sun., Jan. 1 st	Feast of the Circumcision; St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea <i>No Sunday School – New Year’s Break</i>	9:45 am 10 am
	Fri., Jan. 6 th	Feast of Theophany Hours Divine Liturgy <i>with the Great Blessing of Water</i>	8:45 am 9 am

Epistle

(Galatians 4:4-7)

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”

Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Gospel

(Matthew 2:1-12)

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.”

When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

*‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of
Judah,
Are not the least among the rulers of
Judah;
For out of you shall come a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people
Israel.’”*

Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.”

When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

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

Epistle: Colossians 2:8-12

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

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!

2023 River Blessing: The River Blessing will take place on **Sunday, January 8th in West Brownsville**. Everyone will gather and warm up at Holy Resurrection, West Brownsville then proceed to the river near the Route 40 bridge. Before and after the River Blessing, hot coffee/tea and refreshments will be served.

Sunday School will resume on **Sunday, January 8th**.

The **2023 Church Calendars** have arrived and are available in the vestibule today.

Save the Date: Our Annual Parish Meeting is set for **Sunday, February 5th**.

A Note from Council ~~ Don't forget: If you have any changes/updates to your phone/cell number, e-mail address or home address, please let us know. Please drop off any new information at the candlestand or give to Mary Merella to help us keep the information on our contact lists up-to-date. Thanks!

Interested in learning how to make Prosphora? If interested, please let either Marie or Mary know. A demonstration/class is on the horizon.

Reminder: Please have the courtesy to inform others if you have potentially exposed them to Covid. It is still imperative that we remain vigilant to keep safe and healthy.

