



“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Flesh

Christmas Eve, 2018

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December 25, 2018

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Thy wonders. In the council of the upright, and in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

They are sought out in all the things that He hath willed. Confession and majesty are His work, and His righteousness abideth unto ages of ages. (Refrain)

Glory... Both now... (Refrain)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth. The generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Glory and riches shall be in his house, and His righteousness abideth unto ages of ages. (Refrain)

There hath risen up in darkness a light for the upright; he is merciful and compassionate and righteous. (Refrain)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord said unto my Lord: sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. The Lord shall send Thee a rod of strength out of Zion. With Thee is dominion in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of Thy saints.

· *During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Nativity of Christ. Then, the following:*

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

From the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee. The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent; thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. Save us, O Son of God, Who wast born of a Virgin; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below.

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn therefrom to worship Thee, O Sun of Justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come. O Lord, glory to Thee.

Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE THREE

On this day the Virgin beareth the Transcendent in Essence; * to the Unapproachable, * the earth doth offer a small cave; * Angels join in choir with shepherds * in giving glory; * with a star the Magi travel upon their journey; * for our sakes is born a young Child, * He Who existed * before the ages as God.

Instead of HOLY GOD, we sing:

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia. **(THRICE)**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ. Alleluia.

Dynamis!

As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

THE EPISTLE

Let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee.
Shout with joy to God, all the earth.

The reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (4:4-7)

BRETHREN, when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Therefore, you are no longer a slave but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (2:1-12)

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, are by no means least among the rulers of Judea;

for from you shall come a ruler who will govern My people Israel.'" Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

MEGALYNARION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE ONE

Magnify, O my soul, her who is more honorable and more exalted in glory than the heavenly hosts.

I behold a strange and wonderful mystery: the cave a heaven, the Virgin a cherubic throne, and the manger a noble place in which hath lain Christ the uncontained God. Let us, therefore, praise and magnify Him.

HOLY BREAD

Holy Bread is offered for the health and welfare of Craig, Vicky, Jenny, Joel, Oliva, Matthew, Macrina, Mary, Mike, Madeline, Rebecca, Joanne, Bishop Anthony and all the members of Saint George Parish.

In loving memory of Anthony, Gertrude, Victor, Mary, James, Mae, Lucille, Bucko, Deloris and Arthur, and all the departed members of St. George Parish.

WELCOME to all our guests and visitors. We are delighted to have you visiting and worshipping with us this this Christmas Eve and hope that you return soon. We invite you to participate in the Divine Liturgy, but, sadly, due to the divisions in Christianity, **only baptized/chrisdated members of the Orthodox Church who have made their Confession before an Orthodox priest and prepared themselves by fasting may receive Holy Communion.** Please come forward after Liturgy to venerate the Cross and partake of the Antidoron-Holy Bread. Please turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT ST. GEORGE CHURCH

Saint Basil the Great, Monday, December 31 at 6:00pm

Evening Divine Liturgy

Arabic Divine Liturgy, Friday, January 4 at 7:00pm

The Feast of the Theophany/Epiphany, January 6, 2019

Great Vespers will be served on Saturday, January 5 at 5:00pm.

Festal Matins 9:00am, Divine Liturgy at 10:00am

followed by the Blessing of the Water.

If you would like to take the Epiphany Water home with you, please bring containers.