

# St. George Melkite-Greek Catholic Church

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## **December 17, 2017 — Sunday of the Forefathers**

### **Today's Divine Liturgy**

**Intention:** Andrew Geiger, Jr. (Req. by the Roxas Family)

**Typica (p. 22ff, sung by cantor) and Beatitudes (p. 86ff)**

#### **Troparia:**

1. **Resurrection tone 3 p. 73**
2. **Of the Forefathers:** Through faith, You have justified Your Ancestors, O Christ our God; and through them, You have espoused in advance the Church set apart from the Gentiles. The saints rejoice in glory because, from the seed of these Ancestors, has come forth the glorious fruit, who gave You birth without seed. Through their intercessions, O Christ God, save our souls!
3. **St. George, p. 25**
4. **Kontakion for Pre-Nativity:** Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth to the Eternal Word of God in an ineffable manner. Rejoice therefore, O Universe, when you hear this news, and glorify with the angels and the Shepherds, Him who shall appear as a new Child being God from all eternity.

**Prokeimenon:** *Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our Fathers,  
and your name is worthy of praise, and glorious forever.*

**Epistle:** Colossians 3:4-11 (Reader: Marcelino Roxas. Next Sunday: Gregory Zimmerman.)

**Gospel:** Luke 14:16-24

**Ushers:** Mark Spankowski. (Next Sunday: Said Audi, Bill Koutris.)

### **Who's Who**

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## **SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK AND THE NATIVITY**

**Today:** Potluck after Liturgy for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Temple

**Monday:** No Services

**Tuesday:** 7:15 a.m. Morning Prayer: First Hour

**Wednesday:** 7:15 a.m. Morning Prayer: Third Hour

**Thursday:** 7:15 a.m. Morning Prayer: First Hour

**Friday:** **Parmony of the Nativity: Strict Fast**  
7:15 a.m. Morning Prayer: Third Hour

**Saturday:** 6 p.m. Great Vespers

**Sunday:** 9:45 a.m. Matins  
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the Resurrection  
6 p.m. Great Vespers for the Nativity

**Monday:** **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**  
9:45 a.m. Matins  
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Congratulations and happy birthday** to Marlene Vukovic (12/21). God grant you many years!

### **Stewardship**

Last Sunday: Ordinary collection = \$978; candle offerings = \$72; donations = \$1600.  
**Thanks** for your generosity.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL:** As we prepare our hearts and our homes to receive the greatest gift in human history — the "New Child who is God from all eternity" — let us remember our Melkite Church by which Christ Himself comes to our families and loved ones. Christ relies upon your generosity to accomplish His great work! Extra forms are available on the back table.

### **Prayer List**

Please remember — All those who are sick and in need: Alice & John Herro, Bill Koutris, Joe Frenn, Bill & Kathy Jones, Daphne Knowles-Thoma, Nick Langenfeld, Fr. Philaret, Henry Look, Fr. Frank Milienewicz (former pastor), Alice Nasr, Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, Beth Rodwell, Kathy Tomaz, David L. Toepper (David Toepper's father), Jennifer Whitmore, John Zambo, Kathy Zambo, and Dan Z. All those who have died: Andrew Geiger.