

Parish Life December 16 - 25

Saturday, December 16

- 6:30pm **Vigil**
- 8pm Confessions

Sunday, December 17 *Holy Forefathers*

- 9am Reception of Kamau Family (no Sunday School)
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (Team IV)
- 12:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (Lisa, Linda)
- 6pm Youth Group

Monday, December 18

Tuesday, December 19

Wednesday, December 20 *St. John Kronstadt; Ignatius of Antioch*

- 6:30pm **Vespers**
- 7:20pm Christian Education Class: *These Truths we Hold*
- 8:30pm **Small Compline w/Pre-Festal Canon**
(Father will hear confessions afterwards)

Thursday, December 21

Friday, December 22

- 9am **Royal Hours of Nativity**
- 10:30am Confessions
- 8pm **Small Compline w/Pre-Festal Canon**
- 8:45pm Confessions

Saturday, December 23

- 6:30pm **Great Vespers**
- 7:20pm Confessions

Sunday, December 24

- (no Sunday School)
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (Team I)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (Collins & Hannah, Karis)
- 6:30pm **Nativity Vigil** w/ Archbishop Alexander

Monday, December 25 *Nativity of our Lord*

- 8am **Nativity Liturgy** w/ Archbishop Alexander Presiding



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Today's Readings: Col. 3:4-11 Luke 14:16-24



Archbishop Alexander will be with us next Sunday for Nativity Vigil and Monday for Nativity Liturgy.

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Welcome to all visitors with us today! Our greeters and doorkeepers are happy to provide service booklets to help you follow along in the service today or answer any questions you may have. Please participate at your comfort level. *Holy Communion is given only to Orthodox Christians who have kept fast, made recent confession, and are at peace with neighbors.*

Choir Rehearsal this Sunday at 12:30pm. Please allow choir members to go first in the food/beverage lines.

Many Years to the Kamau Family – Collins & Hannah w/Ella, Ian who were received in the Orthodox Faith this Sunday morning. We also **Welcome New Catechumen** this month – Shawn Jacobs & his daughter Hannah, Satchel Fowler, and Ricky Hutcherson (enrolled this morning).

Wednesday is the Feast Day for St. John of Kronstadt & Ignatius of Antioch. **Vespers** will be served at 6:30pm and following we will complete our fall catechesis series from *These Truths We Hold*. At 8:30pm we will pray Small Compline w/Pre-Festal Canon in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity; Father will hear confessions afterwards.

Pre-Nativity Services

Friday, 12/22 9am **Royal Hours of Nativity**; 10:30am Confessions
8pm **Small Compline w/Pre-Festal Canon**
8:45pm Confessions

Saturday, 12/23 6:30pm **Great Vespers**; 7:20pm Confessions

Sunday, 12/24 10am **Divine Liturgy w/Vespersal Readings**
6:30pm **Nativity Vigil**

Feast for the Nativity of our Lord

Monday, 12/25 8am **Nativity Liturgy**

Date	Lead Servers	Bread Ministry	Doorkeeper	Greeter	Fellowship Hour	Hand-maidens	Prospora
12/17	Abial / JP	Lisa P. & Linda F.	Chris Naughton	Josh Lourie	Team IV Cook	Teresa / Mandariah	Fr. Justin
12/24	Jared / Liam	Kamau's & Karis J.	Linda, Myra, Shannon	John Mize	Team I Frangedakis	Anya / Karis	Fr. Justin
12/31	Silas / Abial	Becca, Ben	Paul Frangedakis	Rebecca Wilson	Team II Werner	Becca / Nichole	Mary Bradshaw
Jan. 7	JP / Jared	Inessa & Tanya	Jeff Hart	Josh Lourie	TBA	Suzannah / Shannon	Mary Bradshaw

Sunday Fellowship/Coffee Hour Goals for 2018

- 6 Rotating Teams (w/potlucks/special events on occasional Sundays)
- Heavy snack/light meal with goals of (1) "breaking our fast" (2) providing a space for fellowship
- Use of small plates and bowls to emphasize that everyone gets a serving (w/option for more after everyone gets some)
- Fruits, veggies, & carbs (and meat-dairy options when appropriate)

As a growing parish, we want to continue this ministry with practicality and sustainability. If you are not currently on a fellowship team, why not consider joining for the new year. Email Fr. Justin and he will connect you with a team leader.

2018 Liturgical Calendars are available (one per family).

Many Thanks to the generous donor who paid for the calendars!

Weekly Church Etiquette Tips (things you should know while in Church)

Standing in Church The traditional posture for prayer and worship in the Orthodox Church has been to stand. In the Orthodox "old countries" there are usually no pews in the churches. Chairs or benches on the side walls are usually reserved for the elderly and infirm. In North America, many of our churches include pews (and ours has capacity for about 60 to sit). If you need to sit, it is fine to sit at many points in our Liturgy. However, there are important moments when all who are ambulatory should stand: the Gospel reading, the Little and Great Entrances, the Anaphora, the distribution of Holy Communion (only the infirm should sit when the chalices are out!) whenever the priest gives a blessing, and the Dismissal. If in doubt, do what the people around you are doing.

Still Christmas Shopping? Visit the "Book Nook" in the parish hall. The soaps and incense from the monastery have been replenished, there are many new icons, Christmas items, and good books that would make great gifts!



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Reminder: Only 2 more Sundays (after today) to give this calendar year for 2017 tax deduction.

Counters (Tim, Mary, Rick, Ellie, Patrick)	Tray Offerings 12/10	tithe.ly offerings 12/10	Special Offerings	Month-to-Date Offerings	Weekly Need \$3,330.00
12/17 Tim/Patrick 12/24 Mary/Patrick 01/07 Rick/Ellie	\$ TBA	\$188.54	n/a	\$5,474	Monthly Need \$14,432