

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!!

December 24, 2017

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 1:1-25

Next Week: 2 Timothy 4:5-8 **Next Week:** Mark 1:1-8

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

Services	Sun., Dec. 24 th	Holy Supper (in Parish Social Hall) Vigil of the Holy Nativity (Compline and Matins)	5:30 pm 8 pm
	Mon., Dec. 25 th	Feast of the Nativity of the Lord Carols Divine Liturgy	9:45 am 10 am
	Sun., Dec. 31 st	Venerable Melania Church School Hours Divine Liturgy	Christmas Break 9:45 am 10 am
	Mon., Jan. 1 st	Feast of Circumcision of Our Lord, Jesus Christ/St. Basil the Great Divine Liturgy Moleben of the New Year	10 am After Liturgy

Announcements:

Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Sometimes we get so caught up in ourselves and our preparation for the holidays that we miss the beauty that was revealed to us through the birth of Christ. God loves us so much that He became man so that we could experience His Love first hand and become more like Him. The Theotokos held God and all of creation totally and completely within her womb. The birth of Christ brings us the greatest gift the world will ever know and we are not ready to receive it.

The people who were here 2000 years ago were just as busy with their lives and not prepared for Christ either and the world could only offer Him a cave for His Birth. This coming week we will make a "Joyful Noise" to celebrate His Birth as best we can. Please join us during the upcoming services as we give thanks for the birth of Christ.

Parishioners please note the times of the Divine Services associated with the Lord's Nativity in today's Bulletin. Make coming to church, either on the Eve or the day of Christmas (or both), the centerpiece of your Holy Day observation. Give your family the greatest Gift you can present on Christmas — Christ Himself through the prayer of the Church and the Holy Eucharist. Don't let another year go by without bringing Christ back into your and your family's Christmas.

Christmas Altar Candles: Gifts are now being accepted for the Christmas Altar Candles. If you would like to make a gift in memory of loved ones or in honor of loved ones — place your offering in an envelope marking it "Christmas Candles" and leave it at the Candle Stand.

The annual "March for Life" (marking the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion in the U.S.) is being held on Friday, January 19th in Washington, DC. Your prayers are requested for ALL to remember God's most precious and sacred gift to us ~ life!

Please remember your **December Fair Share Monthly** envelope. Our monthly obligation to the national church and Archdiocese is \$15 per adult person per month. Not meeting this obligation requires us to draw funds from the General Account to cover them.

Collection: December 17th: \$1,478

The Prayer Network is still functioning and very active! Please submit your prayer request(s) to "local coordinator", Peter Merella, for circulation to the network. He may be reached 24/7 at 724/787-2031. Please leave a voicemail as I continually check my messages also please provide a first name and last initial (if possible). See Peter if interested in participating in the prayer group.