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## 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!  
HRISTOS SE RODI! VOISTINU SE RODI!**

### Troparion for the Nativity of Our Lord 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!

### Memory Eternal + Večnaja Pamjat +

We pray for newly departed Alex (friend of Fr. John and Pda. Kitty), Archpriest Michael Oleksa on the 40<sup>th</sup> day since his falling asleep in the Lord, and for Millicent Mamula (Mark's mother), Mile Milosevich (Nevenka's husband and Milorad's father) and Edward Phillips (Donna Karabin's father) on the anniversaries of their falling asleep. Grant rest eternal with the Saints in blessed repose, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants.

### Hymn to the Theotokos

Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts.

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

January 8-17	Fast-free days celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord
Monday, January 8	Synaxis of the Theotokos – Second Day of the Nativity
Tuesday, January 9	Feast of St. Stephen
Sunday, January 14	Circumcision of our Lord, Feast of St. Basil the Great

### Holy Days of the Feast of Theophany

Thursday, January 18	Strict Fast Day on the Eve of Theophany; Vigil at 7PM
Friday, January 19	Feast of Theophany, Great Blessing of Water at 10:30AM

**Welcome** to all guests with us by livestream and in person today. May you experience along with us the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Feastday Liturgy. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John or Deacon Stefan. Please come again!

### Church School Nativity Play – Today

The 2024 Nativity Play will be performed in the Chapel after Liturgy today. God bless our children and teens in their portrayal of the Holy Family, angels, shepherds and wisemen.

### Nativity Luncheon – Joy of the Feast!

Following the Divine Liturgy and Church School program everyone is invited to stay for the Nativity Luncheon. We extend our gratitude to the members of the Sisterhood for the buffet and their warm hospitality. Let us celebrate together the great *Joy of the Feast!*

### St. Luke Gift Shop

There is still time to visit our Gift Shop for holiday gifts. Come and see the beautiful icons, classic books, jewelry and handcrafted items from St. Tikhon's and other monasteries.

### Holiday Specialties Available Today

Frozen Nutrolls at \$22 and Strudels at \$5 are still available for purchase. See JoAnne de la Riva after Liturgy today.

### Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 10 at 7PM on Zoom

All are welcome to attend this week's online discussion of the Gospel of John chapter 16. Watch for Fr. John's email with the Zoom link and his notes.

### Events at SS Peter & Paul Orthodox Church, 10620 River Road in Potomac, MD

#### • Saturday, January 13 - Teen International Night – 6-10PM

Our youth are invited to 6PM Vespers with Dinner and Dancing 7-10PM hosted by Ss. Peter and Paul and St. George Antiochian Orthodox Churches.

#### • Friday, January 19 – “Behold How Good - A Concert of Psalmody” at 7:30PM

Join the Archdiocesan Choir of Washington for a concert of Psalms featuring Byzantine, Slavic and American traditions in the Orthodox liturgical cycle. It will be livestreamed and in person. Tickets & information at <https://www.archdiocesanchoir.org/psalmody-concert>

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

Join Metropolitan Tikhon, bishops, clergy and Orthodox Christians for Life from across the US for the March and for prayers on the sanctity of human life. <https://oclife.org/march>  
Divine Liturgy at 8AM, Pro-Life Rally at noon on the National Mall, March from 1-4PM.

### Save the Date: St. Sava Slava/Patron Saint Day Celebration – Sunday, January 28

### God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ijeta!

May God bless Nora Costello, Isabela Little and JoAnne de la Riva who are celebrating their birthdays this coming week.