December 6, 2024

Dear parishioners and friends,

Happy Feast of St. Nicholas!

Below is the schedule of Divine Liturgies and services for Advent and Christmas this year:

Monday December 9: Feast of the Conception by	7:00 pm - Divine Liturgy
St. Anne of the Holy Theotokos	
Thursday December 12: Mother of God of Guadalupe	7:00 pm - Divine Liturgy
Saturday December 14	4:00 pm – Vigil Liturgy
Sunday December 15: St. Nicholas Play	After Divine Liturgy – 11:00 am
Saturday December 21	4:00 pm – Vigil Liturgy
Sunday December 22: Sunday Before Christmas	11:00 am – Divine Liturgy 4:00 pm – Blessing of pets
Tuesday December 24: Christmas Eve	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy 9:00 pm – Compline, "God With Us," and Litia
Wednesday December 25: Nativity of Christ	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy
Thursday December 26: Synaxis of the Mother of God	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy
Friday December 27: St. Steven Protomartyr	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy
Saturday December 28	4:00 pm – Vigil Liturgy
Sunday December 29: Sunday Before Theophany	11:00 am – Divine Liturgy
Wednesday January 1: Circumcision of the Lord and Feast of St. Basil the Great	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

Saturday January 4	4:00 pm – Vigil Liturgy
Sunday January 5: Vigil of Theophany ***********************************	11:00 am – Divine Liturgy
Monday January 6: Holy Theophany/Jordan/Baptism of the Lord	10:00 am – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by the Great Hallowing of Water

*Weekday Liturgies (Mondays to Fridays), for weekdays not specified in the chart above, are celebrated at 9:15 am as usual.

In addition to the schedule, we would like to provide the following reminders:

1. Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) is a day of strict fast. While Theophany Eve is also a day of strict fast, since it falls on a Sunday this year,

we may transfer the fast to the preceding Friday January 3. ***

No meat or dairy products are to be eaten on days of strict fast.

- 2. On the Sunday before Christmas (Dec. 22), we will have the blessing of pets at 4:00 pm
- 3. In your generosity, please make a special Christmas donation to the parish on Christmas, on the Sunday before Christmas, or on the Sunday after Christmas.
- 4. If anyone would like their home blessed, please call the rectory to make arrangements with Fr. Conrad: 905-775-8282.

We join you in prayer as we await the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ and as we ask the Lord to be born into our lives today.

God bless.

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Christ is Born! Glorify Him!