



Newsletter January 2015

Christ is Born!

St. Michael the Archangel Serbian Orthodox Parish

Saturday Vespers 6:00 PM Sunday Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM

Website: www.stmichaelshsv.org/

January: Important Church Dates:

(Please check calendar for Divine Liturgy Schedule)

Tuesday, January 6th – Eve of Nativity of Christ

†9:00 am Royal Hours

†6:00 pm Compline

(Followed by a potluck fasting meal; please contact Sandy Ellis)

Wednesday, January 7th – Nativity of our Lord

†9:00am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

(Followed by potluck meal—please contact Mat. Ann Schultz)

Friday, January 9th – Christmas open house, 6-10pm at the Schultz's; RSVP please.

Friday, January 16th – Royal Hours for Theophany

†9:00am Royal Hours

Sunday, January 18th – Liturgy & Vespers for indoor blessing of waters

†9:00am Proskomedia

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

†6:00pm Vespers for Theophany & indoor blessing of waters

Monday, January 19th – Theophany of the Lord

†9:00am Orthros

†10:00am Divine Liturgy & outdoor blessing of the waters

Fr. Gregory is available for house blessings by appointment after January 19 – Theophany.

Sunday, January 25th – Zacchaeus Sunday

†9:00am Proskomedie

†10:00am Divine Liturgy

Church Cleaning: The next cleaning will be held on Jan. 10th at 9:00AM. Rick Kaiser will open the church for cleaning. January 10th cleaning duty list:

1. Haddock
2. Hogan/Weber
3. Hoyer
4. Jokich

Note: If you can't make it to the cleaning, please arrange to trade places with someone from the coffee hour list that can.

Coffee Hour: (* Nativity Fast: fish, wine & oil)

*Jan. 4th – Sisterhood

Jan. 11th – Hansen

Jan. 18th – Hoyer

Jan. 25th – Huron

Feb. 1st – Jokich

Feb. 8th – Kaiser

Feb. 15th – Kioutas

Feb. 22nd – Pastrick

Birthdays:

8th – Elyse Jokich

11th – Mat. Julie

26th – Steve Cox

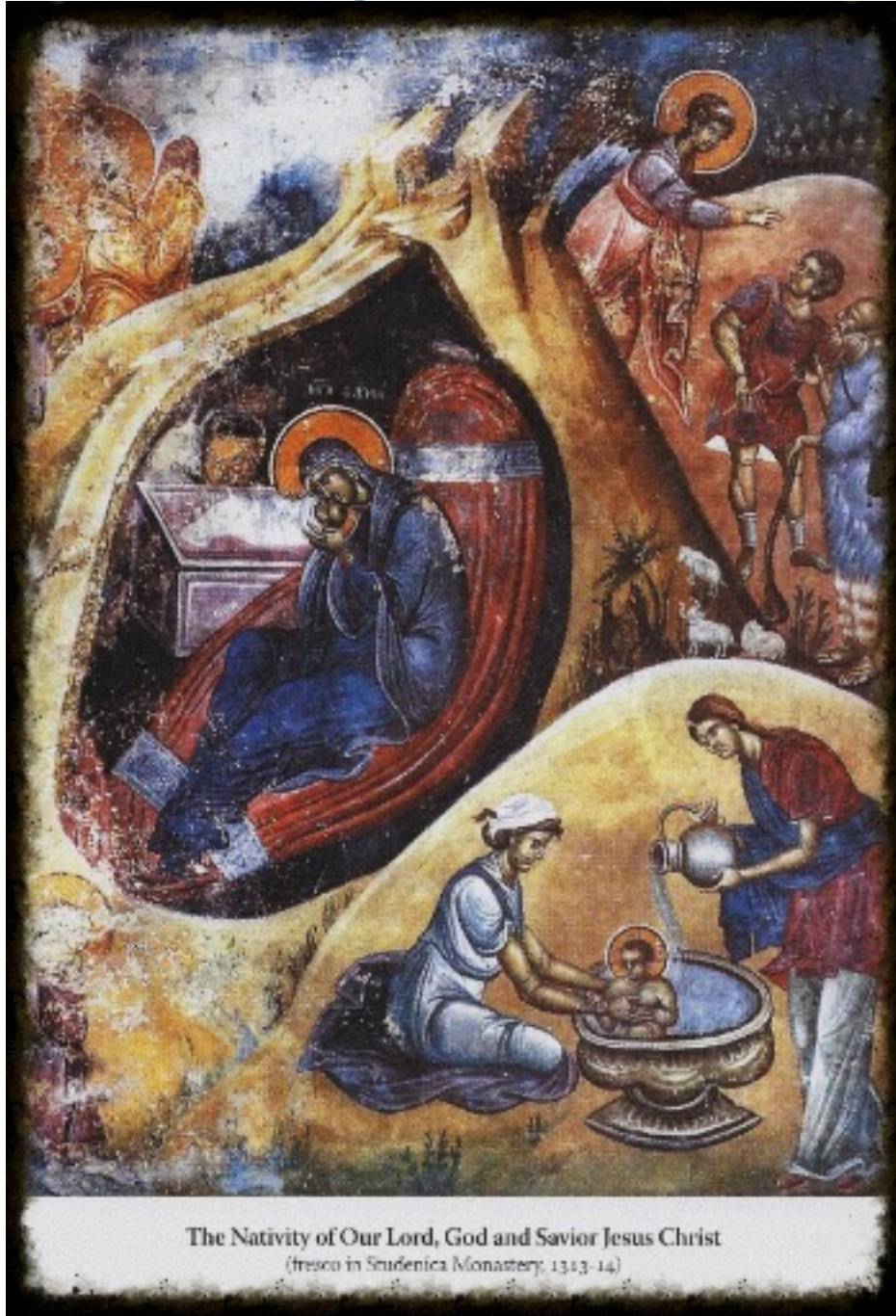
Anniversaries:

