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SUNDAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 6 - 7, 2019

***GREAT FEAST of the NATIVITY OF OUR LORD***  
LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

Epistle Reading  
Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading  
Matthew 2:1-12

*Christ is born! Glorify Him!*  
*Hristos se rodi! Voistinu se rodi!*

**Troparion for the Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**  
Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the Light of wisdom!  
For by it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a Star to adore You,  
the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Orient from on High. O Lord,  
glory to You!

**Kontakion:** Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth  
offers a cave to the Unapproachable One! Angels with shepherds glorify Him!  
The wise men journey with a star! Since for our sake the Eternal God was born as  
a Little Child!

**Nativity Eve Vigil – Sunday, January 6**

The service begins with the Burning of the Badnjak (Yule Log) in the patio area.  
The Vigil takes place in the Chapel and is followed by the blessing the Five Loaves  
and wine. Traditional Serbian refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall.

**Nativity Feastday – Monday, January 7**

The Festal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10:30AM followed by the Nativity  
Luncheon. We extend our gratitude to the members of the Sisterhood for their  
warm hospitality and to all who donated desserts so that together we can  
celebrate the Joy of the Feast.

**Welcome to Our Guests**

We offer a warm welcome to all guests. May you experience along with us the  
fullness of the Orthodox Faith through the Vigil and Liturgy. Please sign the guest  
book at the entrance and pick up a welcome folder. Join us for refreshments. You  
are always welcome in our worship, fellowship, study and charity outreach.

**Holy Days of the After-Feast of the Nativity**

January 7-17 Fast-free days celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord  
Tuesday, January 8 Synaxis of the Theotokos – Second Day of the Nativity  
Wed., January 9 Feast of St. Stephen  
Monday, January 14 Circumcision of our Lord, Feast of St. Basil the Great

**January Events**

All Wednesdays Vespers at 7PM followed by a study of the Divine Liturgy  
Saturday, January 12 Men's Prayer Breakfast at 9AM  
Sunday, January 13 Reception of Cindy Volosin into the Orthodox Church  
during Divine Liturgy starting at 10:30AM  
Friday, January 18 March for Life, Washington DC (Mall @12<sup>th</sup> St, 12 noon)  
Join Met. Tikhon, bishops, clergy and laity from across the  
US for the March and prayers for sacredness of human life

**Holy Days of the Feast of Theophany**

Friday, January 18 Strict Fast Day on the Eve of Theophany  
Saturday January 19 Vigil for Theophany at 5PM  
Sunday, January 20 Feast of Theophany, Great Blessing of Water at 10:30AM  
Feast of Saint John the Baptist (Slava)

**Saint Sava Slava/Patron Saint Day Celebration – Sunday, January 27**

We will begin our St. Sava Slava with Divine Liturgy at 10:30AM followed by the  
Slava prayers and a festive luncheon. It is a special occasion to honor our beloved  
saint, his legacy of education for children and spiritual enlightenment of the  
Serbian people. Plan to come and invite family and friends to join with us.

**Reflection on the Feastday**

"Why is it that on a feast-day the whole of nature mysteriously smiles? Why is it  
that then a heavenly gladness fills our hearts, a gladness far beyond that of earth,  
and the very air in church and in the altar becomes luminous? It is the breath of  
Your gracious love; it is the reflection of the glory of Mount Tabor. Then do  
heaven and earth sing Your praise: Alleluia!" ~Fr. Andrew Jarmus