

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

TODAY: 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD & SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

9:10am: 3rd & 6th Hours 9:30am: Divine Liturgy
Acolytes: check in the Altar Church School

Hours: Reader Anthony

Thanksgiving Prayers: Luba Thome

FAST FREE PERIOD TODAY THROUGH JANUARY 4th

Wed: 12/28: 6:00pm: Reader Vespers

Sat: 12/31: 5:00pm: Choir Rehearsal for Theophany
6:00pm: Reader Vespers

Sun: 1/1: 28th SUNDAY OF AFTER PENTECOST, SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY
CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST, S' BASIL THE GREAT

9:10am: 3rd & 6th Hours 9:30am: Typica (Obenitsa)

The Nativity of Christ was revealed to the Magi by a wondrous star. Saint John Chrysostom and Saint Theophylactus, commenting on Saint Matthew's Gospel, say that this was no ordinary star. Rather, it was "a divine and angelic power that appeared in the form of a star." Saint Demetrius of Rostov says it was a "manifestation of divine energy" (*Narrative of the Adoration of the Magi*). Entering the house where the Infant lay, the Magi "fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented Him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh" (Mt. 2:11) <https://oca.org/saints/all-lives/2016/12/25>

O Sweetest Jesus, save us sinners!
Most Holy Theotokos Save us!

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The Rev. Deacon Stephen Henne...505-369-0638

The Rev. Deacon Gerry Sondergaard...505-990-0415

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27th Sunday after Pentecost December 25th 2016

Gal 4:4-7

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Matt 2: 1 - 12

WELCOME VISITORS! CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

We are honored you are visiting today. * Liturgy **Books** may be found next to the **Candle Table** at the back of the church. * We **invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card** on the Candle Table & place it in one of the Collection Baskets there. * We do not take up a **Collection** during our services but rather ask you to place donations in one of the baskets on the Candle Table or next to the **Book Store Table**. * While only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves may receive **Holy Communion**, everyone is welcome to come forward at the end of Liturgy to receive a blessing from our priest and to take the blessed bread. * It is the **Orthodox practice** to stand during services as a sign of reverence for the Lord but if you need to sit, please do so. Use of chairs is shared. If you are able, we particularly try to stand during the processions with the Gospel and the Gifts, during the Readings, the Creed, during the preparation of the Holy Eucharist, the Lord's Prayer and reception of Communion. * We **invite you** to stay after the Thanksgiving Prayers **for fellowship** and the meal so that we may greet you personally, and to answer any questions you may have about our faith, our parish or today's service. * Please help yourself to the brochures and information on the east side counter. * All children **ages three through twelve** are encouraged to attend our Sunday School after Holy Communion.

* **We hope you will visit us again very soon.** *

PLEASE SEND PRAYER CORNER NAMES & UPDATES ALONG WITH BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS TO:

Daniel Schulte at: drschulte@hughes.net or call 505-495-9200.

Book Store: asonaocbs@gmail.com

Rubrics for Today: Resurrection Tone 2

Resurrection Tone Sheets are on the Literature Table

Along with Tone Special Sheets for the Nativity

Resurrection Texts are also in the Appendices of the Black Liturgy Books

PRAYER CORNER

May God Grant Many Years! to Mathew Jannakos, Andrei Fisher, Neil Robinson, Ashley Gibson on their Birthdays; and to **Deacon Stephen Henne and Stephen Jannakos on their name day.**

May the Lord grant His mercy and healing to those diagnosed with cancer: Vance, Peter, Ita, Matushka Mary, Kevin, Carol, Deacon Gerasimus, Andrew, Chuck, Juan, Ivan, Lubov, Daria, Cynthia, Karen, Paul, Protodeacon Nicholas, Bishop Nikon of Boston and Archbishop Lazar.

And for those in remission from cancer: Madolyn, Dr. Frye, Mary Beth, Rolf, Ron, Galina, Yelena, Yelena, Galina, Jasmine and Fr Silouan.

