



Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

December 24, 2023

Eve of the Nativity of Christ

Saints of the Day: Eugenia the Nun-martyr of Rome

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!!!

Thank you for worshipping with us!!! Please join us for fellowship immediately following The Divine Liturgy. For those visiting an Orthodox Church for the first time, please be aware that Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith which is only offered to Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians. All present are welcome, and encouraged, to receive the antidoron (bread given to those who do not/are not able receive Holy Communion) which is distributed at the end of the service. For those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please feel free to speak with Fr. Demetri after the service.

**WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO FOLLOW ALONG AND PARTICIPATE
IN THE DIVINE LITURGY WITH THE BOOKS PROVIDED!!!**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mark T. Adam (3 years)

WEEK IN PREVIEW

<u>Sun, Dec 24</u>	<u>Mon, Dec 25</u>	<u>Tues, Dec 26</u>	<u>Sun, Dec 31</u>
<i>Matins</i> 8:30am	<i>Nativity of Our</i>	OFFICE	<i>Matins</i> 8:30am
<i>Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>Lord/Christmas Day</i>	CLOSED	<i>Divine Liturgy</i>
9:30am	NO SERVICES	Library will be open	9:30am
Memorial Service	OFFICE CLOSED	9am to 11:30am	
Christmas Pageant		Library Memory	
<i>Christmas Divine</i>		Project Picture ID	
<i>Liturgy of St. Basil</i>		by Zoom 7pm	
<i>the Great 5pm</i>			

Altar candles this morning are given in memory of Evangelos B. Tsingos by Vasso Tsingos and Family.

Altar candles on November 19 were given in memory of Zaferios Mitsopoulos by Roula Mitsopoulos. We apologize for the omission.

Good Morning!

What an exciting Season this is! I don't know about you, but this tends to be my favorite time of the year as so many take time to celebrate and appreciate the Birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

While we look around and recognize that so many have so little recognition of what this time of year is all about, we not only know why we celebrate, but we know WHO we celebrate!

This should challenge us to not only be a people of appreciation but also to be a people of witness as to what Christ's Birth means to us! When the Shepherds arrived, they worshipped Jesus. Scripture then tells us that they immediately went out to share the Good News! *"Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds."* (Luke 2:17-18)

All of us here this morning are going to participate worshipping together as God's family here at St. George.

I want to encourage you to "share the Good News" of the Savior's Birth as you walk out the doors today!

Again, we are so glad you've joined us today... now let's worship the King of kings and Lord of Lords.

Hymns Chanted Following the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Hymn in the Fourth Tone.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωροῦμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

Anthem for the Forefeast in Fourth Tone

Ἀπεγράφετο ποτέ, σὺν τῷ πρεσβύτῃ Ἰωσήφ, ὡς ἐκ σπέρματος Δαυΐδ, ἐν Βηθλεὲμ ἡ Μαριάμ, κυοφοροῦσα τὴν ἄσπορον κυοφορίαν. Ἐπέστη δὲ καιρὸς ὁ τῆς Γεννήσεως, καὶ τόπος ἦν οὐδεὶς τῷ καταλύματι· ἄλλ' ὡς τερπνὸν παλάτιον τὸ Σπήλαιον, τῇ Βασιλίδι ἐδείκνυτο. Χριστὸς γεννᾶται τὴν πρὶν πεσοῦσαν, ἀναστήσων εἰκόνα.

As she carried in her womb * what she conceived without seed, * Mary went to Bethlehem * with elder Joseph to enroll, * for they were of the house and the lineage of David. * The time arrived for her * to give birth to her Child; * but then there was no place * in the inn for them. * Therefore the grotto served as a luxurious * royal palace for the Queen. * And Christ the Lord is born, to raise the image * which was formerly fallen.

Anthem for the Fathers in the Second Tone

Μεγάλα τὰ τῆς πίστεως κατορθώματα! Ἐν τῇ πηγῇ τῆς φλογός, ὡς ἐπὶ ὕδατος ἀναπαύσεως, οἱ ἅγιοι Τρεῖς Παῖδες ἡγάλλοντο, καὶ ὁ προφήτης Δανιήλ, λεόντων ποιμὴν, ὡς προβάτων ἐδείκνυτο. Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Magnificent are the accomplishments of faith! The holy Three Servants greatly rejoiced, as they stood in the fountain of fire, as if beside the still waters; and the Prophet Daniel appeared to be a shepherd of lions, as if they were sheep. At their entreaties, O Christ God, save our souls.

