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JANUARY 6 & 7, 2020  
**GREAT FEAST OF THE  
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**Epistle Reading**  
Galatians 4:4-7

**Gospel Reading**  
Matthew 2:1-12

**CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!  
MIR BOŽIJI! HRISTOS SE RODI! VOISTINU 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!

**Nativity Eve Vigil – Monday, January 6**

The service begins with the Burning of the Badnjak (Yule Log) in the patio area.  
The Vigil takes place in the Chapel and is followed by blessing of the Five Loaves  
and wine. Traditional Serbian refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall.

**Nativity Feastday – Tuesday, January 7**

The Festal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:30AM followed by the Nativity  
Luncheon. We extend our gratitude to the members of the Sisterhood for their  
warm hospitality and to all who donated desserts so that together we can  
celebrate the Joy of the Feast.

**Welcome to Our Guests**

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. May you experience along with us the  
fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Vigil and Liturgy. Please sign the guest  
book at the entrance and pick up a welcome folder. Join us for refreshments. You  
are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach.

**Holy Days of the After-Feast of the Nativity**

January 7-17	<i>Fast-free days</i> celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord
Wed., January 8	Synaxis of the Theotokos – Second Day of the Nativity
Thurs., January 9	Feast of St. Stephen
Tues., January 14	Circumcision of our Lord, Feast of St. Basil the Great
Mon., January 20	Patron Saint Day for St. John the Baptist

**January Events**

Wednesdays	Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 resume on January 15 at 7PM
Sat., January 11	Men's Prayer Breakfast at 9AM
	Yale Russian Chorus performs sacred and folk music at St. Nicholas Cathedral in DC at 7PM. Donations welcomed.
Sun., January 19	Sanctity of Life Sunday
Fri., January 24	Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Cathedral in DC, 8:30AM
	March for Life, Washington DC (Mall @12 <sup>th</sup> St, 12 noon) Join Met. Tikhon, bishops, clergy and laity from across the USA
Sat., January 25	Consecration of OCA bishop-elect Archimandrite Alexis at St. Nicholas Cathedral in Washington, DC at 10AM

**Holy Days of the Feast of Theophany**

Fri., January 17	Strict Fast Day on the Eve of Theophany
Sat., January 18	Vigil for Theophany at 5PM
Sun., January 19	Feast of Theophany, Great Blessing of Water at 10:30AM

**Saint Sava Slava/Patron Saint Day Celebration – Sunday, January 26**

We will celebrate the life and legacy of our beloved Saint Sava of Serbia on  
January 26th. Divine Liturgy will be followed by the Slava Prayers. Our Sisterhood  
will prepare a feastday luncheon buffet. Donations of desserts are requested. Plan  
to come and invite family and friends.

**God Grant You Many Years!**

May God bless our dear Nora Costello on her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mnogaja ljeta!

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