

### **Remember in Your Prayers**

- The visiting seminarians (St Tikhon's) Austin & Brittany
- The newly-reposed Roger, relative of Ryan Alex
- For the renewed health of Bobby and Lindsay Earle
- For the newly-illuminated child, Emmelia Mika, who was baptized Christmas Eve. Congratulations to Tim & Olga!

### **Namedays, Birthdays, and Anniversaries**

This week, Elizabeth Fisher celebrated her birthday. *May God grant her many years!*

### **Parish Building Fund**

As of today, our Mission has raised nearly \$70,000; glory to God. Every dollar will be matched and we have the blessing of having (over) doubled our Building Fund!!!

**Pledge Forms last call:** please turn them in to Jayson Treirweiler or Helen Levenetz. Our Budget Committee meets this week.

### **St. Euphrosynos Ministry - Agape Meal Schedule**

**Dec 31st** – Brandon Davie's Team

**Jan 7th** – Matushka Elizabeth's Team

### **Altar Server Schedule**

**This week** – Vespers: Stavros, Toby; Divine Liturgy: Logan, Daniel, Evan

**Next week** – Eve of Theophany (Fri 9:30am): Evan, James, Toby, Soren; (Fri 6pm): Miles, Thomas;

Theophany (Sat 9am): Daniel, Luke, Stavros, Miles; Vespers: James, Soren; Divine Liturgy: Toby, Logan, Evan, Thomas

### **+Weekly Services at St. Katherine Orthodox Church+**

Wednesday 6:15 pm – *Akathist/Paraklesis*

Saturday – 5:00pm – *Great Vespers*

Sunday – 9:10 am – *Hours*; 9:30 am - *Divine Liturgy*

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## **Saint Katherine of Alexandria Orthodox Church**

**Weekly Bulletin - Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

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**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost:** Sunday after the Nativity of Christ Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, the Brother of the Lord/Leavetaking of the Nativity

**Epistle:** Galatians 1:11-19 **Gospel:** Matthew 2:13-23

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### **Troparion of the Resurrection - Tone 5**

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

### **Troparion for the Feast - Tone 4**

Thy 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 Thee, the Sun of righteousness, and to know Thee, the Dayspring from on high.// O Lord, glory to Thee!

### **Kontakion of the Feast - 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 the star,// since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child.

### **Kontakion to Saint Katherine - Tone 2**

Let all of us who love to honor the martyrs, form a great choir in praise of the most wise Katherine, for she preached Christ and trampled the serpent, despising the knowledge of the orators!

**Welcome to all our guests!**

We are glad you are able to be with us this day. Guests are invited to join us for coffee and a lunch meal after the Divine Liturgy.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Epistle – Galatians 1:11-19**

*<sup>11</sup> But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. <sup>12</sup> For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: <sup>14</sup> And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup> But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, <sup>16</sup> To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: <sup>17</sup> Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. <sup>18</sup> Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup> But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.*

**Gospel – Matthew 2:13-23**

*<sup>13</sup> And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. <sup>14</sup> When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: <sup>15</sup> And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. <sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, <sup>18</sup> In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. <sup>19</sup> But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. <sup>21</sup> And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: <sup>23</sup> And he*

*came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.*

**FESTAL COMMENTARY**

**The Feast of Epiphany** is when we celebrate our Lord's baptism in the river Jordan by St. John the Forerunner. Another name for the feast is **Theophany**, for it is shown—it is revealed at Jesus Christ's baptism—that He is the Son of God. Indeed, the Holy Trinity is revealed at His baptism, for the Father says, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased," and the Holy Spirit descends upon Him in the form of a dove. The meaning of the Feast of Christmas is fulfilled at Theophany, for now it is made clear that the One born in Bethlehem is truly God, come to restore our fallen nature and to renew the entire creation by uniting humanity with divinity in Himself. And even as the Son of God entered our world at His birth, He now enters the flowing water of a river in order to make it holy, in order to bring His blessing and fulfillment upon the world that He created. For the entire creation was subjected to futility because of the rebellion of our first parents. As St. Paul wrote to the Romans, "the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now" for it also "will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God... To be baptized into Christ is to die from all that separates us from God. It is to share in the blessing that our Lord has brought to the entire world; it is to see all of the creation as holy, as participating in the transformation and healing of the Kingdom. Every dimension of our lives must become an epiphany, a showing or manifestation, of God's salvation. We are to offer every aspect of our life, and every bit of the world with which we come in contact, to the Lord as a sacrament, as a participation in the Holy Mystery of God. For nothing is outside the scope of His love; nothing is separate from His will for a new heaven and new earth. He wants the entire creation—yes, the whole universe— to shine brightly with the glory of the His divinity, and that includes us. It's time to prepare the way of the Lord and make His paths straight. For He comes to renew all creation and to bring us into the glory of His kingdom. He comes to make all reality an icon of His holiness. Let's not stand in the way; let's not refuse His blessing, but instead live as those who, having died to sin, truly wear a garment of light.

+Fr Philip LeMasters+

**+PARISH LIFE+**

**Weekly Services Coming Up**

**Jan 4, 6:15pm:** Royal Hours for Feast of Theophany

**Jan 5:** 6:30pm-Vigil for Theophany

**Jan 6:** THEOPHANY of the Lord; 9:30am-Festal Liturgy; 1:00pm-Great Blessing of Waters (at S. Ponto Beach); No Catechism; 5:00pm-Great Vespers

**Jan 13, 2:00pm:** Great Blessing of Waters (at La Jolla Cove) w/Archbishop BENJAMIN; Great Vespers to follow on nearby lawn

**Jan 20, 8:00am:** San Diego Walk for Life, Moleben 8am, Walk 8:30

**Jan 21:** Annual General Meeting (with a superb Agape meal!)