

BIRTH OF CHRIST: (Luke 2:1-20)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to deliver. And she gave birth to her first born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!"

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning the child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying, and praising God.

Please read this passage with all present before you start your Christmas Eve meal.

CHRISTMAS AND THEOPHANY SCHEDULE 2021 – 2022

Sunday, December 19 – Sunday before Christmas

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. – Confessions
9:10 a.m. – Rosary
9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
2:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 21

7:00 p.m. – Liturgical Service at St. Basil's with Confessions by
Fr. Vasil Tymishak

Wednesday, December 22

7:00 p.m. – Moleben at St. Athanasius with Confessions by
Fr. Warren Dungen

Friday, December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE (fasting and meatless day)

9:00 p.m. – Great Compline. Divine Liturgy of the Nativity,
followed by anointing with blessed oil and distribution of
blessed prosphora (bread)

Saturday, December 25 – NATIVITY OF OUR LORD – CHRISTMAS

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, December 26 – Sunday after Christmas

9:10 a.m. – Rosary
9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Monday, December 27 – Stephen Protomartyr

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

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Saturday, January 1 – Circumcision of Our Lord (Baby of Bethlehem gets His Name) and Feast of St. Basil the Great

11:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Sunday, January 2 – Sunday before Theophany

8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. – Confessions

9:10 a.m. – Rosary

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 5 – EVE OF THEOPHANY

7:00 p.m. – Blessing of water followed by distribution of holy water

Thursday, January 6 – THEOPHANY

10:00 a.m. – Theophany Divine Liturgy followed by distribution of holy water

Friday, January 7 – Ukrainian Christmas (by Julian Calendar)

7:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian

Sunday, January 9- Sunday after Theophany

9:10 a.m. – Rosary

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 26

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda for those departed family and friends (Christmas Memorial Tree names list)



Behold, the time of salvation is drawing near. O cave, prepare yourself, for the Virgin is coming to give birth. O Bethlehem, O land of Judah, adorn yourself and be happy since the Lord will shine forth from you. O mountain and hills and lands around Judah, harken, for Christ is coming that He may save His creation because He is the Lover of mankind.

Pre-feast of the Nativity of Our Lord (Vespers)

Христос Родиться! Славімо Його!

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

“Angels rejoice in heaven and people exalt today and all creatures leap with joy because of the birth of our Lord and Saviour in Bethlehem”

(Christmas - Great Compline with Litya)

Mary and Joseph Journey to Bethlehem



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