None for January

Sisterhood Meeting: Thurs., Jan. 15th, 6pm

(Please RSVP to Shellie Kioutas)

[News Items](#) – Please send church news items to the Newsletter Editor: Rick Kaiser at rkmk2012@gmail.com



Homily on the birth of the Lord, the Son of God
by St. Nikolai Velimirovic

“I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world.” (John 16:28)

The only-begotten Son of God, brethren, begotten in eternity of the Father without a mother, was born in time of a mother without a father.

That first begetting is an unfathomable mystery of the Holy Trinity in eternity, and the second is the unfathomable mystery of God’s power and love for mankind in time. The greatest mystery in time corresponds to the greatest mystery in eternity.

Without entering into this greatest mystery with the small taper of our understanding, let us be content, brethren, with the knowledge that our salvation had its origin not from man or from earth, but from the greatest heights of the divine invisible world.

So great is God’s mercy, and so great is the dignity of man, that the Son of God Himself came down from eternity into time, from heaven to earth, from the throne of glory to the shepherd’s cave, solely to save mankind, to cleanse men from sin and to return them to Paradise.

I came forth from the Father, where I had everything, and am come into the world, which cannot give Me anything.

The Lord was born in a cave to show that the whole world is one dark cave, which He alone can illumine. The Lord was born in Bethlehem—and Bethlehem means “the House of Bread”—to show that He is the only Bread of Life worthy of true men.

O Lord Jesus, the Pre-eternal Son of the Living God and the Son of the Virgin Mary, enlighten us and nourish us with Thyself.

To Thee be glory and praise forever. Amen.

<http://www.stmichaelshsv.org/homilies.html>

*“Out of burning love, O King of all beauty,
Thou didst leave the radiance of the beautiful Cherubim,
Thou didst descend into the cave of human life,*

*To despairing men, with a torch and peace.
How to contain Thee?—The earth became frightened.
Welcome, O Christ! Heaven bears Thee up!”*

St. Nikolai Velimirovic

Prayer List:

Please keep in your prayers

Living: Church Members: Kathe Hoyer. Friends of Members: Anna Kobasa (mother of Helen Bergantz), Danny, Jean, Donna, Doug, John, Rachel, Demi, Anne, Joanne Karas, Glen, Catrina Thomas.

Reposed: Vangie Pamfilis, Milan Petrovic, Jim Smith (Lisa Crafts' father), Larry Smith (Lisa Crafts' Uncle), Anna Scoggins (mother of Kathy Hoyer), Mary Kochoff, Mary, Sam, Frances, Joe, Anne, Stan, Daniel, Anna, Fryni, Nelia, Natalie, Olga Hansen's father, Dragan.

Committees/chairpersons:

Choir Director – Sandy Ellis
Ass't Choir Director – Matushka Ann
Sisterhood President – Shellie Kioutaas
Sunday School Director - Matushka Ann
Church Supply Coordinator – Loren Capsapoulos
Events - Olga Hansen
Library & Bookstore – Matushka Ann
Building Maintenance - Bob and Rick
Welcoming Committee Coordinator – Charles Malmede
Capital Campaign – Hal Pastrick and Joe Bergantz
Website – Charles Malmede
Newsletter Bulletin – Rick Kaiser
Candle Supplies – Michele Kaiser

Church Council – 2014 to 2015

Father Gregory Schultz – Parish Administrator
Bob Zarzaur– President
Michele Platt – Vice President
Joe Bergantz – Treasurer
Marshal Standifer – Secretary

Members at large

Sandy Ellis, Mike Jokich, Rick Kaiser, Shellie Kioutas, Charles Malmede, Hal Pastrick

Please note: the Church telephone number is:

256-881-2449

Office hours at the church are as follows.*

Tuesday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 12 noon – 6:00 pm

Thursday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Please note: while Fr. Gregory will normally be at the church during these times, pastoral needs are given priority (i.e.; when someone is ill, etc.). If you need to see him, please call ahead.*

Copyright © 2015 St. Michael the Archangel Serbian Orthodox Parish, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you have added your email to our sign-in sheet or opted in at our website.

Our mailing address is:

St. Michael the Archangel Serbian Orthodox Parish
4319 Spartacus Dr.
Huntsville, AL 35805