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Stephen Kelsey - Church School

Sunday, Dec 20, **28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 3. SUNDAY BEFORE THE**

NATIVITY. Sunday of the Holy Fathers. Sts. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, Joshua. St. Ignatius the God-bearer, Bishop of Antioch. Repose of St. John of Kronstadt.

Epistle:

Gospel:

Heb. 11:9-10,17-23,32-40

Matt. 1:1-25

Tuesday & Wednesday, Dec 22-23, Funeral of +Archbishop Job

Fr. Mark traveling to Chicago for the funeral

Thursday, Dec 24, **EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST**

Royal Hours, 6:30 am

*** Note: This is a Strict Fast Day ***

Vigil for the Nativity of Christ, 6:00 pm

Friday, Dec 25, **THE NATIVITY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH**

OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Divine Liturgy for the Feast, 10 am

The Completion of the Nativity Fast

Christ is Born! Christos Rojdaetsia! Glorify Him!

Saturday, Dec 26

Great Vespers for the Resurrection, 6 pm

Sunday, Dec 27, **29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 4. THIRD DAY OF THE FEAST**

OF THE NATIVITY. Sunday After the Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones:

Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord,

Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (34 A.D.).

Sixth Hour, 9:50 am

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 10 am

Epistle:

Gospel:

Gal. 1:11-19 (Sun. After)

Matt. 2:13-23 (Sun. After)

Rescheduled Parish Council Meeting, following coffee and fellowship

+ARCHBISHOP JOB FALLS ASLEEP IN THE LORD

Our former bishop, His Eminence Archbishop of Job of Chicago and the Midwest, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, December 18. His death, the result of respiratory problems from pneumonia, is a shock to all. His services will be in Chicago Tuesday and Wednesday this week. He was greatly loved and will be greatly missed. May his memory be eternal!

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ ushers in *the new year* of grace and life (cf. Lk. 4:18-22). He draws us into his very being. Sin and death, sickness and sorrow, fear and anguish are swallowed up by the very life and love of God who became a child. God is With Us! May the Lord God bless you all at this Feast of the Nativity of Jesus Christ!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FROM THE CHURCH

Continuing our long tradition, we express our appreciation by providing Christmas baskets to our shut-ins and those who cannot attend Church regularly. All of them, along with all of us, are integral members of our "Body of Christ," the Church. And special thanks to those who prepared and delivered the baskets.

NEW YEARS DAY - FEAST OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT - AT ST. VASILIOS

St. Vasilios parish has invited our parish to join with them for their Patronal Feast Day, celebrated with Metropolitan Methodios. This is the feast of St. Basil the Great, celebrated on **New Years Day**. Matins is at 9 am, Divine Liturgy at 10 am.

LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 31	Thursday	New Years Eve - Great Vespers with Litya, 7 pm
Jan 1	Friday	New Years Day, Divine Liturgy at St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church, Peabody, 10 am
Jan 5	Tuesday	Royal Hours for Theophany, 6:30 am
Jan 6	Wednesday	Holy Theophany and the Great Blessing of Waters House Blessings Begin