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Epiphany Services

Sunday Jan 18
Vespers after Divine Liturgy

Monday, Jan 19
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Schedule for the Week of January 11 - 18, 2009

Sunday Jan 11	Sunday after Nativity of Christ Святых Богоотец
Tuesday Jan 13	Vigil for Newyear / Saint Basil 6:30 PM
Wednesday Jan 14	Church New Year / Св. Василия Беликаго 9:00 AM Liturgy / Литургия 6:30 PM Vigil for St. Seraphim
Thursday Jan 15	St. Seraphim / Св. Серафима 9:00 AM Liturgy / Литургия
Friday Jan 16	9:00 AM Royal Hours
Saturday Jan 17	5:30 PM Vigil
Sunday Jan 18	Sunday before Theophany Нед. Пред Просвещением 8:30 AM Nocturns, Confessions 9:00 AM Liturgy / Литургия <i>Followed by Vespers and Great Blessing of Water</i>
Monday Jan 19	Epiphany of the Lord Св. Богоявление 9:00 AM Liturgy / Литургия Great Blessing of Water

Тайна Воплощения

“И Слово стало плотью и обитало с нами, полное благодати и истины; и мы видели славу Его, славу как едиnorodного от Отца” (Ин. 1.14).

«Велико это чудо, христиане, что Бог стал человеком! Здесь открывается беспредельная Божественная Премудрость и сила. Еще большее чудо, что Бог стал человеком, чтобы спасти человека; здесь открывается беспредельная Божественная Благодать и Любовь. Человек, вследствие преступления Адамова, отступил от Бога, стал чадом гнева Божия, рабом греха, пленником дьявола, наследником вечного мучения... Бог сжалился над созданием Своих рук, Сам сошел на землю, воплотился, чтобы спасти этого человека, т.е.

показать ему путь к спасению, открыть ему врата Царства небесного, соединить его с Богом и Отцом, избавить от рабства греху, от плена дьявольского, от вечных мучений: “Сын Человеческий пришел взыскать и спасти погибшее” (Мф. 18,11). Вот цель Домостроительства Боплощения» (*Илия Минятей, еп. Кефалонитский*).

Christ is Born! Let us Glorify Him!

A sincere, heartfelt Thanks to all of you who extended your efforts to enable us to celebrate Christ's Nativity in a majestic and glorious manner. To the workers such as Vicki and Dragica who managed to find Christmas trees and who so beautifully decorated the Nativity icon for the church services; to the Sisterhood who provided all the food for the festal meal, especially to Lydia Nikolaevna, the head of the Sisterhood, who coordinated all their activities and actively worked beyond the call of duty in preparing and cleaning the dining facilities for the festal luncheon even with a reduced crew of assistants; to our own singers and those who joined us in singing the Vigil and Liturgy, and to all our well-wishers who volunteered their time and talents to make a most festal Nativity. Your help has made this year's celebration one of the smoothest and easiest yet.

May the Lord in His mercy be pleased to bestow on us the joy of His Nativity, and by His mercy grant us all a most peaceful, healthful and prosperous New Year.

Fr. John & Brotherhood

You may have had your house or apartment blessed when you first moved in; perhaps, you have had it blessed last year. Why should it be blessed again?

There may be a confusion about the blessing. Simply put, there are two categories: the permanent and the repeatable. For example, how many times have you said, “God bless you” to the same person; that is repeatable.

We live in our homes; we often have arguments, bad thoughts or bad behavior within its walls. The prayer at the blessing makes it clear why it is good to have our houses blessed each year:

O Lord Jesus Christ our God, Who digned to enter into the house of Zacchaeus the Publican, thereby bringing to him salvation: now protect (names) who live here from all evil, blessing their life; and guard them from all aggression, granting them all that is good and beneficial for them. For Thou, O God art the One Who hast mercy on us and savest us, now and forever, unto the ages of ages, Amen.
(from the Orthodox Herald)