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This Bulletin is offered in memory of Cornelius Mamrosch by Martha Mamrosch and Family.

God is with us! Understand, all Nations!

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel. Isaiah 7:14

Devise your strategy, but it will be thwarted; propose your plan, but it will not stand, for God is with us. Isaiah 8:10

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.... Isaiah 9:6

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. Isaiah 9:7

December 23, 2012	Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Lord	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
December 24	Eve of the Nativity of Christ our Lord	Vigil	7:00 pm
December 25		Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

The Nativity According to the Flesh of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Caspar and Balthasar. Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem watching their flocks who went to see the Lord

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

ХРИСТОС РОЖДАЕТСЯ! СЛАВИТЕ ЕГО!

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΓΕΝΝΑΤΑΙ! ΔΟΞΑΣΑΤΕ!

ハリストス生る！ あがめほめよ！

JOYEUX NŌEL! Crăciun Fericit! ἡρόσση οἰσσηος!

iFeliz Navidad! fröhliche weinachten! Buon Natale!

Veselé Vánoce! Glædelig jul! Hyvää Joulua! Καλά Χριστούγεννα!

Kellemes Karácsonyi Ünnepek! Wesolych Świąt! Natal Alegre!

С Рождеством Христовым! Veselé Vianoce! Vesel božič!

Mutlu Noeller! God jul! З Різдом Христовым! Sretan Božić!

Nadolig Llawen! Häid joule! Selamat Hari Natal! Maligayang Pasko!

Срекен Божиќ! Linksmų Kalėdų! Priecīgus Ziemassvētkus!

Весела Коледа! 耶誕快樂 Gëzuar Krishtlindjet! Geseënde Kersfees!

Glory to God in the Highest! and on earth peace to men of good will!

Слава въ вышнихъ Богу и На Земли Миръ во Человецеиъ благоволеніе!

至と高き神には光榮歸し、地には平安、人には恵み臨めり。

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO ET IN TERRA PAX HOMINIBUS BONAE VOLUNTATIS

Δόξα εν υψίστοις Θεώ! και επί γης ειρήνη με τους άνδρες της καλής θέλησης!

December 28	Saturday	Great Vespers	4:00 pm
December 29	Sunday of the Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am

Saints of the Day: Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete: Theodulus, Saturninus, Euporus, Gelasius, Eunician, Zoticus, Pompeius, Agathopus, Basilides, and Evaristus (250). New Hieromartyr Priest Basil and Hieromartyrs Macarius and John (1938). Saint Theoctistus, Archbishop of Novgorod (1310). Venerable Niphon bishop of Cyprus (4 c.). Venerable Paul, Bishop of Neo-Caesarea (4 c.). Saint Nahum of Ochrid, Enlightener of the Bulgarians (910). New Hieromartyrs Priests John Piankov and Nicholas Yakhontov (1918). Venerable David of Echmiadzin in Armenia (693). Venerable Niphon, Bishop of Cyprus (4 c.). New Hieromartyr Paul (Kratirov) Bishop of Starobelsk. Saint Egbert of Rathmelsigi (729). Saint Frithbert Bishop of Hexham (766). Virgin Saint Mazota of Abernethy (8 c.).

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Carol Gregg were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of Rose Sokol were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Nellie Hrynda.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Jamie, Walter, Ada, Clarence and Bill were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the Elnicky Family.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of Joseph and Julie Firlet, Mary Panarites, Walter Jovorosky Jr, Anne Jovorosky, Walter and Anne Jovorosky, John and Vera Prawlocki, Frank Prawlocki, Anna and Wasył Prawlocki, Paul and Kay Sokol. Glen Cooley and Walter Krenichyn were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

From The Nativity sermon by Saint John Chrysostom

"I behold a new and wondrous mystery!

My ears resound to the shepherd's song, piping no soft melody, but loudly singing a heavenly hymn!

The angels sing!

The archangels blend their voices in harmony!

The cherubim resound their joyful praise!

The Seraphim exalt His glory!

All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead herein... on earth and man in heaven. He who is above now, for our salvation, dwells here below; and we, who were lowly, are exalted by divine mercy!

Today Bethlehem resembles heaven, hearing from the stars the singing of angelic voices and, in place of the sun, witnessing the rising of the Sun of Justice!

Ask not how this is accomplished, for where God wills, the order of nature is overturned. For He willed He had the powers He descended. He saved. All things move in obedience to God.

Today He Who Is, is born ! And He Who Is becomes what He was not! For when He was God, He became man-while not relinquishing the Godhead that is His...

And so the kings have come, and they have seen the heavenly King that has come upon the earth, not bringing with Him angels, nor archangels, nor thrones, nor dominions, nor powers, nor principalities, but, treading a new and solitary path, He has come forth from a spotless womb.

Yet He has not forsaken His angels, nor left them deprived of His care, nor because of His incarnation has He ceased being God. And behold kings have come, that they might serve the Leader of the Hosts of Heaven; Women, that they might adore Him Who was born of a woman so that He might change the pains of childbirth into joy; Virgins, to the Son of the Virgin...

Infants, that they may adore Him who became a little child, so that out of the mouths of infants He might perfect praise;

Children, to the Child who raised up martyrs through the rage of Herod; Men, to Him who became man that He might heal the miseries of His servants;

Shepherds, to the Good Shepherd who was laid down His life for His sheep;

Priests, to Him who has become a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek;

Servants, to Him who took upon Himself the form of a servant, that He might bless our stewardship with the reward of freedom (Philippians 2:7);

Fishermen, to the Fisher of humanity;

Publicans, to Him who from among them named a chosen evangelist;

Sinful women, to Him who exposed His feet to the tears of the repentant woman;

And that I may embrace them all together, all sinners have come, that they may look upon the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!

Since, therefore, all rejoice, I too desire to rejoice! I too wish to share the choral dance, to celebrate the festival! But I take my part, not plucking the harp nor with the music of the pipes nor holding a torch, but holding in my arms the cradle of Christ!

For this is all my hope!

This is my life!

This is my salvation!

This is my pipe, my harp!

And bearing it I come, and having from its power received the gift of speech, I too, with the angels and shepherds, sing:

"Glory to God in the Highest! and on earth peace to men of good will! "