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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018
*Feast of the Nativity of our
Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ*

Epistle Reading
Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading
Matthew 2:1-12

*Christ is born! Glorify Him!
Mir Božij! Hristos se rodi! Vaistinu se rodi!*

Troparion for the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ
Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the Light of wisdom!
For by it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a Star to adore You,
the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Orient from on High. O Lord,
glory to You!

Kontakion: Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth
offers a cave to the Unapproachable One! Angels with shepherds glorify Him!
The wise men journey with a star! Since for our sake the Eternal God was born as
a Little Child!

Archpastoral Nativity Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon

Today's feast is a reminder that it is through this cycle of glorification and love
between God and man that we find our true fulfillment. May the new-born
Christ grant us the courage to keep His love in our hearts, to connect with our
fellows through prayer, sacrifice, and humility, and to remember that, no matter
the degree of our own brokenness or the brokenness of the world, Christ has
come to give us hope for renewal. (Excerpt)



On cold winter days, please enter the Chapel through the parish hall.



Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. If you are joining us for the first time,
please sign the guestbook at the entrance. Everyone is invited to the parish hall
after Liturgy for the Christmas Dinner. We look forward to meeting you and
answering any questions you may have about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke
parish life. We hope you will come again for worship and fellowship.

Nativity Feastday Celebration

The Festal Divine Liturgy will be followed by the Children's Christmas Program. A
Christmas Feast will then be served by our St. Luke Sisterhood. We thank them for
their hospitality and thank all who donated desserts. This week is fast-free as we
celebrate the "Joy of the Feast!"

Remember Our Parishioners at Home and in Long-Term Care Facilities

Contact information is available from Donna Karabin to send greetings to Vukota
Mastilovic, Bob and Ludmilla Trbovich, Joyce Warner, Nick and Helen Wultich.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 10, 7:00-8:30PM

Vespers will be served Wednesday evening. A group discussion follows on "The
Heavenly Banquet, Understanding the Divine Liturgy" by Fr. Emanuel Hatzidakis.

Divine Liturgy for Theophany, Blessing of Waters - Friday, January 19

Liturgy will begin at 10:30AM on the 19th followed by a potluck luncheon.

Annual March for Life – Washington, DC – Friday, January 19

Join Metropolitan Tikhon, bishops, clergy, monastics, seminarians and laity from
across the USA for the Rally at 12noon on the grounds of the Washington
Monument. The March begins at 1PM. Details to be announced soon.

Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles "Welcome 2018" Party – Sat., January 20

A "Welcome 2018" party is planned by the Orthodox Singles group for January 20
at 9716 Lindsay Blake Lane in Great Falls, 7PM to midnight. Appetizers, beverages
and a full dinner menu will be offered at no charge, donations accepted. RSVP by
January 15 to dianahav@earthlink.net.

Saint Sava of Serbia Patron Saint Day/Slava - Sunday, January 28

His Beatitude, Metropolitan Tikhon will join us for our annual Slava celebration.
The Hierarchical Liturgy will be followed by the Slava Prayers and a Banquet.