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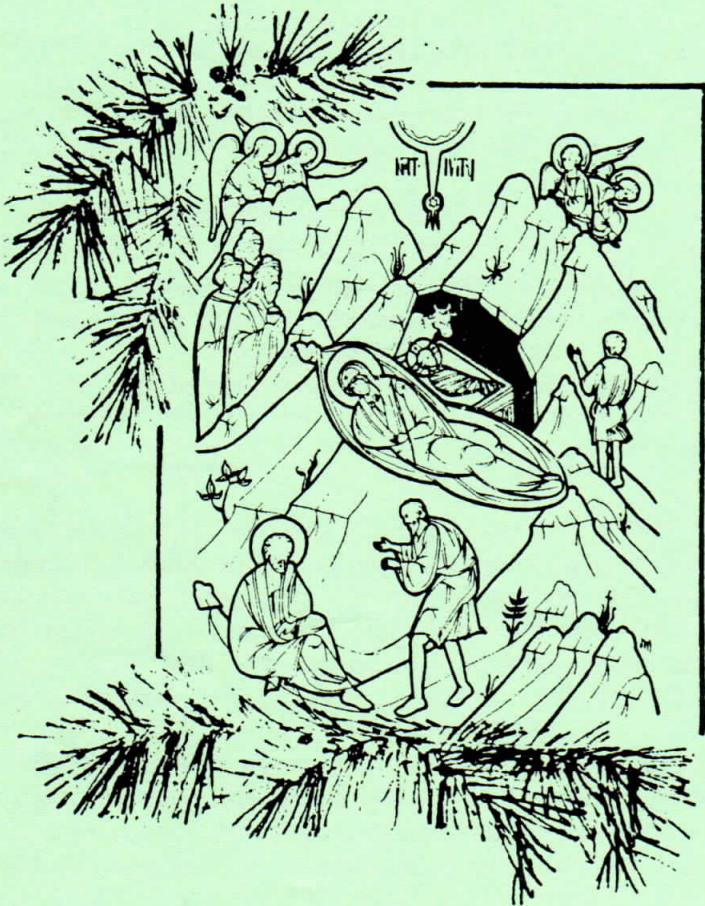
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30th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Before the Nativity

Dec 23, 2018



Service Schedule

Sunday – Dec 23, 2018 – 30th Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 5.

**9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour / Church School**

Monday – Dec 24, 2018

**9:00AM – Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St Basil
6:00PM – Vigil of the Nativity of Christ**

Tuesday – Dec 25, 2018

**The Nativity of Christ
10AM - Festal Divine Liturgy of St John**

Wednesday – Dec 26, 2018

**Synaxis of the Most-holy Theotokos
9:30AM – Divine Liturgy**

Saturday – Dec 29, 2018

5:00 PM – Great Vespers

Sun – Dec 30, 2018 – 31st Sunday after Pentecost – Tone 6.

**Sunday After the Nativity of Christ: The Holy
Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed,
David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy**

Coffee Hour and Ethnic Dance Presentation

Christmas Greetings to one and all!

**“Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad! The Lamb of God has been born on earth, Granting redemption to the world. The Word, Who rests in the bosom of the Father, Has come forth without seed from the Virgin. The wise men were struck with amazement, Seeing Him born as an infant in Bethlehem. Let all creation Glorify Him!
(Kathisma Hymn)**

On this great Feast of the Nativity, when God chose to bring redemption to the world, I extend for each and every one a prayer that you understand this great Mystery, thereby having a most Blessed and Holy Nativity, then salvation. With Love, Fr John.

The Christmas Canon

Ode 1: *Christ is Born; Glorify Him! Christ comes from Heaven; go to meet Him! Christ is on earth; be exalted! Sing to the Lord, all the earth! And praise Him in gladness, O people, for He has been glorified!* **Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!**

Man was made in the image of God, but he sinned, and lost immortality. He fell from the divine and better life, enslaved completely by corruption. Now the wise Creator fashions him again, for He has been glorified!

The Creator shaped man with His own hands, but when He saw us perishing eternally, He bowed the heavens and came down to earth, and clothed Himself in our nature, truly incarnate from a pure and holy Virgin, for He has been glorified!

Wisdom, and Word, and Power, Christ our God is the Father's Son, His Radiance. He was made man, a mystery concealed from every spirit above or on the earth. He has won us for Himself, for He has been glorified!

Ode 3: *"To the Son, begotten of the Father, before all ages and incarnate of the Virgin without seed in these latter days--- To Christ our God, let us cry out: Thou hast raised up our horn, Holy art Thou, O Lord!* **Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!**

Thou hast assumed a body of lowly clay, O Christ. By sharing our humble flesh, Thou hast made our race partakers of divinity. By becoming mortal man yet remaining God, Thou hast raised us from death to life. Holy art Thou, O Lord!

Make merry, O Bethlehem! You are the King of Judah's princes. Christ, the Shepherd of Israel, Who rides on the shoulders of the Cherubim, has come forth from you for all to see. He has raised us from death to life, and reigns over all!

Christmas Troparion

"Thy 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 Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, Glory to Thee!"

SAINTS AND READINGS

Dec 23, 2018 – Dec 30, 2018

Sun – Dec 23 – **30th Sunday after Pentecost** – Tone 5.

Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ

The Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete

8th Matins Gospel: John 20:11-18

Heb 11:9-10,17-23,32-40

Matt 1:1-25

Mon – Dec 24 – **Eve of the Nativity of Christ.** New Martyr Eugenia of Rome & MM Philip, Protus, Hyacinth, Basilla, Claudia

Heb 1:1-12

Luke 2:1-20

Tues – Dec 25 – **The Nativity According to the Flesh of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. The Adoration of the Magi Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem who went to see the Lord.**

Gal 4:4-7

Matt 2:1-12

Wed – Dec 26 – **Second Day of the Feast of the Nativity – Synaxis of the Most-holy Theotokos.** Hieromartyr Euthymius of Sardis. Ven Constantine of Synnada. Ven Evaristus of Studion.

Heb 2:11-18

Matt 2:13-23

Thurs – Dec 27 – **Third Day of the Nativity. Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen.** Ven Theodore Graptus, Confessor.

James 1:19-27

Mark 11:27-33

Fri – Dec 28 – **Afterfeast of the Nativity.** The 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia. Ven Ignatius of Lomsk. Apostle Nicanor the Deacon.

James 2:1-13

Mark 12:1-12

Sat – Dec 29 – **Saturday After the Nativity. Afterfeast of the Nativity.** The 14,000 Infants (Innocents) slain by Herod.

1Tim 6:11-16

Matt 12:15-21

Sun – Dec 30 – **31st Sunday after Pentecost** – Tone 6. **Sunday After the Nativity. The Holy Righteous Ones**

9th Matins Gospel: John 20:19-31

Gal 1:11-19

Matt 2:13-23