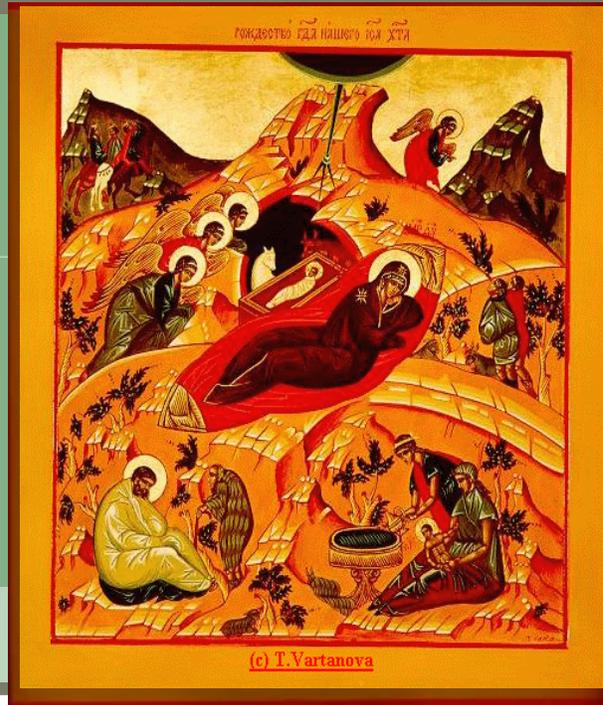


Holy Nativity of the Lord

*Christ Is in our
Midst*

January 12, 2015



Divine Liturgy for January 18th (Sunday's Readings & Hymns)

Tone 7 Troparion

By Your Cross You destroyed death. To the thief You opened Paradise. For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy. And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God, to proclaim that You are risen, granting the world great mercy.

Tone 7 Kontakion

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive, for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers. Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry: "The Savior has come to those in faith; enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!"

Tone 7 Prokeimenon

The Lord shall give strength to His people. The Lord shall bless His people with peace. (*Ps 28/29:11*)

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:15-15

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Weekly Service Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		<p>Fast</p> <p>Vespers, Meal, Bible Study – Palmer’s House 5:30</p>		<p>Fast</p> <p>Men’s Lunch – Shanes 12:00</p>	<p>Great Vespers 5:00 St. Nicholas</p> <p>Choir Practice at St. Nicholas 4:00</p>	<p>Divine Liturgy St. Nicholas 10:00</p>

Special Prayer: From February 15th-19th Fr. Jason will be in Miami for our annual diocesan pastoral conference; and, at that time, Abp NIKON is calling a special assembly for the nomination of a new ruling bishop for the Diocese of the South. Please keep both of these events in your prayers. It is an exciting time in the DOS. Thanks be to God, we may have a new bishop soon!

Service

A reminder to those who serve Holy Nativity this week. Your service is greatly appreciated!

Coffee Hour and Prospora will be taken care of by St. Nicholas



Choir

For those interested in singing during Great Lent, Holy Week & Pascha, we will have practice this Saturday, 4:00.

*at St. Nicholas

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Vespers, Meal & House Blessing

Palmer House 5:30

322 N. Wickford Cir.

Vespers, meal & house blessing

Men's Friday
Lunch, Shanes
12:00

Annual Parish Meeting

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **January 25th** following the Divine Liturgy at Barksdale. A meal will be provided for those who are able to attend. Please plan on making the meeting as we have quite a few things to discuss and appointments to be made. The gathering should only take approximately 30 minutes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Check out the most recent photos taken from Theophany, baptisms, chrismations and more at

www.orthodoxchristians.org

House Blessings

The Blessing of Homes is an ancient Tradition in our Orthodox Church related to the Service of the Great Blessing of the Waters conducted on Theophany. We take the Holy Water from the Church and we use it to bless our lives in every way possible. The priest blesses us, our homes, our cars, our yards, and by extension all of creation. Not only do we receive a special blessing from God, but through that blessing, God enables us to see His creation in a redeemed way, as a means toward union and communion with Him.

What should you expect in terms of the House Blessing? Fr. Jason will arrive and offer a short prayer service in front of your home altar and then proceed through the home sprinkling it with Holy Water, while chanting the Dismissal Hymn of Theophany. All who reside in the household should make every effort to be present for the blessing.

What should you have ready? Please have your home altar/icon corner ready and accessible. There should be a bowl of water, a bunch of fresh basil tied at the stem for Father to use in sprinkling Holy Water, a candle, charcoal and incense (if you have an incense burner).

Fr. Jason will be contacting you to schedule a house blessing, with a suggested date.

Lenten & Paschal Cycle

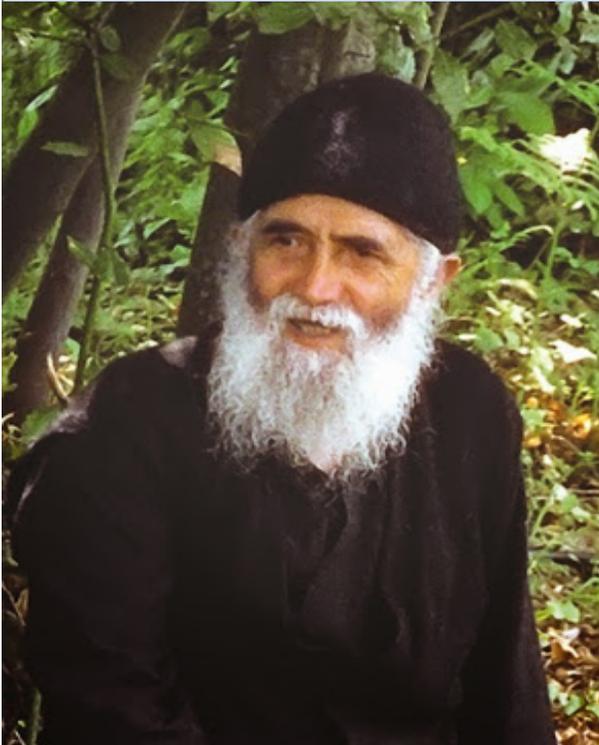
Zacchaeus Sunday 25 th	January
Publican & Pharisee 1 st .	February
Prodigal Son 8 th	February
Meatfare 15 th	February
Cheesefare(Forgiveness Sunday) 22	February
Beginning of Great Lent 23	February
Palm Sunday	April 2
Pashca	April 12

****Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy will be at St. Nicholas, January 17th and 18th.**

Fr. Daniel, Thomas and our youth will be in Oklahoma for the Winter Retreat with Bishop Basil.

"Changing the world one diaper at a time is as valuable and as powerful as changing the entire cosmos with a cosmic bulldozer! The prayer of that one child if raised in Christ with great love can change our entire human dynamic for eternal good! Saints are what we need in our Orthodox Christian households not social engineering, gadgets and gizmos or political propaganda and sloganeering foisted upon us as 'parenting.' Guilt offerings for parental absence does not parenting make. We need authentic Christian love in our homes and the Holy Spirit will do all the rest."

-Hieromonk Joshua +



It was announced this morning that the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate has officially numbered Elder Paisios the Athonite among the saints of the Church.

Kontakion (Hymn)

The most-famed ascetic of the Holy Mountain, and the newly-illuminated luminary of the Church, let us praise him with hymns with all our heart, for he leads the faithful towards a life of excellence, filling them with rivers of gifts, therefore we cry out: Rejoice, Father Paisios.

Holy Nativity of the Lord Mission

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