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January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
(Old Calendar Date: December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019)  
30<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost (Tone 5)  
~ Sunday After Nativity ~

Saturday: 5:00 PM Vespers  
Sunday: 11:00 AM Divine Liturgy

~ Tuesday, January 14, 2020 is Old Calendar New Year ~

**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**

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 — 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.

*From the Orthodox Catechism ...*

Q. What is our religion called?  
A. The Christian Religion.

Q. Why is it called the Christian religion?  
A. Because Christ gave it to the world.

Q. State its teachings briefly.

A. God made the world and created one pair of human beings upon the earth. Our first parents were fashioned well, but they disobeyed God, and through the sin of disobedience their mind was darkened and they lost God. Their heart became evil. From thence they fell into all wickedness and into death. Their descendants suffered likewise. But God through His love to His creatures sent His Son Jesus Christ, who became man, taught concerning the true God and what His will is, founded His Church, that it might continue His work, was crucified that He might propitiate divine righteousness, which had been insulted by the sin of our first parents, and reconcile men with God, and was buried. But after three days He arose; forty days after the Resurrection He was received into Heaven and fifty days after the Resurrection He sent the Holy Spirit that He might guide His Church into all truth. From thenceforth all who desired to be saved from sin and be happy both in this life and in that to come MUST believe in Christ, receive Divine Grace through the Sacraments and conform to His teachings, especially to that concerning love.

*Please follow us this year as we feature one or more questions from "Orthodox Catechism" (published by EAC Publications, 2017, ISBN 1546910131). Catechisms are doctrinal manuals - often in the form of questions followed by answers to be memorized - a format that has been used in non-religious or secular contexts as well.*

**More Calendars**

**Additional Church calendars for the year 2020 have arrived as well. Please help yourself. They are located in the tract rack.**

