

NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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Orthros/Matins 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

September 11, 2016 Sunday before Holy Cross

We also Celebrate

Theodora of Alexandria
Euphrosynos the Cook

Demetrios & Evanthea the Martyrs & their son Demetrianos

Sergius and Herman of Valaam, Finland

Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Deinol the First Bishop of Bangor

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

- ♦ The Holy Eucharist is reserved for Orthodox Christians only, but you are welcome to take "Andithoron" (Holy Bread) at the end of the Service. If you want to learn more about the Orthodox Faith, please see Fr. Nick or go to the Archdiocese at: goarch.org
- ♦ During communion please allow the children and parents with newly baptized infants to go to the head of the line and the community of Orthodox Christians thereafter.
- ♦ When receiving the Holy Eucharist, come forward reverently and give your baptismal name.
- ♦ **Ladies, please remember to remove your lipstick before receiving communion.**
- ♦ Please keep in mind that when the priest is facing the congregation refrain from moving about the church and be attentive.
- ♦ Please keep in mind also that we have a "Cry Room." Parents with young children who are fussing or crying can quickly leave at any time, especially during the Epistle, Gospel, and Sermon.
- **There are certain Feast Days and seasons when the sacraments and memorial services cannot be performed. Before planning a Sacrament or a Memorial Service please check with Fr. Nick or the church office.**

~TUESDAY GROUP" Invitation ~

We invite you to please consider joining the "Tuesday Group" following the Bible study, for lunch, fellowship, fun, conversation, and cards?. This gathering is for and about fellowship. There is no cost to you! Stop on in for lunch only, or stay for the afternoon. We have a lot of Laughs, and this is a great opportunity to get to know each other better. We look forward to seeing you there! God Bless you! Sincerely, Fr. Nick & Presvytera Liza

Fr. Nick leads a Bible study group on Tuesdays at 11am - 12pm in the church hall.
ALL are welcome



Memorials



40 day for Eleni Papadakos

1 year for Maria Kamakaris

Trisagion

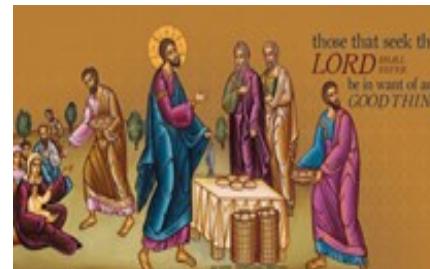
For all of those who lost their life on 9/11

May their memory be Eternal!

All families will be sponsoring today's coffee hour in memory of their loved ones.

2016 STEWARDSHIP

Pledge forms are available in the church Narthex. If you have not filled out your commitment card for 2016 please do so as soon as possible.



~ Please Pray For ~

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| Fr. George Vaporis | Vasiliki Biselas | Bessie Shell |
| Michael | Gerasimos | Soula Metopoulos |
| Maria | Chris | Eva Kocoves Fink |
| Ekaterini | Chris | Nick Morakeas |
| Sandy Zembylas | Taylor Zembylas | Jenny |
| Mia Grace Zembylas | Nick Zembylas | David |
| Despina | Athanasia | Anastasia Kyriazakos |
| Pat | Lisa Zervos | Christine |
| Karl | David | Georgia Theophelis |
| George | Vali Anne | Maria |
| Michali Christofi | Jacob Espinosa | Katerina |
| Theodora Espinosa | Maria Espinosa | Teresa |
| Elaine Galbraith | Maria Kalas | Peter Rakovitis |
| Katherine Beeny | Mel Broome | Dr. James Wahl |
| Cleo Demetriou | Theodora Bageris | Carlo Nichoff |
| Alexander Nichoff | Nick Kyriacou | Anna Kyriacou |
| Steve Kaplantzes | Michali Malfis | Maria K. |
| Panagiotis Korelis | | |

Abducted

For the safety of Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John and for their return to their communities, and all those suffering in the Middle East let us pray to the Lord.

If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer, or visitation please notify

Fr. Nick or the office.

God Hears Prayer



SERVICES/EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 SUNDAY BEFORE HOLY CROSS

Monday, September 12 ~ 4:00pm—7:pm Viewing of Dorothy Hetu-Papanastasopoulos

7:00pm Trisagion

Tuesday, September 13 ~ 11:00am Funeral Service for Dorothy Hetu-Papanastasopoulos
7:00pm Cremation at H.H. Gagliano Mortuary

7:00pm Great Vespers @ Holy Cross LÉVATION DE LA CRUCIFIXION

Wednesday, September 14 ~ ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

10:00am Divine Liturgy

**Thursday, September 15 ~ 6:30pm Greek School Open House & Registration
7:00 Parish Council Meeting**

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Friday, September 16 ~ 6:00pm Family Night Hope/Joy
Saturday, September 17 2:00pm G-1 S-1 and P-1 singing

Saturday, September 17 ~ 2:00pm Greek School Blessing & Registration at St. Con's

Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode 3.

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. He trampled death under foot by means of death; and He became the firstborn from the dead. From the maw of Hades He delivered us; and He granted the world His great mercy.

