

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

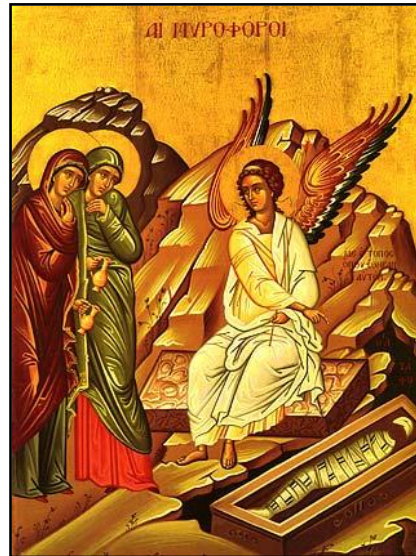
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Announcements: We welcome those who are visiting. Please join us following liturgy for a snack and to get to know one another. We hope – and pray – that you will come back to our Church again soon and that your experience with us was spiritually rewarding.

PLEASE NOTE: The Diocese's annual assessment is \$61.62. I MUST collect this from each adult by January 8th. If you need assistance with meeting this obligation, please see Father ASAP. Thank you!

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

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



Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Today is Tone: Sunday after the Nativity of Our Lord, begins page 158.

Today's Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 1:11-19

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Today's Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2:13-23*

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Today's Saints and Feasts: Sunday after Nativity; Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos; Euthemios the Confessor, Bishop of Sardis; The Holy Righteous Ones, Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord; Holy New Hieromartyr Constantine of Russia, Who Struggled in Constantinople (1743); Constantius the Holy Martyr; Barlaam the Righteous of Valaam; Afterfeast of the Nativity

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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