



Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church

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Rev. Michael Demko, Rector

December 30, 2018

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ

Troparion tone 2 (of the Righteous Ones)

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph,
to David, the ancestor of God;
thou hast seen a Virgin great with child;
and thou didst give glory with the shepherds;
thou didst worship with the Magi,
and didst receive the news from the Angel. //
Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Birthdays: Michael Petak-January 1
JoAnn Hanna-January 4
Gianna Popko-January 8
Natalia Demko-January 8
Anniversaries-Joshua and Heather Hottenstein-Dec. 29

Remember in your Prayers: Archbishop Nikon,
Bishop Herman, Priest Emilian, Priest John, Priest
Nicholas, Priest James, Priest John, Kathryn, Lorraine,
Jennifer, Rose, Effie, Christina, John, Christine, Ivy
Elizabeth, Yvette, John, Tyler, David, Marie, Jenny,
Paul, Paul, Annie, Erin, Clare, Dianne, Joe, Bryce, Luke,
Melanie, Amailia, Stavro, Thomas, Ethan, Emmitt,
Mary, Jack, James, Alaina, Kyle, William, Ron,
Elizabeth, Christina, Missy, Bob, Carol, Linda, Korey,
Cathy, Maggie, Tom, Mike, Artem, Antonina, Elaine,
Cali, Mariah, James, John, Barbara, Tom, George,
David, Charlie, Joseph, Heather, Jean, Nicole, Ally,
Reagan, Tara, Sam, Ray, Bill, Hannah, Edward, Rick,
Roy, Mary, Michael, Taylor, Pamela, Jillian, Jean, Jesse,
Kurt, Nancy, Theodore, John, Finley, Michael, Paula,
Nathan, Noah, Nikki Ann, Matthew, Diane, Sarah,
Martin, Iva, Stephen, Rory, Paul, Gloria, Justina, Jean,
Keegan, Jimmy, Michael, Ann, baby Lily,

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday December 30- Divine Liturgy 9:30am followed
by fellowship

Monday December 31-Vesperal Divine Liturgy 5pm

Friday January 4-Royal Hours of Theophany 8am
Vespers 6pm

Saturday January 5-Divine Liturgy 9:30
Vespers with Litya 6pm

Sunday January 6-Theophany of Christ Divine
Liturgy 9:30 am followed by Great Blessing of
Water.

Collection for December 23
Candles-\$70.00; Donations-\$1,100.00; Loose Money-
\$116.00; Weekly Envelopes-1,200.00; Christmas off.-
\$480.00; Emergency funds-\$20.00; Total-\$2,986.00

Why did God choose to come to us in person at Christmas? What were the reasons that compelled Him to visit us? They must have been awfully important reasons to make God empty Himself and take the form of a servant. Couldn't He have sent someone else? Couldn't He have ordered an angel or an archangel to come? Why did the Lord of the Universe Himself have to come? We see an indication of why God would ultimately come to earth in the Old Testament, when we hear God say, "I have seen the affliction of my people and heard their cry... for I know their sorrows and sufferings and trials. And I have come down to deliver them" (Exodus 3:7-8). God came because He cared.--Fr. Anthony Coniaris