

Year of Our Lord 2022

January 1st **Circumcision of Our Lord and**
Saturday **the Feast of St. Basil the Great** (*Solemn Feast Day*)
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 9:00 a.m.

January 1st **Saturday Evening Vespers Divine Liturgy**
Saturday Vespers Divine Liturgy 4:30 p.m.

January 2nd **Sunday before Theophany of Our Lord**
Sunday No Matins this day.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

January 5th **Matins with Royal Hours for Theophany**
Wednesday Matins with Royal Hours at 8:00 a.m.

January 5th **Vigil for the Feast of Theophany**
Wednesday Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy and the Blessing
of Jordon Water at 6:30 p.m.

January 6th **Theophany of Our Lord** *Holy Day of Obligation*
Thursday Festal Matins and Divine Liturgy at 8:00 a.m.

House Blessings Begin



Christ is Born!

Glorify Him!

Christós Raždájetsja!

Sláвите 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.

However, 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*

2021 Christmas Liturgical Schedule

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Christós Raždájetsja! Sláвите Jeho

December 24th
Friday

Royal Hours

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

December 24th
Friday

Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord,

God and Savior Jesus Christ

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

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

December 25th
Saturday

Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

December 25th

There will be NO Saturday Evening Vespers Divine Liturgy

December 26th
Sunday

Sunday after Nativity/Commemoration of the Relatives of the Lord: Sts. Joseph, James and David

Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

(There is NO Outreach Divine Liturgy this day)

December 27th
Monday

Holy Apostle and First Martyr Stephen

Matins and Divine Liturgy 8:00 a.m.

December 31st
Friday

There will be NO Vigil Liturgy for the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord this evening.