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Office Hours
Wednesdays

**Sunday,
Dec. 21**

*27th Sunday after
Pentecost!*

Tone 2

*Forefeast of the
Nativity of Christ!
Sunday before the
Nativity of Christ*



Troparions

Tone 2 Troparion (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out:
"O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

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.

Kontakions-----

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 3 Kontakion (Forefeast)

Today the Virgin comes to the cave to give birth to the Eternal Word.
Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe!
Glorify with the Angels and the shepherds
the Eternal God, Who is willing to appear as a little child!

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

Psalm 111

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. 21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. 32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented- 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, 40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

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

1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: 2 Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. 3 Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. 4 Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. 5 Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, 6 and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. 7 Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. 8 Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. 9 Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. 10 Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. 11 Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. 12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. 13 Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. 14 Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. 15 Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. 16 And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

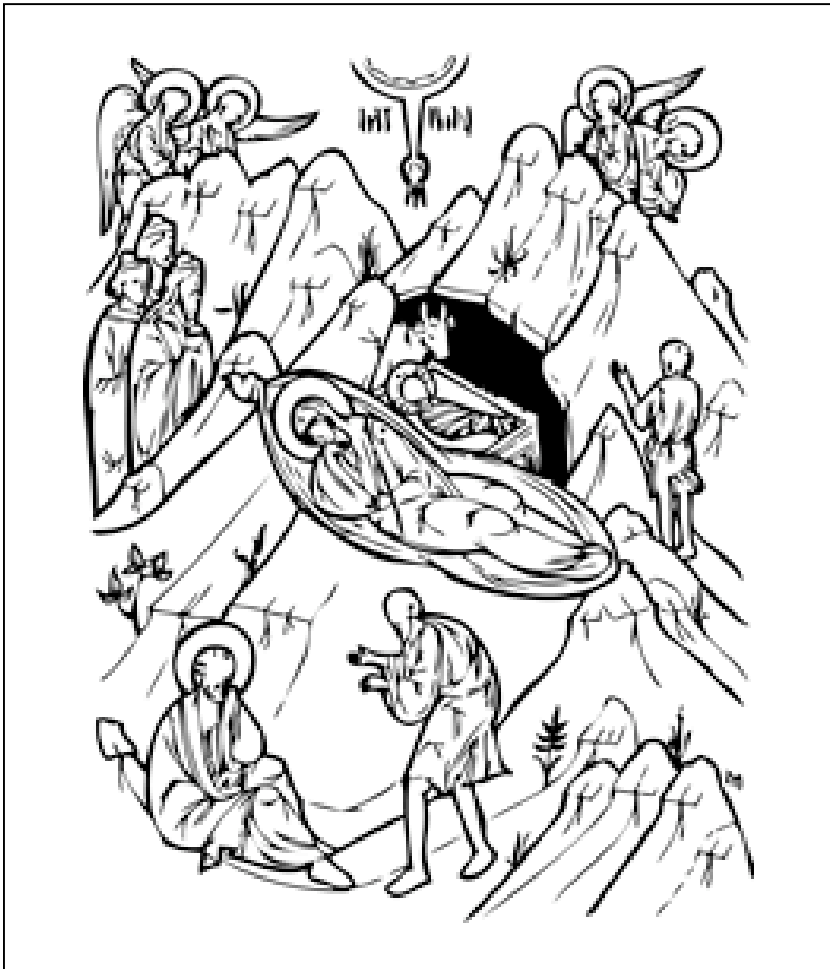


Cookie Sale!! The ladies of St. Ann's will be baking cookies. On December 21 TODAY, you will have the opportunity to purchase some of their delicious creations! Plates of a variety of Christmas Cookies will be available for purchasing during coffee hour.

2009 Calendars will be in stewards/members mailboxes on the 28th, 1 calendar per family. Extra Calendars will be available at the candle desk for anyone else who wishes to have one or any family who wishes to have an additional calendar for a \$5 while supplies last.

Flowers for Nativity!

It is time to think about decorating the Church for the celebration of the Nativity. Remember "flowers" was not in the budget. Please use your envelopes in the December pack to give specifically for Nativity flowers. The money received will be used to decorate the Church for The Nativity. Thank you!



Congratulations to Ed and Paula Romano who were baptized & chrismated today. May God Grant you Many Years!

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December

SUNDAY
SCHOOL
SCHEDULE

*Nov. 30 -
Youth choir*

*Dec. 7 -
Sunday
School*

*Dec. 14 -
Yolka
practice*

*Dec. 21 -
Yolka
practice*

*Dec. 28 -
Yolka !!*

We are attempting to update/confirm church records. Please return the blue "registration" card (attached to last week's bulletin) to Kathy's mailbox by the 28th.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 21

Liturgy 9:00

Yolka Practice

Wednesday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Royal Hours - 9:00 am

Vesperal Liturgy - 10:00 am

Compline/Matins - 7:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 25 - Nativity

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Saturday, Dec. 27

Vespers 5:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 28

Liturgy 9:00

YOLKA during coffee hour



LITURGY WILL CONTINUE TO BEGIN AT 9:00 WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING COFFEE HOUR FROM 10:45 - 11:15.

If you have anything you would like put in the bulletin, please e-mail (kkishawise@aol.com) or phone (330 327-8618) Kathy by Thursday evening.

	<u>This Week Dec. 21</u>	<u>Next Week Dec. 28</u>
Coffee Hour	Kisha, Wise Monahan	Meeks, Lint Emmert, Hoffman
Altar Servers	Jacob Huba Gregory Huba	Shawn Monahan Brendan Gates
Reader	Reader Eusebius	Timothy Gates

Happy Birthday – God Grant You Many Years!

Dec. 22 Scott Condo

Dec. 23 Amanda Lint

Dec. 23 Anna Kisha