

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY: 28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, NATIVITY OF OUR LORD & GOD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

9:00am: Hours 9:30am: Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Acolytes: check in the Altar
Thanksgiving Prayers: Patrick Moore

FAST FREE WEEK

Wed: 12/28: 6:00pm: Daily Vespers (NO CLASS TONIGHT)
Fri: 12/30: 5:30pm: Slavonic choir Rehearsal
Sat: 12/31: LEAVETAKING OF THE NATIVITY, EVE OF THE FEAST

OF THE CIRCUMCISION
5:00pm: Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm: Great Vespers, Litiya, Confessions

Sun: 1/1: 29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, THE FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION, SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY

9:00am: Hours 9:30am: Divine Liturgy of St Basil
Acolytes: check in the Altar Church School
Thanksgiving Prayers: Daniel Schulte Pot Luck: Q-Z
Orthodoxy Class

- THANKS TO ALL who served, sang, scrubbed, cleaned & in any and all ways prepared the church for the Feast of the Nativity to the Glory of God.
- THE PARISH COUNCIL at their last meeting on December 13th, 2011, voted unanimously to give Fr. George a Christmas gift of \$1000.00 on behalf of All Saints of North America and as a token of our love and appreciation for the Founding Father of our parish. Merry Christmas, Fr George and Matushka Ingrid!
- PROJECT MEXICO & ST. INNOCENT ORPHANAGE has received a \$50,000 year-end matching grant! This means that every donation made from now until December 31st will be doubled by a generous group of donors up to \$50,000. In light of this, if you would like to help Project Mexico take advantage of this matching grant opportunity, please write a check to All Saints and indicate on the check that it is for Project Mexico. To learn more about Project Mexico please go to: <http://projectmexico.org/> Thank you.
- THE NATIVITY FLOWER DONATION BASKET is out on the Candle Table. Donations help pay for the poinsettias, greens and flowers that will adorn the church for the Feast. Thank you.
- THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE AFTER LITURGY ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012. If you didn't sign & turn in your pledge form (ANNUAL COMMITMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH FOR 2012) please do so soon. This is not just about money. It is by the means of the pledge form that we are able to assess parish membership figures to report to the DOS and the OCA and to determine if there are enough parishioners present at the Annual Parish Meeting for a quorum (50%) and to determine who is eligible to vote (declared parish members only.) Thank you.

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28th Sunday After Pentecost

December 25th, 2011

The Nativity of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ

Welcome Visitors! Christ Is Born! Glorify Him!!

We are honored you are visiting today. * **Liturgy Books** may be found on the **Candle Table** at the back of the church. * **We invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card**, also on the Candle Table & place it in one of the Collection Baskets there. * We do not take up a **Collection** during our services but rather ask you to place donations in one of the baskets on the Candle Table or next to the **Holy Water Font**. * While only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may receive **Holy Communion**, everyone is welcome to come forward at the end of Liturgy to receive a blessing from our priest and to take the blessed bread. * It is the **Orthodox practice** to stand during services as a sign of reverence for the Lord but if you need to sit, please do so. Use of chairs is shared. If you are able, we particularly try to stand during the processions with the Gospel and the Gifts, during the Readings, the Creed, during the preparation of the Holy Eucharist, the Lord's Prayer and reception of Communion. * **We invite you** to stay after the Thanksgiving Prayers **for fellowship** and coffee, so that we may greet you personally, and to answer any questions you may have about our faith, our parish or today's service. * Please help yourself to the brochures and information on the east side counter. * All children **ages three through twelve** are encouraged to attend our Sunday School after Holy Communion.

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We hope you will visit us again very soon.

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Please send Prayer Corner names and updates along with bulletin announcements to Daniel Schulte at: drschulte@hughes.net or call 505-495-9200.

Rubrics for Today: Resurrection Tone 3

Resurrection tone sheets are on the Literature Table
with special sheets for the **Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ**
Resurrection texts are also in the appendices of the black Liturgy books

PRAYER CORNER

Many Years!!! to the newly illumined Becker & Maes families who entered the Orthodox Church by the Sacrament of Baptism yesterday & to their sponsors and Many Years!!! to Mathew Jannakos who celebrates his birthday this coming week.

Please pray for Robert Hart, Jeff's father, who has problems with his heart.

May the Lord grant His mercy and healing to those diagnosed with cancer: Bishop Nikon of Boston, Chris, Kathy, Matushka Valerie, Jashua, Wayne, Martina, Madolyn, Archbishop Lazar, Carmen, Frank, Matushka Katherine, Fr. Peter, Mary Ann, Dr. Frye, Leonard, Jerry, Mike, Glenda, Warren, Dewayne, Bob, Mary Beth, Fr. Demetrios, Christine, Alex, Debra, Rolf, Kenneth, Diane, Brandon, Rosemary, Marilyn, Annette, Anita, Amanda, Jenn, Linda, Martha, Jim, Lukas, Matthew, Marcel, Mike, Anna, Susan, William, Donna, Nancy, Pamela, Bryan, Marcella. And for those in remission from cancer: Jasmine, Ron, Joan, Igor, Fr. Silouan, Seraphim, Jo, Alexander, Jo, Anna.

