

# CHRIST IS BORN

## Glorify Him

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Wed. Dec. 29 6 pm Vespers

No Divine Liturgy on Friday, Dec. 31st.

There are no Choir Practices until after the New Year. If you have any questions about music or need some help, see Presvytera Deborah.



## 2011 CHURCH CALENDAR

Our 2011 Church Calendar is now available in the narthex of the Church. Be sure to get one for your home before the New Year begins. Our thanks to Heritage Mortuary for sponsoring our 2011 Calendar!

**Remember to read your Bible and pray every day!**

If you have not already done so, please turn in your pledge card for 2011 today.

*See any Board member for a pledge form*

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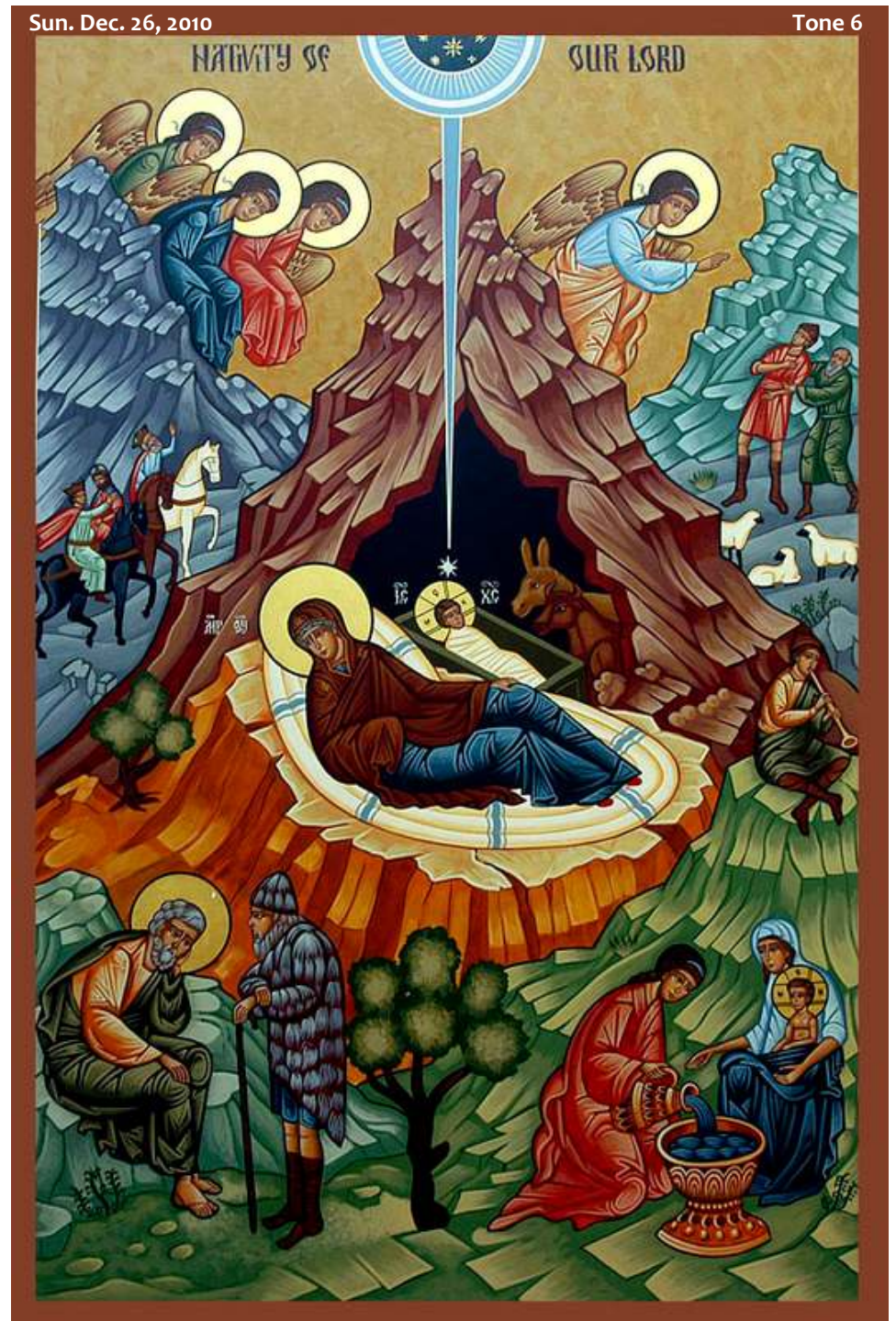
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Date	Readers
12-26	Mike Winney & Bob Frisby
1-2	Virgil Aurand & Jelena Timotijevich
1-9	Mike Winney & Bob Frisby

**Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18**

**Nativity Hymn - Special Melody**

Thy Nativity O Christ our God, has shown to the world the light of wisdom, for by it those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star to adore Thee the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to Thee.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**Hymn of Great Martyr George - Tone 4**

Liberator of captives, defender of the poor, Physician of the sick, and champion of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

*now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

**Nativity Kontakion - Special Melody**

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One. The Earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels glorify Him. Shepherds offer their wonder. Magi journey with the star, since for our sake the Eternal God was born as a little child.

**Prokeimenon in Tone 6 (Ps 28)**

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance!  
To Thee, O Lord, will I call. O my God, be not silent to me.

**Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19**

**B**RETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother. +

**Alleluia in Tone 6 (Ps 91)**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, will abide in the shadow of the heavenly God.  
He will say to the Lord: My Protector and my refuge; my God, in Whom I trust.

**Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23**

**W**HEN THE WISE MEN departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by

the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."+

**Visitors**

We are happy that you joined us today, and we want you to know the following;

- Visitors and children are always welcome at all of our worship services.
- You won't be asked to do anything that would make you uncomfortable.
- We don't expect visitors to contribute anything financially to support our parish.
- Our children worship with us, and we love having them here.

If you are an Orthodox Christian, please introduce yourself to Fr. John before the service begins, so that, if possible, you may receive the Holy Mysteries of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are not an Orthodox Christian, we invite you to partake of the blessed bread distributed at the end of the service, to fill out a "Welcome" card (available in the Narthex), and to join us after the service for some hospitality!