

DECEMBER 30, 2018

SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY

**ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS 1:11-19**

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 2:13-23**

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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**USHER SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 30:**  
**ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 30:** Team B

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Niko Hatzigeorgou, Theresa Israbian, Harry Georgouses, Stan Stevens, and Theodora Harmon – May the Lord restore them to good health.

**COFFEE HOUR** will be hosted by Jerry & Eva White. Thank you for your generosity.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be open Monday, December 31, from 9 to 11 am and closed Tuesday, January 1st. The office will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, from 10 am — noon.

**ANNUAL NEW YEARS EVE PARTY:** Dinner, drinks and fun all night long. Tickets are on sale! Cost: \$25 for adults; \$10 children aged 5-12; children under 5 are free. A wonderful family event. Sponsored by GOYA.

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This Christmas night bestowed peace on the whole world;  
So let no one threaten;

This is the night of the Most Gentle One -  
Let no one be cruel;

This is the night of the Humble One -  
Let no one be proud.

Now is the day of joy -  
Let us not revenge;

Now is the day of Good Will -  
Let us not be mean.

In this Day of Peace -  
Let us not be conquered by anger.

Today the Bountiful impoverished Himself for our sake;  
So, rich one, invite the poor to your table.

Today we receive a Gift for which we did not ask;  
So let us give alms to those who implore and beg us.

This present Day cast open the heavenly doors to our prayers;  
Let us open our door to those who ask our forgiveness.

Today the DIVINE BEING took upon Himself the seal of our humanity,  
In order for humanity to be decorated by the Seal of DIVINITY.

(St. Isaac the Syrian)



**WELCOME**

Whether you are an Orthodox Christian or this is your first visit to an Orthodox Church, we are pleased to have you with us. Please sign the Guest Book located in the Narthex. Unfortunately, we are unable to extend a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church is reserved for baptized/confirmed Orthodox Christians. At the conclusion of the service today, we welcome you to come forward, to receive the Antidiron, which is the blessed bread, handed out by our Priest. Please plan to stay for Coffee Hour after the service and join us in fellowship.

Much appreciation  
to Fr. Vasilios  
for celebrating Divine Liturgy  
with us.

**FOR ANY EMERGENCY NEEDING A PRIEST, please contact Drew Swift (260-467-9139) or Chris Rongos (260-760-4080). If you have any other questions, please speak to Drew Swift.**

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### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday , Wednesday, Friday 10 AM — Noon

If outside these hours, please call to be sure someone is in the office.

For an emergency needing a priest, call Drew Swift 260-467-9139 or Chris Rongos 260-760-4080.

*Bulletin Deadline is Wednesday at Noon*