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December 30, 2018 — Sunday before the Theophany

Intention: Health of GILBERTO Morales (req. Fr. Philaret)

Troparia:

1. *Resurrection (tone 7)*, p. 77
2. *Of the Nativity*, see insert
3. St. Joseph
4. *Kondakion of the Nativity*, see insert

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save your people / and bless your inheritance.

Epistle: Timothy: 4: 5-8 (Today: Benjamin Newman. Next Sunday: Maya Audi)

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (the Ministry of John)

Ushers: Joseph Wahhab, Mark Spankowski (Next Sunday: George Baho, Said Audi)

Stewardship

Last Sunday: second collections (Holy Resurrection Monastery)=\$107; candles=\$26; ordinary collections=\$766; donations=\$370; bookstore=\$20; stole offerings=\$60. Thanks for your generosity! Thank you to Joe Radanovich for decorating the church for the Nativity and for the recent donation of a new lance and spoon for the altar.

The Bishop's Appeal: Today, the annual Bishop's Appeal officially ends in all our parishes. However, gifts to the Bishop's Appeal will continue to be received and credited to our parish until 31 January 2019 for all who make end-of-year donations. Your gift means so much to so many! Our Father and Shepherd, Bishop Nicholas, thanks you for your generous support and asks God's abundant blessings upon you and all your family as we prepare for the Holy Theophany in this New Year of grace!

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Mary Fisher (Benjamin Newman's aunt and godmother), Alice & John Herro, Bill Koutris, Bill & Kathy Jones, Nick Langenfeld, Henry Look, Fr. Frank Milienewicz (former pastor), Barb & Bruce Moden (sister- and brother- in-law of Jan Taylor), Alice Nasr, Eva Nora (niece of the Noras), Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, Beth Rodwell, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, Espe Villasenor, John Zambo and Kathy Zambo.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Tuesday: *Circumcision of our Lord*
7:30am Morning Prayer: Third Hour

Wednesday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Thursday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: Third Hour

Friday: *Paramony of the Theophany (Strict Fast)*
7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Saturday: 5pm Great Vespers (New Time for 2019)

Sunday: *THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD*
9:45am Orthros (Matins)
10:30am Divine Liturgy
Great Blessing of Water

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Maya Audi (12/30) and Shelley Olson Makhlof (12/31). May God grant you many years!

Kontakion of the Theophony

Today You have appeared to the world, O Lord, and Your light has shone upon us. Realizing who You are, we sing to You a hymn of praise. You have come and made Yourself know, O Inaccessible Light.

New Year, New Time for Resurrectional Vespers

Effective January 5, 2019, Resurrectional Vespers will be on Saturday evenings at 5pm.

2019 Eparchial Calendars

Available on the back table and from the parish office. The theme this year is the mysteries of the church. As described by Bishop Nicholas in the introductory letter, "in and through these mysteries we encounter the living God through Jesus Christ and develop a personal relationship with him. Without a personal relationship with Christ, our faith is empty and mere words. We need to encounter Him and know him in a personal way, not just know about Him. Read each month's teaching to assist you in living in Christ. And take time weekly to celebrate this faith with your family in discussion and family catechesis." The calendar also includes the daily/weekly scripture readings, the saint of the day and feast and fasting days.