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SUNDAY – December 18th, 2016

EPISTLE: Gal. 4: 4-7. GOSPEL: Mt. 2: 1-12

Saints of the Day: The Nativity of Christ

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! Who are visiting and worshipping with us this morning. Your presence has blessed us, and we pray that you also have been blessed by God and will return to visit again. A schedule of our services and special events is posted on our website along with many other interesting items and links. Please visit us there as well (www.allsaintsolyphant.org).

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(NATIVITY OF CHRIST TROPARION--TONE 4) Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shown to the world the light of wisdom! For by it those who worshiped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. O Lord, glory to Thee!

GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER, AND UNTO AGES OF AGES. AMEN.

(NATIVITY OF CHRIST KONTAKION--TONE 3) Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One! Angels with shepherds glorify Him, the wise men journey with a star, since for our sake the Eternal God is born as a Little Child!

THE EXAPOSTILARION OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY (Sung during Nativity Matins Service)
Our Savior, the Day-spring from the East, has visited us from on high. And we who were in darkness and shadow have found the Truth: For the Lord is born of the Virgin.

THEOTOKION OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY (Sung during the Divine Liturgy) Magnify, O my soul, the Most Pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts. I behold a strange, most glorious mystery! Heaven--the cave! The Cherubic Throne--the Virgin! The manger--the place where Christ lay, the uncontainable God whom we magnify
in song.

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Schedule for the week:

TODAY December 25th: 9:30AM Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows.

Saturday, December 31st: 3:30PM Confession. 4PM Vespers.

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Announcements

Fast Free Week thru January 4th. Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Fr. Paul and Patty are offering a Holiday Gathering at the Rectory December 31st following Vespers until 9 PM on New Year's Eve. Light Refreshments will be served. Please come!

Raffle basket donations. Basket proceeds fund the St. Tikhon's summer camp. Raffle scheduled for January 8th. See Dorothy Maday for chances. Also, **Mark Your Calendars.** Church School Sponsoring Breakfast after Divine Liturgy along with the raffle.

Starting March 2017: Bulletin sponsorships are needed. Please see Ken Stafursky.

The parish council has approved two public doors to be changed as emergency doors (with push bars). The cost is \$700. We are soliciting donations. Please see Fr. Paul or Reader Ken Stafursky.

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We pray to the Lord in His great mercy: to visit and heal our brothers and sisters who are in need: Subdeacon Will. Justin. Liam. Karen, Ceil, and Donna & the child to be born of her. Please keep Matushka Patty in your prayers for her safety and well-being while she is in North Carolina.

Please bring canned goods and non-perishables: We are adopting a needy family on a monthly basis and ask for your generosity and help.

Perogies: Available on Friday from 9-11:30 a.m. and Sunday 11-12. Thank you to all those for all your hard work in making them! Try some tasty Perogies!

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