

Our Vision: To know and love Christ, sharing His love with others

Dec 21st, 2014

Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)
 Let the heavens rejoice! Let the earth be glad!
 For the Lord has shown strength with His arm. He has trampled down death by death. He has become the first born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell, and has granted to the world// great mercy.

Tone 2 Troparion (Fathers)
 Great are the accomplishments of faith, for the three Holy Youths rejoice in the fountain of flames as though in the waters of rest; and the Prophet Daniel appeared a shepherd to the lions as though they were sheep.// So by their prayers, O Christ God, save our souls!

Tone 4 Troparion of the Forefeast
 Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all! Adorn yourself, O Ephratha, for the Tree of Life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave! Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the Divine Fruit; if we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam.// Christ comes to restore the image which He made in the beginning.

Tone 1 Kontakion (Fathers)
 Rejoice, O Bethlehem! Prepare yourself, O Ephratha! The Lamb is on her way to give birth to the Chief Shepherd she carries in her womb. The God-bearing Forefathers will rejoice, beholding Him, and with the shepherds, they will glorify the Virgin nursing Him.

Tone 2 Kontakion (for the Pre-Feast on Dec 21)
 He Who holds the earth in the hollow of His hand now is beheld in Bethlehem wrapped in swaddling bands. We offer prefeastal hymns to his Mother, who maternally rejoices// having held to



Today's commemorated feasts and saints
 28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — **Tone 3. Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday before the Nativity.** Virgin Martyr Juliana of Nicomedia, and with her 50 men and 130 women (304). Repose of St. Peter, Metropolitan of Moscow and Wonderworker of All Russia (1326). St. Juliana, Princess of Vyaz'ma (1406). Repose of Bl. Procopii (Procopius) of Vyatka, Fool-for-Christ (1628). Martyr Themistocles of Myra in Lycia (251).

her bosom the Son of God.

Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Song of the Fathers)
 Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever! (Song of the three Holy Youths, v. 2)

v: For You are just in all that You have done to us. (v. 3)

Epistle
 Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 (Sunday before Nativity)

Tone 4 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
 v: We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us. (Ps 43/44:1)

v: For You have saved us from them that oppose us, and have put to shame them that hate us. (Ps 43/44:7)

Gospel Matthew 1:1-25 (Sunday before the Nativity) Communion

Hymns Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps

148:1) Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (Ps 32/33:1) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Sixth Sunday of Advent

Candle: red (Holy Communion)

Symbolism: Christ, Who was born in Bethlehem and Who will come again at the end of time, comes to us now in the great Sacrament of Holy Communion. The reason He was born in Bethlehem was that we might allow Him to come and be born in the manger of our hearts.

Scripture: John 1:1-18 and John 6:52-58.

Theme: Reflect on Holy Communion

Announcements:



We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! From our family to yours! Love in Christ, Fr Stacey, Trudi, Michal, Sarah and Anika!

The **Sunday School Christmas Program (Yolka)** is TODAY!.

- The **Coffee Hour Schedule** has been posted on the bulletin board.
- **Volunteers are needed for the following:**
 - Shovel church sidewalk early Sunday morning before liturgy (8:30AM-9:10AM)
 - Work on a team developing a quarterly or bi monthly church newsletter. This includes writing articles, graphics and layout, photography, issue themes, content, and developing the audience. Please see Fr Stacey or Steven Mathewson to get involved.

We are still waiting on some to fill out their pledge cards. Please prayerfully consider your pledge to God and his church for this next year. Pledge cards are available on the candle desk in the Vestibule of the church, and also in the hall. We need these ASAP in order to plan for next year's budget. All those wishing to be voting members of the parish need to fill out a pledge card. If you have any questions or concerns please see Fr. Stacey. Please return your pledge cards to Scott Condo or put in his mailbox.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us! Regarding participation in the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion is treated with the utmost respect and reverence in the Orthodox Church, and it is the rule that only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive it. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome, however, to participate with us in any other way they may desire, and are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

Please Join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall!



If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. For those interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity please ask any of our church community – or feel free to contact Fr Stacey. Our parish library is available for your reading interests. Children are welcome to join church school classes after liturgy.

CONFESSIONS

Fr Stacey can usually hear confessions after any weekday service or after Saturday Vespers. He is also available by appointment, or during his regular office hours.

Mission Statement:

Bringing the love of Christ to our community through prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, service, and outreach within the tradition of historic Orthodox Christianity.

This Week:

<i>Today</i>	
Hours	9:10 AM
Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Coffee Hour	11:15 AM
Christmas Yolka	11:45 AM

<i>Tuesday</i>	
Royal Hours	6:30 PM

<i>Wednesday</i>	
Christmas Vigil	6:30 PM

<i>Thursday</i>	
Christmas Liturgy	9:30 AM

<i>Saturday</i>	
Great Vespers	5:00 PM

<i>Next Sunday</i>	
Hours	9:10 AM
Divine Liturgy	9:30 AM
Coffee Hour	11:45 AM

<i>Upcoming</i>	
Annual Meeting	Jan 18
Chilly Cook Off	Jan 25

Going to miss a service? Listen online to our Divine Liturgy and other Orthodox Christian Teachings INBN.net

Coffee Hour Schedule

DEC. 28 KISHA-WISE, KISHA, MONAHAN, POWELL
JAN. 4 KKW, MONAHAN, KISHA, BYRNES
JAN. 11 GALL, ROMANO, TAPYRIK, MUDRAK
JAN. 18 MANOS, HOFFMAN, GATES, VORKAPICH
JAN. 25 CHILI COOK OFF
FEB. 1 HUBA, WESCOTT, GALL, WAGSTER
FEB. 8 HAYWOOD, GATES, CROSTON, GALL

