

Holy Myrrhbearers Orthodox Mission

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If there is ever an emergency, or illness, please call Fr. Maximus anytime!

Divine Liturgy – Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Confession – Before Divine Liturgy, or by appointment

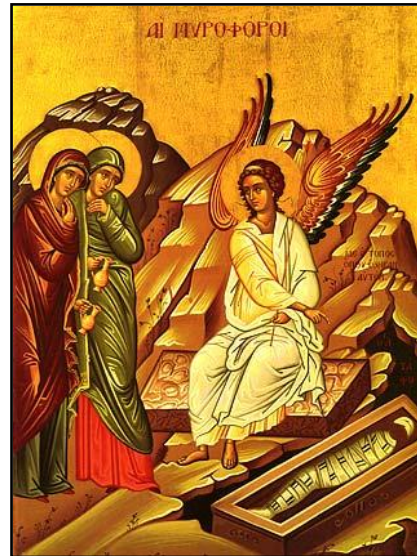
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Announcements: We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please join us following Divine Liturgy for an afternoon snack and to get to know one another. We hope – and pray – that you will come back to our Church again soon and that your experience with us was spiritually rewarding.

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Remember, a special fast will commence on the first day of every month for Metropolitan Nicholas; all faithful are asked to pray at noon on that day for His Eminence's well-being.

If you have any gently used or new clothes items to donate, **please contact Michael** at michaelmarius@live.com.



Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Today is Tone: Nativity of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, begins page 149.

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

BRETHREN, when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir of God through Christ. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Today's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2:1-12*

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard

this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Today's Saints and Feasts: The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Gaspar, & Balthasar; The Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem who were watching their flocks and came to see the Lord

Parish Prayer List

Remember to always pray for each other

For Health and God's Provision:

Metropolitan NICHOLAS

Fr. Gregory Allard

Michael-Marios

Sister Tabitha (Israel) & Phillip

Daniel, Liliana, & Alyna

Fr. Dcn. William Friedel

Avery and Family

David Freyer & Family

Basil Foxwell

Dennis Beecham

Ronald Wynn, Sr.

Benadette, Liam, & Amy

For the Repose of the Soul:

Fr. Michael Conrad (+23 Sep 09)

Patriarch Pavel of Serbia (+15 Nov 09)

Ms. Terry Steal (+31 Dec 09)

Mr. Liam Murray (+01 Jan 10)

Ms. Ia (Edith) Glogg (+17 Feb 10)

Ms. Anna Tarka (+2 May 10)

Mr. Len Brown (+14 Jul 10)

Mr. Antoine M. Diab (+8 Aug 10)

2nd Lt. Robert Kelly, USMC (+9 Nov 10)

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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