'Ηχος γ'.

Εύφραινέσθω τὰ ούρανια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτόκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἥδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion. For the Feast. Mode 4.

Your Nativity, O Theotokos, imparted joy to the entire earth, for out of you has risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He nullified the curse and instead gave His blessing; and causing death to be neutralized, He granted us eternal life.

'Ηχος δ'.

Ἡ γέννησίς σου Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν ἐμήνυσε πάσῃ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν, ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογίαν· καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον, ἐδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον.

Apolytikion of Our Church

Your Nativity, O Theotokos, brought joy to the whole world, for from you dawned the sun of righteousness, Christ our God. Freeing us from the curse, He gave us His blessings. Abolishing death, He granted us eternal life.

Ἡ γέννησίς σου, Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν ἐμήνυσε πάσῃ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν· καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν, ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογίαν· καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον, ἐδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον.

Kontakion. Mode 4.

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

'Ηχος δ'.

Ίωακεὶμ καὶ Ἀννα ὄνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὔα, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἤλευθερώθησαν, Ἀχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγίᾳ γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

Gospel Reading

The Gospel according to John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· καὶ οὐδεὶς ἀναβέβηκεν εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εἰ μὴ ὁ ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ καταβάς, ὁ οὐδὲς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ὁ ὃν ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ. καὶ καθὼς Μωϋσῆς ὑψώσε τὸν ὄφιν ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, οὕτως ὑψωθῆναι δεῖ τὸν οὐδὲν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Οὕτω γὰρ ἡγάπησεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν κόσμον, ὥστε τὸν οὐδὲν αὐτοῦ τὸν μονογενῆ ἔδωκεν, ἵνα πᾶς ὁ πιστεύων εἰς αὐτὸν μὴ ἀπόληται ἀλλ' ἔχῃ ζωὴν αἰώνιον. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Θεὸς τὸν οὐδὲν αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἵνα κρίνῃ τὸν κόσμον, ἀλλ' ἵνα σωθῇ ὁ κόσμος δι' αὐτοῦ.

Kids Basketball Golf Outing

Sept. 25, 2016

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**For information on Golfing
Or Sponsorship**

Dennis Ford /fordnovil@gmail.com



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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| Sun., September 11 | Sunday School Begins following Communion Ice cream will be served following classes in church hall |
| Tues., September 13 | 7pm Great Vespers @ Holy Cross |
| Wed., September 14 | Elevation of the Cross Services will be held @ Holy Cross @ 10am |
| Thurs., September 15 | 6:30pm Greek School Open House & Registration |
| Fri., September 16 | 6pm Family Night & Hope/Joy |
| Sat. September 17 | 2pm Greek School Blessing & Registration @ Sts. Constantine & Helen |
| Mon. September 20 | 10am Greek School Begins 6pm Greek School |
| Fri., September 24 | 6:30pm Pizza Party - Nativity Dancers & Parents |
| Sun., September 25 | Nativity Church Golf Outing Fundraiser for Kids Basketball Program Tee off: 2:30pm (See Dennis Ford for more info) |
| Mon., September 26 | Fallen Asleep of St. John the Theologian 9am Orthros 10am Divine Liturgy 6:30pm Ministry meeting @ Karl's Cabin |

Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

BRETHREN, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Ἄδελφοί, ἵδετε πηλίκοις ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρί. "Οσοι θέλουσιν εύπροσωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκὶ, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτεμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχήσωνται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται, κάγω τῷ κόσμῳ. Ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὕτε περιτομή τι ἴσχύει, οὕτε ἀκριβυστία, ἀλλὰ καὶνή κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτούς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἀμήν.

MINISTRY MEETING

will be held at Karl's Cabin on Monday, September 26th at 6:30pm. All Ministry heads and Parish Council members are urged to attend to go over this year's calendars.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Registration and classes will begin today, September 14th following communion. Blessing of class rooms and Ayiaorou after service. Ice cream will be served in the church hall following class.



Our Web Site is now being upgraded and improved. Please check it out and send any comments or suggestions to:
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www.nativitygochurch.org



FAMILY NIGHT

We can't wait for our groups to meet again on

**Friday, September 16th @ 6:00pm at
Family Night!**

At Family Night, each family will bring a side dish and the church will supply the main course, and we all will have a great meal together .

The HOPE and JOY boys will meet for a Altar Boy meeting with Fr. Nick and girls will have a special event.

This is not just for the families of Hope/Joy but the entire Nativity Family!

Hope to see you all there!

As a reminder, JOY group is for all 8-12 year olds, and HOPE group is all 4/5-7 year olds.

Both groups meet on Family Night.

Please R.S.V.P. to lizamarcus@hotmail.com

FOCUS Detroit



is in need of more Back to School supplies for our Detroit school kids. All type of school supplies are still needed: pencils, crayons, notebooks, etc. please consider buying a few extras when purchasing your school supplies. Please give to Presvytera Liza and will deliver to FOCUS Detroit on September 21.

