

Year of Our Lord 2019

January 1st
Tuesday

Circumcision of Our Lord and
the Feast of St. Basil the Great

(Solemn Feast Day)

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

January 4th
Friday

Matins with Royal Hours for Theophany

Matins with Royal Hours 8:00 a.m.

January 5th
Saturday

Vigil of Theophany of Our Lord

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vespers with Divine Liturgy

Of St. Basil the Great at 5:00 p.m.

January 6th
Sunday

Theophany of Our Lord

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Divine Liturgy followed by the

Great Blessing of Water

House Blessings Begin



Christ is Born!

Glorify Him!

Christos Raždajetsja!

Slavite Jeho!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Seasons come and seasons go, the sun rises and the sun falls, the moon waxes and the moon wanes. In our human experience change is the one great constant. The Wisdom Literature of Sacred Scripture attest to this common experience we all share.

But, it is in the ebb and flow of our human existence that the Ever Existing Word of God ‘became flesh for our salvation.’ He, who is above the Heavens, lowered Himself and entered into the human flow of life with us. He assumed the very flesh of His most beloved creation – Man.

As we celebrate this wondrous mystery of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, whether with family, with friends, or in solitude, let us allow ourselves time to stand in “AWE” of what God has done and is doing for each of us. The fruit of the Nativity is the sanctification of the flesh and all creation. It is the forgiveness of sins and new life that is not bound by death. No longer do we just converse with God as did Adam in the Garden, but now ‘we become partakers of Divine Nature.’ Athanasius, reflecting on the Incarnation writes: ‘He indeed assumed humanity that we might become God,’ we do not become God by nature, but by grace, by the life of God within us. Out of love for us Jesus sanctified our body by having a body Himself, a body he received from the Most Holy Theotokos. This action expresses the great reality of the depth of God’s gift of love to us.

May this Christmas Gift of Love be yours! This is the prayer of Pani Kelly and myself for you during this Holy Season of Incarnational Joy.

In His Incarnational Love,

The Rev.

Michael J.

Mandelas

& Pani

Kelly

2018 Christmas Liturgical Schedule

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Christos Raždajetsja! Slavite Jeho!

December 24th

Monday

Royal Hours

Matins with Royal Hours at 8:00 a.m.

December 24th

Monday

Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord,

God and Savior Jesus Christ

In the evening, at first star, begins Holy Supper in your homes.

Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great,
Litija, & Great Compline beginning at 9:00 p.m.

December 25th

Tuesday

Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

December 26th

Wednesday

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

December 27th

Thursday

Matins and Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.

December 28th

Friday

Matins and Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m..

December 30th

Sunday

Sunday after the Nativity/Sunday before the Theophany

Follows the Sunday Liturgical Schedule

December 31st

Monday

Vigil of Circumcision of Our Lord

Vespers with Divine Liturgy at 5:00 p.m.