Anthem of St. George in the Fourth Tone

Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτής, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενούντων ἱατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Liberator of captives and defender of the poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, oh Trophy-bearer and Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Seasonal/Kontakion Hymn in the Third Tone

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word * in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40

BRETHREN, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Εβραιους 11:9-10, 32-40

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει παρώκησεν Ἀβραὰμ εἰς τὴν γῆν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ὡς ἀλλοτρίαν, ἐν σκηναῖς κατοικήσας μετὰ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακώβ τῶν συγκληρονόμων τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τῆς αὐτῆς· ἐξεδέχετο γὰρ τὴν τοὺς θεμελίους ἔχουσαν πόλιν, ἧς τεχνίτης καὶ δημιουργὸς ὁ Θεός. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; Ἐπιλείψει γὰρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψών καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυΐδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν, οἳ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον, περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὁπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι.

Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the Genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

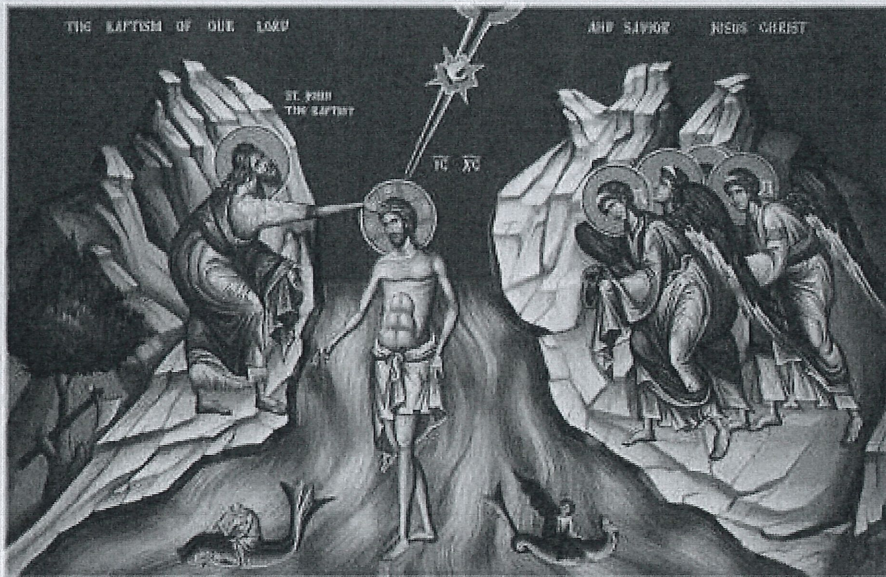
And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa, and Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called his name Jesus.

HOLY THEOPHANY SERVICES



Thursday, January 4 - Eve of Holy Theophany

6pm Vespers Divine Liturgy with Lesser Blessing of the Waters to follow

Saturday, January 6 - Holy Theophany

8:30am Matins/Orthros *(if chanter available)*

9:30am Divine Liturgy with Greater Blessing of the Waters to follow

Sunday, January 7 - Synaxis of St. John the Baptist

830am Matins/Orthros

930am Divine Liturgy

Vasilopita Cutting to follow in Community Center

VASILOPITA SUNDAY



January 7, 2024

Our Cathedral Family will celebrate Vasilopita Sunday on January 7 in our Community Center following Divine Services.

This year we are asking...

**FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT!
HOW???**

We are asking our Faithful to make a Vasilopita using their own recipe from their own tradition.
(as you can see in the picture below)

Please remember to put a coin in the bread (wrapped in foil or parchment paper) that way many of our ministres and their dedicated leaders and participants have a chance to get a coin for the year!!!



PROSPHORO

Help with
this need!

AN OFFERING TO GOD

THE PREPARATION OF THE HOLY
BREAD OFFERING, IN THE
ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN

[Go straight to "How-to"](#)

Bread has been the emblem of God's providence for us, throughout humanity's history. Both physical (bread as food) and spiritual - the *ἐπιούσιον* (epiousion) or "supersubstantial" bread of the Lord's prayer, the bread of Holy Communion.

In the Orthodox Christian church, the pinnacle of our worship is union with Christ, both spiritually but also physically, by consuming the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since the Last Supper, before every Divine Liturgy, one or more of the faithful prepare and bring bread to church to be used as the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. The Orthodox church is liturgical. For those of us who bake prosporo, the liturgy begins as we prepare to bake!

Prosporo is an offering to God, made from His material gifts to us, and prepared lovingly and prayerfully.

A special website is available to share with the faithful this 'proper' method of preparation of the holy gift according to the Greek Orthodox tradition. Please click the following QR code to visit the site, to learn about this wonderful tradition of our church.





