



WEEKLY BULLETIN

BULLETIN BUILDER

Saint John The Baptist Orthodox Church

January 7, 2018

Church Lectionary & Typicon



**The Nativity In The Flesh of Our Lord,
God and Savior Jesus Christ**

**The Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem Who
Were Watching Their Flocks and Came to See the Lord**

The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Gaspar & Balthasar

**Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**



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Church Services and Events

Monday, January 8

9:00AM Divine Liturgy Synaxis of The Theotokos

7:00PM Teen Catechism Class

Tuesday, January 9

7:00PM Moleben To St. Nectarios 7:30PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

7:00PM Adult Scripture Study

Saturday, January 13

5:00PM Great Vespers

Sunday, January 14

9:00AM Divine Liturgy 10:45AM Church School

12:30PM New Year's Brunch - Ralph & Rich's

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St John's Stewards

DATE	COFFEE HOUR HOST	HOURS	EPISTLE
Jan 14	Lomme/Mihaly	Pani Carol	Bill Bilcheck
Jan 21	Porter/LeClerc	Holly Bilcheck	Matthew Mihaly

2017 STEWARDSHIP YTD: \$65,482.00 As of 12/31/17 Goal: \$68,000.

Announcements

From The Fathers

ADULT EDUCATION - Our Orthodox Boot Camp will meet next on Wednesday Jan 9 at 7:00 pm. We are now turning our attention to Holy Scripture. Our study is of a practical nature: we are learning about the basics of the Bible, its origin and how to read it and apply it to our lives. Those interested in taking part in the class either in person or by telephone or video conferencing are kindly asked to contact Fr. Peter.

LOTS O LUCK CALENDARS - Now on sale in the Church hall. Cost is \$25.00. Proceeds support Diocesan Mission Fund and other charitable works of the ACRY.

CHRISTMAS RECEPTION - In thanksgiving for the many kindnesses extended to them by the faithful of the parish, Fr. Peter and Pani Carol cordially invite you to join them for some Christmas fellowship and light refreshments following this morning's Christmas Liturgy in the Church Hall.

SINCERE THANKS are extended to all those who helped our parish prepare for the Festal Celebration of our Lord's Nativity. Special thanks to the Helen Rowland Flower Fund for providing the beautiful Pointsettias and greenery and to Karen Ivers for her labor of love in decorating the Church. We also wish to thank the Church Choir under the leadership of Tim Paproski and Matthew Mihaly for so beautifully singing the responses to the Christmas Liturgy. And ALL of our parish faithful, and friends who have joined us today for worship. May God Grant You Many Years!

NEW YEAR'S BRUNCH - We will ring in the Julian Calendar New Year with a celebratory luncheon (Sunday Sauce) at Ralph and Riches in Bridgeport following Sunday Divine Liturgy on January 14, at approx Noon. 12:30 pm. Cost is approximately \$27 for a four course meal. Please mark your calendar and add your name to the sign up sheet in the Church Hall. Reservations must be made today.

ACRY - THE FELLOWSHIP OF STS CYRIL AND METHODIOS - The purpose of our parish ACRY is to provide a forum for our young adults and young at heart to provide input and generate ideas for parish outreach projects and provide more opportunities for parish fellowship. All parishioners are invited to take part in the meetings. Those who wish to become official members of the ACRY are kindly asked to see Holly Bilcheck who is collecting the \$20 annual dues which supports the various Diocesan outreach ministries, scholarship and campership programs spearheaded by the National ACRY.

LORD'S KITCHEN - Our Next Meal will be Mon, Jan 15, 2018. Please See Mary or Eve if you wish to help.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 8	Paul & Maribel Best	Anniversary
Jan 11	Jacob Stirna	Birthday

FINANCIAL STATISTICS 12/31/17

Pew Collection	827.00
7 Day Candles	12.00
Christmas Donation	25.00
Perpetual Candles	312.00
<u>St Nicholas Brunch - Additional Income</u>	44.00
TOTAL	\$1,220.00

On The Nativity of Our Lord By Saint John of Kronstadt



Let us glorify God! With the coming of the Son of God in the flesh upon the earth, with His offering Himself up as a sacrifice for the sinful human race, there is given to those who believe the blessing of the Heavenly Father, replacing that curse which had been uttered by God in the beginning; they are adopted and receive the promise of an eternal inheritance of life. To a humanity orphaned by reason of sin, the Heavenly Father returns anew through the mystery of re-birth, that is, through baptism and repentance. People are freed of the tormenting, death-bearing authority of the devil, of the afflictions of sin and of various passions.

Human nature is deified for the sake of the boundless compassion of the Son of God; and its sins are purified; the defiled are sanctified. The ailing are healed. Upon those in dishonour are boundless honour and glory bestowed.