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For unto us a Child is born

Sunday, January 7 - The Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ / Božić / Christ is born! Glorify him!

Epistle Gal. 4:4-7 Gospel Matt. 2:1-12

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

Mir Božiji Hristos se Rodi! Христос рађається! Славите!

Monday, January 8 – Synaxis of the Theotokos / Sabor Presvete Bogorodice

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Vigil / Confession at 6 pm

Tuesday, January 9 – St Stephen the Archdeacon / Sv Arhidjkon Stefan

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, January 13 – Leave-taking of the Nativity / Odanije Bozica

Vigil / confession at 5 pm

Sunday, January 14 - Sunday after the Nativity and before the Baptism of Our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ / St Basil the Great and Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ / Old Calendar New Year

Epistle II Tim. 4:5-8; Col. 2:8-12 Gospel Mark 1:1-8; Luke 2:20-21,40-52 tone 7th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Oath of officers, church board, culture club, choir and ASSC. Church school and coffee hour

Upcoming Feast days and events:

January 19 – Holy Theophany / Bogojavljenje / the priest will start blessing of homes

20 – St John the Baptist / Sv Jovan Krstitelj

21 – Kolo sestara annual Christmas party

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Christopher, Sandy Grundy, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Craig Vercelote, Steva Iacsin, Nicholas Malinovich, Jovanka Rastović, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starcevic, Genevieve Ostoich, and all others in our parish who are ill, afflicted, suffering and/or unable to attend services. May Our Lord Jesus Christ Touch Them with His Healing Hand!

The traditional Serbian Orthodox greeting for the Nativity season is Christ is Born and the reply is Indeed He is Born or Truly He is Born. In Serbian it is Hristos se rodi and the reply is Voistinu se rodi Many Slavic people such as Russians and Ukrainians say Christ is Born, Glorify Him! Either all together or One person would say Christ is Born and another Glorify Him. The Christmas greeting in Greek is Christ is Born, give glory! Again, either just one person or two with Christ is Born and reply Give glory.

The Christmas greeting is used from the day of the Nativity of Christ until the Apodosi or Leave-taking of the Feast which is January 13.

The 2024 wall calendars are available in the narthex, one per family for free generously sponsored by the Tezak Funeral Home. Many thanks! Every calendar has a nice Orthodox ikon on it and if you like it, you can frame it at the end of year, if not you can burn it in your fireplace together with your last year's badnjak branch, old bulletins, Pentecost wreath or any other sacred item which you have in your home, rather than just throw it in the trash. You can bring old slava candles to church and burn them. Theophany water should be prayerfully used during the year and not just saved. By the time new Theophany water comes, you can mix it with the last year's.

The Kolo Christmas party will be held on Sunday, January 21, at Al's Steakhouse at noon. All parishioners are invited. To make reservations and to place your order (chicken, pork, or salmon) or for more information about prices and the menu, call Susan Klajich at 815-715-7729 or Susan Roach at 81-723-1233 by Friday, January 12.

With the New Year beginning, please remember to start paying your 2024 stewardship to the church and to all organizations you belong to. Remember to use your weekly envelopes for your donations, and commit this year more to the Orthodox way of life.

From Nativity on Jan. 7 until the eve of Theophany, Jan. 18 is a fast-free period. The Church lets us enjoy the feast and eat all the food we love. Remember this isn't the time for us to neglect our spiritual life. On the Feast of Theophany, Jan. 19, which is a major holy day, we are invited to partake of the Holy Mystery of Communion. Some might say, "I did not fast, I cannot take communion." If the Church tells us not to physically fast then why would we question it? We have enough time of the year when we should physically fast, but we all ought to practice spiritual fasting.

Од Божића до Крстовдана се не пости средом и петком. Богојављење је Велики Празник и ове године пада у петак али се не пости тај дан. На Богојављење се треба припремити за причест јер је један од Највећих Празника.

Зидни календари за 2024 су код свећа и можете узети један за кућу.

Lord, we raise Israel and Gaza to You, and pray for those suffering. We ask that You provide peace in this crisis, and protection and comfort for all those who have been impacted. We lift our prayer to You, Lord, hear us.

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!
Идите у миру, волите и служите Господа!