

Announcements

We welcome all of those who are visiting with us this morning at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church. Please join us following the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour. We pray that your experience here this morning was uplifting. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

1. We will serve our Vigil for the Nativity of Christ tonight at 7:00 pm; and on Monday, December 25, at 9:00 a.m., we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

2. Upcoming at *St. Nicholas*:

Sunday, December 24	<i>7:00 p.m. – Vigil for the Nativity</i>
Monday, December 25	<i>9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ</i>
Wednesday, December 27	<i>6:00 p.m. – Small compline 6:30 p.m. – Inquirer's Class</i>

SAINT NICHOLAS ORTHODOX CHURCH

Resurrection Tone 4

December 24, 2017

Sunday of the Ancestors of Christ



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Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

“Blessed Is the Kingdom”	2
The Great Litany of Peace (Romanian responses).....	2
First Antiphon (Greek chant)	supp
Little Litany.....	
Second Antiphon (Greek chant)	
Hymn of the Incarnation.....	10
Little Litany.....	
The Beatitudes (Mironositsky).....	
Hymn of the Little Entrance	16
Resurrection Tropar (Tone 4).....	81
Tropar of the Ancestors of Christ.....	129
Tropar of the Forefeast of the Nativity.....	
Kondak of the Three Youths.....	129
Kondak of the Foreferast.....	
Trisagion Hymn (Kievan Chant)	18
Prokimenon (Tone 4)	129
Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers and praised and glorified is Thy Name forever! (Song of the Three, v. 3)	
v. For Thou art just in all that Thou has done for us! (v. 4)	
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Epistle	Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40
Alleluia (#2).....	23
Verses.....	
v. We have heard with our ears, O God, for our fathers have told us. (Ps 43:2)	
v. For Thou has saved us from them that oppose us, and has put to shame them that hate us. (Ps. 43:8)	
Glory to You, O Lord	24
Gospel.....	Matthew 1:1-25
Glory to You, O Lord	24
Verse At the Sermon	25
Homily.....	Fr. James

The Triple Litany	25
Litany of the Catechumens.....	
Cherubic Hymn (Kastorsky)	
The Litany of Supplication.....	supp
The Creed	<i>spoken by people</i>
The Anaphora	39
Holy, Holy, Holy (#2).....	42
The Praise	45
The Epiklesis	46
Hymn to the Theotokos	supp
The Litany Before the Lord’s Prayer.....	50
The Lord’s Prayer (Kedrov).....	supp
Communion Prayer.....	58
Communion Hymn (“Praise the Lord from the heavens...”)	
Reception of Communion (Alaskan).....	supp
Response No. 1	64
Thanksgiving Hymn	65
Thanksgiving Litany	67
Amvon Prayer	130
Response	69
The Dismissal Blessing.....	72
Post Communion Prayers	

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While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting, non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.

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Forget for at least this space of time the bustle and concerns of everyday life. Be like an angel, filled only with thoughts of God and of serving Him. After all, He is present now, and is blessing you. - Hieromartyr Seraphim (Zvezdinsky), Bishop of Dmitrov (1883-c.1937)

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