

**Parish Life December 15 - 23**

**Saturday, December 15**

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

**Sunday, December 16**

- 9am Baptisms/Chrismations
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (*team I*)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (*Ben, Renee*)
- 6pm Girls Group

**Monday, December 17**

**Tuesday, December 18**

**Wednesday, December 19**

- 6:30pm **Great Vespers**
- 7:20pm Christian Ed. Class: Part 7: Christian Life & Faith
- 8:20pm **Small Compline** – Confessions

**Thursday, December 20 St. John of Kronstadt**

- 4pm Youth Group Volunteers at Food Pantry

**Friday, December 21**

**Saturday, December 22**

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

**Sunday, December 23**

- No Sunday School
- 10am **Divine Liturgy of Sunday before Nativity**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (*team II*)
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (*Sue, Anna*)



**Saint Athanasius**

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, December 16, 2018

*29th Sunday After Pentecost*

*Sunday of The Holy Forefathers*

Today's Epistle Reading: Col. 3:4-11

Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 14:16-24



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### Welcome to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church

You are encouraged you to participate (sit, stand, or kneel) at your comfort level. Greeters and doorkeepers are happy to answer questions and can provide you Liturgy booklets to guide you through the service. **NOTE: HOLY COMMUNION IS ONLY GIVEN TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE KEPT FAST, MADE RECENT CONFESSION, AND ARE AT PEACE WITH NEIGHBORS.**

**Many Years to the Chisholm Family!**—Adam & Diana w/Maria, Isaac, Lily Peter were received into the Orthodox Faith prior to Liturgy this morning. Sponsors have welcome baskets in the conference room if you would like to share something that will help them continue on their faith journey. Thanks to their sponsors: Bert & Laura Walther, Rebecca Wilson, Joshua Smith, Audrey Wagner, and Garrett Sinar! We welcome the family and friends who have come from out of town to share this special day with them. The baskets will be out until christmas morning

**Vespers** will be served on Wednesday the 19th at 6:30pm. After enjoying special events the past two weeks, the Christian Education Class continues the ongoing fall series with Part 7: Christian Life & Faith. This will be the last class until January 9, although there will be some type of fellowship following the Wednesday night service on 12/26 & 01/02. We will pray the last Nativity Fast Compline on the 19th at 8:20pm. Father will hear confessions after Compline.

**Confession Reminder**—Our bishops exhort our regular communicants to make a sincere examination of ourselves and to confess our sins sacramentally at least once a month. If you have not made a Nativity Fast confession, please schedule time in the coming week. Nativity is only 9 days away! Parents should also prepare children age 10 and older to make confession as well.

**Financial Alert!!!** Our giving is \$7,000 UNDER budget; and we are \$4,000 in the red to date (since September, the beginning of our fiscal year). The monthly budget for 2018-19 is \$15,400. Please prayerfully consider your tithing and pledge for 2019. There are 3 Sundays left to make a tax deductible donation for 2018.

Date	Bread Ministry	Doorkeeper	Greeter	Fellowship Hour	Prospora	Counter
12/16	Ben Worthington Renee Smothers	Chris Naughton, Verity, Mandariah	John Mize	Team I Frangedakis	Sarah Holiday	Anna Rij Patrick Mooney
12/23	Sue Clark Anna Rij	Linda Frangedakis, Myra, Shannon	Rebecca Wilson	Team II Werner	Lourie Family	Ellie Sutter Mary Cook
12/30	Linda Frangedakis Bethany Sheldahl	Paul Frangedakis	Josh Lourie	5th Sunday Team Wilson	Maary Bradshaw	Tim Powell Anna Rij
1/6	Collins & Hannah Kamau, Karis	Jeff Hart	John Mize	Team III Bradshaw	Mary Bradshaw	tba

### Service Schedule for *Feast of Nativity*

Monday, 12/24 (strict fasting day)

9am **Royal Hours**

10:30am **Vespertal Liturgy**

6:30pm **Nativity Vigil**

Tuesday, 12/25 - *Nativity*

8am **Liturgy for the Birth of our Lord**

Wednesday, 12/26 - *Synaxis of Most-Holy Theotokos*

6:30pm **Great Vespers for St. Stephen**

7:20pm Fellowship (no class)

### Service Schedule for New Year's Eve

Monday, 12/31

5:30pm **Vespertal Liturgy for the New Year**

7pm Dinner/Dance in the Parish Hall

Note: We enjoy a fast-free period from 12/25/18 - 01/04/19.

*Feast of Theophany* is Sunday, January 6

**Royal Hours** at 9am on Friday, January 4/Confessions

**Theophany Eve Liturgy** at 9am on Saturday, January 5  
w/Indoor Water Blessing at 10:45am

**Vigil for Theophany** at 6:30pm on January/Confessions

**Divine Liturgy for Theophany** w/Outdoor Water Blessing

Date	Tray Offering	Tithely	wkly total	mthly total	Special Offering
12/2	\$2,509.00	\$695.12	\$3,204.12	<b>\$3,204.12</b>	\$200 Alms (St. Nicholas)
12/9	\$2,917.00	\$731.73	\$3,648.73	<b>\$6,852.85</b>	\$121.21 (samp)

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