

## *Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Mission*

Worshiping at the Chapel of Church of the Resurrection –  
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***If there is ever an emergency, or illness, please call Fr. Maximus anytime!***

**Divine Liturgy – Sundays at 1:00 pm**  
**Confession – Before Divine Liturgy, or by appointment**

***January 10, 2010***

**Announcements:** We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please join us following Divine Liturgy for an afternoon snack and to get to know one another. If you have any questions, please ask Fr. Maximus, or any of the other Church members. We hope – and pray – that you will come back to our Church again soon and that your experience with us was spiritually rewarding. God Bless!

After Divine Liturgy today we will have another Panachida (Memorial) Service for Liam Murray.  
**May Liam's memory be eternal!**

Don't forget, I will be blessing homes during January. Start thinking about a good afternoon/evening for me to come by and bless your home.

For those of you who have given me the your annual dues for diocese, thank you! For those who have not yet done so, please note that today is the last day that I can collect the money and still meet the diocese's deadline for mailing our payment. See Father Maximus if you have questions/concerns.



***Christ is Born! Glorify Him!***

**Today's Epistle Reading:** *St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13*

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

**Today's Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 4:12-17*

At that time, Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth He went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Today's Saints and Feasts:** Sunday after Epiphany; Gregory of Nyssa; Dometian, Bishop of Melitene; Theosebia the Deaconess, sister of Basil the Great & Gregory of Nyssa; Afterfeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

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#### Parish Prayer List

**For Health and God's Provision:**

Metropolitan NICHOLAS

Mr. Michael-Marios

Fr. Dcn. Michael

**For the Repose of the Soul:**

Fr. Michael Conrad (+23 Sep 09)

Patriarch Pavel of Serbia (+15 Nov 09)

Mr. Liam Murray (+01 Jan 10)

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**PLEASE NOTE: Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare by Prayer, Fasting, and Confession. However, non-Orthodox visitors are WELCOME to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service. God Bless!**

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:7*

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