May the Lord grant His mercy and healing to those with other ailments, injuries, difficult situations and intentions needing prayer: Peter, infant Jackson, child Sophia, child William, Mikhail, Jason & Kristina, Toby, infant Katie, Nina, Elizabeth, Matushka Ingrid, Chuck & Alice, Emilia, Silouan, Evdokiya, Michael, David, Lois Ana, Randall, Bob & Marilyn, Mary Elizabeth, George, Gabriella & Andrei, Loretta, Richard, Bill, Maria, Galina, Andrey, Nikolay, Fotiniya, Joseph David, Carolyn, Deacon Steven, Kendrick, Camryn, Emma, Julie, Tana, Ruth Ann, Subdeacon Columcille, John & Sharon, Deacon Gerry, Irene, Subdeacon Gregory and Ernest.

Please Pray for our Catechumens: Joseph & Maria, Paul & Elizabeth and De Andra.

God Grant Many Years! to all those others celebrating Name Days, Birthdays and Anniversaries.

O Lord, please send your angels to watch over all those traveling.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT: YTD THROUGH NOVEMBER 2016

Operating Income: \$99,266²⁶ Operating Expenses: \$100,575⁴⁹ Shortfall: - \$1,309²³
Charity Collections: \$7,407⁰⁰ Building Fund: \$25,440⁰⁸

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ARCHPASTORAL MESSAGE OF HIS BEATITUDE, METROPOLITAN TIKHON, is available on line on the OCA website at: www.oca.org.

Fr NIKOLAY WILL BE ON VACATION from Monday, December 26th to Monday, January 2nd. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Deacon Steven. Next Sunday, January 1st, Hours will be read at 9:10am and a Typica (Obenitsa) at 9:30am.

LAST WEEK'S Collection for the Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry netted \$111.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A BAKLAVA OPEN HOUSE to spend time with the Belyaev family and the Ruehle family on Friday December 30th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It will be held at the house of Mike Ruehle's mother Coryn; 7612 Lamplighter Lane NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

THE ANNUAL COMMITMENT FORMS FOR 2017 WERE DUE BACK on December 4th. If you didn't sign & turn in your pledge form please do so soon. Copies of the form are on the Literature Table. Please read through it carefully, pray about it and return the completed form to the Tithe Box. This is not just about the 2017 budget. It is also by the means of the pledge form that we are able to assess parish membership figures to report to the DOS and the OCA. The pledge form also enables us to determine if there are enough parishioners present at the upcoming **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON JANUARY 22nd**, for a quorum (50%) and to determine who is eligible to vote (declared parish members only.) Thank you.

PLEASE SEE Fr NIKOLAY If You Are Interested in Being Elected at the Annual Parish Meeting as a Parish Council Member, Building Committee Member, Diocesan Assembly Lay Representative or Yearly Auditor.

CHRIST'S NATIVITY (Old Style Calendar) will be celebrated on Saturday, January 7th with Divine Liturgy in Slavonic at 10:00 a.m.

THE BLESSING OF THE RIO GRANDE will be on Sunday, January 8th, at 12:15pm. Maps will be available on the Literature Table.

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE whether you have returned your 2017 Commitment Form, there is a list on the Bulletin Board with the names of all those who have declared to be parish members for this new year. If you consider yourself a member of our parish, but you don't see your name on the list, please fill out and return the annual commitment form (available on the table in the back of the Church) today. Thank you.

THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATION BASKET is out next to the Tithes Collection Box for donations to help us purchase poinsettias and greens to decorate the church for Christ's Nativity. Please write "Flowers" on the memo line of checks.

THANK YOU FROM THE SISTERHOOD. We are grateful to all who helped make spanikopita and baklava, to those who made the biscochitos and nut rolls, to those who came to bake and box, and to all who sold and purchased our baked goods. Through your efforts and prayers, we will be able to continue our charity work in 2017. God bless you for your support!

DEAR FRIENDS & CHURCH FAMILY, again many, many thanks. Prayers & Love.
...Matushka Ingrid.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE to a charitable fund for **Matushka Ingrid** all you need do is write a check to ASONA and write "Matushka Ingrid" on the "for" line and it will be passed through to her. Thank you.