PRAYER LIST

Pondering on the words of St. Paul, "Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's wellbeing. (I Cor. 10:24).

Give rest to the weary, visit the sick, support the poor, for this is also worship. Aphahat

For any prayer concern (salvation, health, employment, stress and anxieties, etc.) please send baptismal names only to: office@stgeorgenh.org

We may not be able to help others materially or medically, but God does hear our prayers and always asks us to pray for each other and so build up the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16).

For health, recovery from illness and surgery: Fr. Nicholas, Fr. Peter, Leah, Thomas, Soultana, Nick, Maura, Ernie, Dean, Vasilios, Rigley, Zachary, Rachel, Daniel, Kathy, Andrew, Jamie, Megan, Stephanie, Katherine, Christos, Maureen, Vasiliki, Maria, Faye, Emily, Nicole, Olivia, Georgia, Mark, James, Vasilios, Maria, Anna, Efthimios, Christopher, Katerina, Debra, Pavlos, Ken, Star, Maria, John, Chris, Anthony, Laurie, Emily, Kleoniki, Michael, Nicholas, Paul, George, Angelina, Lajuana, John and Family, Alexandra

For comfort, spiritual help & strengthening of faith: Pres. Patricia and family, Pres. Diane, Pres. Sophia, Pres. Dianthe, Barbara, Nancy, Amantha and Family, Maddie, Dino, Nick, Connie, Amy, Christopher, Joanna, Paris and Family, Helen & Jim and family, Mary, Fr. Elias and family

For couples, parents, and their families: Neal and Elena, Penelope & Florence, Teddy, Christina & Casey, Melanie and Michael, Alex, Fr. George and Pres. Harriet

For those engaged to be married:

For conceiving of children:

For childbearing: Despina, Karleigh

For those in the Armed Forces: Benjamin, Michael, Gabriel, Felipe, Matt

For those travelling abroad:

For those seeking employment: Lia, Jillian, Nick

****UNFILLED NEED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS** – Please sign up to be a teacher and share the teachings of our faith with the future of the church – the children! For more information on how you can help, contact Athena Bevan.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CHRISTMAS RESOURCE TABLE - We welcome all faithful to visit this area in the Community Center. You will find articles, reflections, and information about this beautiful Season in the life of the Church!

METROPOLIS WINTER CAMP – Be quick to sign up for Winter Camp 2024 before it sells out! Choose from Tour De Tooky or Pat's Peak Ski Mountain field trips. Scan the QR code or go to metropolisofbostoncamp.org for more information.



SUPPORT THE MBC WITH AMAZON SMILE - Support MBC by purchasing



much-needed program, medical, and facility supplies! Your generosity helps us provide a summer unlike any other for the hundreds of young people. How it works: Scan the QR code, view the Wishlist items, select the ones you wish to donate, finish the checkout process. The items arrive at camp in just a few short days! Thank you!

PROSFORA, PLEASE – You are invited to make Prosfora to be used during the Sunday Services. Thank you for helping with this special need. At least five are used at each service.

2024 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE – Pick up your calendar in the Narthex, foyer of the community center, or the church office. The Archdiocese discontinued printing the pocket calendars since they have found most people get this information online.

UPCOMING MEMORIALS –January 21: Theodore Karametros (2 years), Demetrios Dellas (1 year), James Dellas (6 years)

ST. PHOTIOS NATIONAL SHRINE 2023 ESSAY CONTEST is accepting submissions through January 5, 2024. Winners will be chosen from each category and will receive an award of \$1,000: 13-15 year old participants and 16-19 year old participants. For more information, please scan this QR code.



PAN HELLENIC SCHOLARSHIPS – Apply online through January 31, 2024 for this



scholarship. For application, qualification criteria, requirements, and guidelines, scan this QR code. For more information regarding the scholarship program, contact Elizabeth Danielides at edanielides@panhellenicsf.org.

THOUGHTS ON THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

THE PROPHET ISAIAH: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His Name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

ST. JOHN OF KRONSTADT: "The Feast of the Nativity of Christ reminds us that we are born of God, that we are sons of God, that we have been saved from sin, and that we must live for God and not sin."

ST. PAUL: "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."

ST. LUKE: "And Mary brought forth her first-born Son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger."

THE PROPHET ISAIAH: "Behold, the Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His Name Immanuel."

THE ANGELIC HOSTS: "Behold, I bring to you tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord."

ST. ISAAC THE SYRIAN: "Today the Divine Being took upon Himself the seal of our humanity, in order for humanity to be decorated by the seal of Divinity."

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Lord's Day (Sunday) Services:

Orthros/Matins: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

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