May the Lord send his angels to protect those deployed or working in combat areas: Zaqueo Daniel & Dmitrius.

May the Lord grant His mercy and healing to those with other ailments, injuries, difficult situations and intentions needing prayer: Velvet, Emilia, Valerie, child Anthony, Savelia, Dcn Steven, Fr George, George, Steve, Dcn Gerry, LouAnne, Sbdcn Columcille, Sbdcn Mark, Bill, Maria, Blair, Elizabeth, Robert, Gus, Bill, Thomas, Mark, Patrick, Patricia, Paul & Joyce, Maria, Vasile & Valerie, George, Marylee, Diana, Warren, Bill, Robert, Doug & his family, Mark, Frank, Infant Leo, Karen, Cassandra, Julie, Cynthia, Dawit, Glenda, Tamera, Faith, Hope and Thomas, Chuck and Melissa, Anna, Irene, Nina, Matushka Marilyn, Kent, George, Hieromonk John, Emilee, Jeremy & Coltin, Janet, Paul, Fr Sergei, Monica, Darla, Melissa, Andrea, Arline, Layla Anne, Renee, Gus, Maria, Mary Ann, Matthew and his mother Hoda, Marilyn, Stephanie, William, Anya, Jose, Ludmilla, Jim, Loren, John, Sharon, Subdcn. Gregory, Maria, Fr Christopher, Mary, Shanna & daughters Michaela, Cheyenne and Logan, Bryan, child Elijah and parents Janice and Timothy, Bob, Mary, Gail, Arnold, Sarah, Elizabeth, Ernest, Ryan, Robert, Mother Anna, Basil, Stephen, Rick, Connie, Susan, Rebecca, Rick, Lela & her brother.

God Grant You Many Years to all those others celebrating Name Days, birthdays and anniversaries.

O Lord, send your angels to watch over all those traveling.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: YTD THROUGH NOVEMBER 2011

Operating Income: **120,081¹⁹** Operating Expenses: **\$103,367⁰⁶**
Charity Collections: **\$4,388⁰⁰** Building Fund: **\$20,231⁵¹**

**Please turn in receipts for church expenses
incurred during 2011 by January 1, 2012**

Marylee is working on the **New Church Directory**. Please check your entry & correct it if that is necessary in the rough draft that is on the bookstore table.

Nativity of Christ, 2011

Archpastoral Message of His Beatitude, Metropolitan Jonah

To the Very Reverend and Reverend Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of The Orthodox Church in America

Dearly beloved in the Lord, Christ is Born! I greet you with the love, joy and hope that is so graciously granted to us with the Incarnation of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Today, we celebrate the "Winter Pascha," proclaiming that God is indeed with us! Today, the only-begotten Son of God takes on our human nature, enabling us to become partakers of His divine nature. Today, the Law and the Prophets are fulfilled as, in the "fullness of time," the long-awaited Messiah ushers in that peace which is beyond all understanding! And today, we celebrate that for which we have prepared during the Nativity Fast. Our fasting, intensified prayer, and almsgiving find their meaning and fulfillment in the Mystery of the Incarnation: All that we have is a gift from God, given to us as faithful stewards, that we might proclaim God's very presence in our midst. Our calling is to "incarnate" the Incarnate Word into our lives, our actions, our very being, at all times, and in everything we do. This, to be sure, is not easy. The world will challenge those who embrace "The Way" at every turn. Yet, it is the world that, in its self-proclaimed emptiness, precisely reveals its thirst for "something more," a "sign" or "reality" that gives meaning to life beyond the superficial trappings of the "holiday season." In rendering thanks to God for His manifest love for His People, and in strengthening ourselves to proclaim the Incarnation in our lives, it is crucial for every member of the Church to discern his or her gifts and to employ them for the building up of the Body of Christ. How? One of the Nativity hymns gives us a clue.

What shall we offer Thee, O Christ, Who for our sake has appeared on earth as man? Every creature which Thou hast made offers thanks. The angels offer Thee a song. The heavens, their star. The wise men, their gifts. The shepherds, their wonder. The earth, its cave. The wilderness, the manger. And we offer Thee a Virgin Mother!

It is the Mother of God, the Theotokos, who is the very model of stewardship, of discernment, of embracing all that the heavenly Father called her to do. Where the first Eve said "no" to God, she responded positively. And in so doing, she embraced all that her Son accomplished by His birth in time and space, becoming an example for us.

As we continue our celebration, let not our faith be "shelved" with our ornaments and seasonal decorations. Let not the flame of our commitment wax cold. Let not our devotion to serving the Incarnate Word, even as His Mother served Him. May the grace and peace from above, so abundantly given by our all-merciful Savior, remain with us throughout this most glorious feast, and be strengthened within us in the days, weeks and months beyond! Let us glorify Him! Faithfully yours in Christ,

+JONAH

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada