### ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / DEC 17

Attendance—164, Operating—\$7,059, OCA Assessment—\$28, Maintenance—\$110, Christmas Card—\$610, Uganda—\$20, Icons—\$35, Charities—\$110, Alms—\$100, Flowers—\$40.

# SPECIAL THANKS

Our thanks goes out to Jenny and the Choir for all of their time and effort spent preparing for the special services of Advent and Christmas.

# YEAR END CONCERNS

If you wish to be counted in the Parish Census for 2024 and be considered a Voting Member of the Parish, a pledge card with a dollar amount on it must be turned in by December 31. Please remember that our annual assessments to both the Diocese and Central Church are taken out of your pledge.

# YEAR 2024 ASSESMENTS

Please note our annual per person obligations to the OCA & Diocese for 2024 is \$212.25. There are envelopes for this in your packet and your timely response is greatly appreciated.

# **FASTING NOTE**

There is no fasting from Christmas until the eve of Theophany on January 5th. The eve of Theophany, Jan 5th is a strict fast day and should be observed like Christmas Eve.

# **CHURCH SCHOOL RECESS**

The Church School is in holiday recess until Sunday, January 7.

# FESTAL GREETINGS

From Christmas to December 31st, Orthodox Christians greet each other with "Christ is Born!" The response is "Glorify Him!" In our greetings to non Orthodox, "Merry Christmas" as opposed to "Seasons Greetings" or "Happy Holidays" offers a better opportunity to bear witness to our faith and the true and original meaning of the season.

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Perry (Capitan), Julian, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn D's dghtr), Anna Como, Barb, Cathy Ubancic, Emily Finazzo, (Renda frnds), David Campbell (Deb's bro), Patrick Leahy (Dave K's bro-in-law), Rick Wagner (Merrick & Mia's grandpa), the suffering Christians in Ukraine, the Middle East and in Israel & Palestine.

Anniversaries: Shawn & Jennie Cunningham (12/27), Jim & Lisa Gordon (12/29)

TJ & Jessica Chongris (12/30).

Birthdays: Darlene Horabik, Debbie Covelli (12/24), Melanie Sherman (12/27).

Expecting: Greg & Grace Walker, Jairus & Riley, Weston & Rachel, Joseph & Venessa.

Newborns: Esther (Stephen & Rebecca), Henry Jude (Peter & Caitlin).

Newly Departed: Paris Santone, Debbie Covelli's nephew, 11/25).





# Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

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| Volumes 37 / 38                                   |               | 2023 / 2024  |   | Christmas - Epiphany |
|---|---------------|--|---|----------------------|
| Schedule of Divine Services: Nativity - Theophany |               |  |   |                      |
| Sunday  | Dec 24        | Sunday before th<br>10:00 am<br>6:30 pm  | <i>he Nativity / Tone 4 / The</i><br>Divine Liturgy<br>Vigil of the Nativity        | Coffee Hour          |
| Monday Dec 25<br>Christ is Born!                  |               | The Nativity according to the flesh of our Lord and God andSavior, Jesus Christ.10:00 amDivine Liturgy |   |                      |
| TuesdayDec 26Christ is Born!                      |               | <i>The Synaxis of t</i><br>9:30 am   | the Mother of God<br>Divine Liturgy   |                      |
| SaturdayDec 30Christ is Born!                     |               | Afterfeast of Th<br>5:30 pm  | e Nativity<br>Great Vespers   |                      |
| Sunday  | <b>Dec 31</b> | <i>30th Sunday aft</i><br>Readings:<br>10:00 am  | er Pentecost / Tone 5 / Aj<br>Gal 1:11-19<br>Liturgy / LeMaster Ba                  | Matt 2:13-23         |
| <b>Friday</b><br>Strict Fast                      | Jan 5         | <i>Eve of Theophany</i><br>6:30 pm Vigil / Litya / Great Blessing of Water                             |   |                      |
| Saturday  | Jan 6         | <i>The Theophany</i><br>Readings:<br>9:30 am<br>5:30 pm  | of our Lord and Savior .<br>Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7<br>Divine Liturgy<br>Great Vespers |                      |
| Sunday  | Jan 7         | <i>31st Sunday aft</i><br>Readings:<br>9:00 am<br>10:00 am   | er Pentecost / Tone 6 / Aj<br>Eph 4:7-13 Matt 4<br>Church School<br>Divine Liturgy  |                      |





Father Andrew & Debbie Michael Clements John Clements Ken & Peggy Walker David Dellack Andy & LuAnn Dzura Suzanne & Bill Gubser Tom & Laurie Alexander Joseph Chuppa Mary Ann Sheranko John & Valerie Christani Bruno Christani Mary & Mike Valko Christine & Mike Brzozowski & Family Nick, Debbie, Marcus & Deanna Covelli Denise Busch Jim & Lisa Gordon Tim, Robyn, Riley, Jairus, Eli, Lannon Dachel Weston Tess & Drew Jerry, Betsy, Isabelle & George LeMaster

Aaron Ogden Adam & Leah Woodruff Patrick, Katherine, Sophia & Maria Lapointe The Heim Family Stephen, Rebecca & Esther Hoffacker Jim & Tina Capitan Greg & Dianne Kochan David, Michelle, Chris & Corinne Schroeder Jim & Cindy Renda Kevyn & Pamela Roth The Tintor Family Mark D Miller Jim Iubelt TJ. Jessica, Anna, Luke & Nina Chongris Peter & Sharon Georges Tim & Linda Halligan Joe, Rosemary & Isaac Bagley Lucia & Julian Rosca Chad. Meredith. Elena. Camille. & Silvia Nicoletti

Wishing all of our Faithful Members

& Friends a Joyous Nativity Season and

all of God's Blessings in the New Year! Christ is Born! Glorify Him! Laura & Mike Abernathy The Rausch Family Sue Hoffacker The Hoover Family The Schelkanov Family Anna Gordon Greg, Grace & Billy Walker Russell, Joelle, Gianna, Joshua, Emmeline & Carson Smith The Tollefson Family Alexandra Walker & Jon Brach The Kucmanic Family The Kingsbury Family Dombrovskaya-Kozikov Family The Zamyatin Family Olena Shertiuk Dennis & Gloria Hocevar Jean & Kaitlin Murphy Ron & Mary Ray Linda Darrah Bob & Evelyn Wick Jim, Darlene, Emily, & Katie Horabik