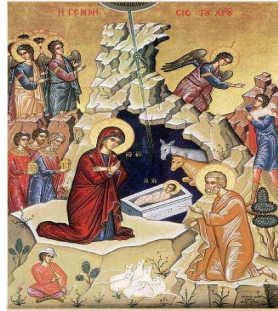


CHRISTMAS BULLETIN
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MIR BOZI – HRISTOS SE RODI ! – VAISTINU SE RODI !
PEACE OF GOD! - CHRIST IS BORN ! - INDEED HE IS BORN !

Troparion of Nativity (Tone 4)

*Your Nativity, O Christ our God, Has shone to the world the Light of wisdom!
For by it, those who worshipped the stars, Were taught by a Star to adore You,
The Sun of Righteousness, And to know You, the Orient from on High. O Lord, glory to You!*

Kontakion of Nativity (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 was born as a Little Child!*

EPISTLE: (Gal: 4,4-7)

GOSPEL: (Matthews 2:1-12) Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

Integrity

I Kings 9:4-And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments: (KJV)

Believers are required to exercise vigilance daily to preserve personal integrity. Integrity equates with a strong desire to be faithful to the Lord's commandments. Believers seeking to maintain integrity center the heart and mind on the Lord God. Temptations and perils assail all adhering carefully to the ways of the Lord God. Resoluteness of purpose and goal guide the believer toward the Lord's Kingdom. Strength and direction from the Lord order the steps of the person with integrity. Believers freely and actively choose whether to follow God's commandments.

Job 31:6- Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know mine integrity. (KJV)

The Lord God knows the motivation and contents of the believer's heart and mind. Care is absolutely necessary to maintain integrity in daily thoughts and actions. The devil must be repelled quickly when thoughts arise that endanger the soul. Love for the Lord God motivates the believers to be faithful in daily decisions. Persons with integrity appreciate the Lord God's goodness, grace and mercy. Trust in the Lord and strong faith keep the believer with integrity full focused. At the Lord's great and glorious Second Coming each person will face judgment.

Psalms 25:21-Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee (KJV)

Patience is an attribute of the Lord's believer with integrity and an upright heart. Integrity includes giving attention and adherence to the Lord's commandments. Being steeped in love of the Lord and strong faith reveal the merits of integrity. Repentance, confession and the Lord's forgiveness enable integrity to be restored. Preventive actions will protect the believer with integrity from damage to the soul. The vision of hope in the Lord enable to the person with integrity to patiently wait. Impatience is a great detriment and peril to the soul and a person's character.

Proverbs 20:7-The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him. (KJV)

Maintaining integrity carries with it benefits in earthly life and life after death. Strong belief in the Lord God's teachings give value to living a life with integrity. Personal integrity is revealed in the believer's actions at home and the community. Maintaining integrity in the face of adversity involves conviction in the heart. Workplaces can be places of peril for a person desiring to live life with integrity. Children are influenced by the degree of integrity maintained by their parents. A believer's world view and honoring of Baptism will influence personal integrity.

Placing of the Honorable Robe of the Most Holy Theotokos. July 12/15, 2020.

Hidden Valley, Pennsylvania.

Father Rodney Torbic

Donations Sunday, December 27, 2021

Offering - \$1,778.00

Candles - \$94.00

Dues - \$600.00

Bell Tower Fund

\$250 In Memory of Michael & Evelyn Raich

From: Ann & Tom Luy, Ev & Steve King and Michael & Mary Raich

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Richard & Suzette Gardenhour in memory of the Grisin & Gardenhour Families

Lawrence Bertino for the health of Sylvestr "Peti" Gjurich and Family

Lawrence Bertino In Beloved Memory of Elizabeth "Betty" Gjurich

We are very happy to welcome our new Parish Priest Father Dragan Vukovic, his Popadija Vladanka, and 3 year old son Petar who arrive last Saturday, January 2nd from Charlotte North Carolina. Please welcome them to our Church Family!

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will be celebrating their Slava Sveti Jovan (January 20) on Sunday, January 24, 2020 with the Blessing of the Kolac, zito and wine.

They will holding a Serbian Steak Take-Out Dinner on that Sunday – details to follow.

FISH FRY

Friday, January 29, 2020

3:00 PM to 6:30

Take out Only

