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January 5th, 2020
(Old Calendar Date: December 23rd, 2019)
29th Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 4)
Sunday Before Nativity

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vespers
Sunday: 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Monday: 6:00 PM Nativity Vigil Service
Tuesday: 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Confession: After Saturday Service or before Sunday Liturgy

Pastoral Counseling: By appointment

For all pastoral needs and services, please call (402) 327-1850

Please first follow the **Sunday Troparion and Kontakion** (according to the Tone of the week as noted above) from your pew book. Then the saint(s) of the day:

Troparion — Tone 4

Prepare, O Bethlehem, for Eden has been opened to all. / Adorn yourself, O Ephratha, for the tree of life blossoms forth from the Virgin in the cave. / Her womb is a spiritual paradise planted with the divine fruit: / If we eat of it, we shall live forever and not die like Adam. / Christ comes to restore the image, which He made in the beginning.

Kontakion — Tone 3

Today, the Virgin comes to the cave / to give birth to the eternal word. / Hear the glad tidings and rejoice, O universe! / Glorify with the angels and the shepherds / the eternal God, who is willing to appear as a little child. Speedily come to our aid, / for You are merciful and able to do as you will.

Sunday Before the Nativity Feast

The Sunday before the *Nativity of the Lord* (December 18-24) is known as the *Sunday of the Holy Fathers*. On this day, the Church commemorates all those who were well-pleasing to God from all ages, from Adam to Saint Joseph (the Betrothed of the Theotokos), those who are mentioned in the genealogy of Luke (chapter 3:23-38). The holy prophets and prophetesses are also remembered today, especially the prophet Daniel and the three holy youths (December 17).

Nativity Feast Services

His Grace, bishop Marius (Sidau) from Michigan, is visiting this weekend and will stay over the Nativity Feast (Orthodox Christmas). He will conduct Saturday Vespers and Sunday Liturgy, then concelebrate Christmas Vigil on Monday (6 PM) and Divine Liturgy on Tuesday (11 AM).

We are planning a *Christmas Get-together* at the pastor's house on Tuesday after Divine Liturgy.

New Calendars

The Church calendars for the year 2020 are here. Please help yourself. They are located in the tract rack.

