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Mir Boziji Hristos se rodi

Sunday, January 12– Sunday after the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

Epistle Galatians 1:11-19 Gospel Matthew 2:13-23 tone 4th

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy at 10 am. Oath of the new church board and other groups officers. Church school. Coffee Hour

Monday, January 13 – Leave taking of Nativity / Odanije Božića

Vigil/confession at 6 pm

Tuesday, January 14 – St Basil the Great / Circumcision of our Lord / Old Calendar New Year / Sv Vasilije / Nova Godina

Divine Liturgy at 9 am

Saturday, January 18 – Eve of Theophany / strict fast day / Navečerje Bogojavljenja / strogi post

Royal Hours and Great blessing of water at 9 am

Vigil/confession at 5 pm

Sunday, January 19 – Holy Theophany / Bogojavljenje

Epistle Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Gospel Matt. 3:13-17

3rd & 6th hours at 9:40 am; Divine Liturgy of St Basil at 10 am. Great blessing of water. Church school. Coffee Hour.

Remember, Theophany is a Major Holy Day and there will be no pomens.

Theophany greeting is God is Revealed and reply Indeed or Truly is Revealed

Upcoming Feast days and events:

January 26 - Parish celebration of St Savam children's program in church and a luncheon in the basement

27 - Feast of St Sava of Serbia

We are praying especially for: Radovan Jovanovich, Richard and Nancy Jovanovich, Michelle Honiotes, Stevan Lunich, Steva Iacsin, Craig Vercelote, Sandy Grundy, Nicholas Malinovich, Natalie Radakovich, Alexandra Starceвич, Genevieve Ostoich, Gayle Shimek, Olivera Gligorević, Kelli Sekulovich, Ben Somerville, 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!

Pomens (Litany) +Gospava Kisich, given by Branko/Nada Borich; +Dimitrije Sajić, given by Velibor Sajić family; +Rada Albu, given by Joana Albu; +Rada Albu, given by Dan/Radoica Kilgore & family; +Milan Srnić, given by Milan/Tatjana Miškeljin; +Thomas Astorino, given by +Nick Ostoich family; +Thomas Astorino, given by Genevieve Ostoich; +Violet, +Michael, +George, +Djuro, + Julia, +Joseph Sr and +Stella Enich, +Jela, +Jovo and +Sam Plecas, +Iso Ciganovich, +Danica and +Alex Grebavoy, +JoAnn Orlovich, +Peter and +Leona Petkovich, +Janice Taylor and +V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, given by Dr's Mike/Nada Keer; V Rev Nedeljko Lunich, +Darinka Krasic, +Joseph Sr and +Stella Enich, given by Bilder/Lunich family; +Rosella Petrich, given by Tana Petrich and family;

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 Apodosis or Leave-taking of the Feast which is January 13.

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 practice spiritual fasting.

Fr Aleksandar will start blessing of homes in our parish on January 18. He will contact you to schedule the appointment. If you prefer to bless your home later on this year, please let him know in advance.

Од Божића до Крстовдана, Јануар 18 се не пости. Крстовдан је постан дан. Богојављење је Велики Празник и треба се припремити за причест. Физички пост је изостављен, сем Крстовдана и припрема је духовна. На крстовдан и Богојављење ће бити свећење воде. Понесите посуду са вама и узмите св воде за вашу кућу да је користите преко године са молитвом.

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