

Year of Our Lord 2017

January 1st
Sunday

Vigil for Sunday before Theophany / Circumcision of Our Lord (Solemn Feast Day) & Feast of St. Basil the Great

Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.

January 5th
Thursday

Vigil of Theophany of Our Lord
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Matins with Royal Hours at 8:00 am.

Vespers with Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Water 7:00 p.m.

January 6th
Friday

Theophany of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
Matins at 8:00 am. Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.

January 8th
Sunday

Sunday after Theophany
Follows the Sunday Liturgical Schedule

House Blessings Begin



Christ is Born!

Glorify Him!

Christos Razdajetsja!

Slavite Jeho!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

As we prepare to greet the new born Child, as we prepare to encounter the Word made flesh, as we prepare to engage with Emmanuel – God with us, let us allow our hearts to be filled with wonder! Let the Hymns of Litija that we pray at Great Compline Christmas Eve cause your heart to sing.

“May heaven and earth rejoice prophetically this day. May angels and people spiritually celebrate, for God appeared in the flesh to those groping in the darkness and resting in a shadow. Having been born of a Virgin, a cave and manger received Him. Shepherds relate a miracle; the Magi from the East bring gifts to Bethlehem, while we, with unworthy lips, render Him angelic praise: Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth, for the hope of nations has arrived. Having come, He has saved us from hostile bondage.”

“Today heaven and earth unite, for Christ is born. Today God came to earth in the flesh, and the human race was lifted up to the heavens. Today, for the sake of all, He is seen in the flesh, the One who by nature is invisible. Let us glorify Him singing: Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace with your coming has bestowed on us. O Savior, glory to you!”

Today, Today, Today! We are not just celebrating an historical event that happened once and is left to history. By the power of the Divine Liturgy we enter and are present in the cave with new born Child, his mother, and with the Host of Angels, the shepherds and Magi. Let your spiritual eyes behold this epic event, and in so doing you will have only one response – breaking out in song along with the heavenly host singing, “Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace and good will toward men. (Lk 2:14).”

May this Christmas Gift of new Life be yours today! This is the prayer of Pani Kelly and myself for you during this Holy Season of Incarnational Joy.

In His Incarnational Love,
The Rev. Michael J. Mandelas
& Pani Kelly

2016 Christmas Liturgical Schedule

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!
Christos Razdajetsja! Slavite Jeho!

December 23rd **Royal Hours:**
Friday Matins with Royal Hours at 9:00 a.m.

December 24th **Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord,**
Saturday **God and Savior Jesus Christ**

In the evening, at first star, begins Holy Supper in your homes.

Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great,
Litija, & Great Compline beginning at 9:00 p.m.

December 25th **Nativity of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ**
Sunday Festal Matins 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

December 26th Festal Matins 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:45 a.m.
Monday *(Note time change for services this day.)*

December 27th Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.
Tuesday

December 28th Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.
Wednesday

December 29th Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.
Thursday

December 30th Matins 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 8:45 a.m.
Friday

December 31st **Vigil for Sunday before Theophany /**
Saturday **Circumcision of Our Lord**
Vespers with Divine Liturgy at 5:00 p.m.