

## On the Divine Liturgy

### Sharing His Presence with the World

What is the last thing that we do at the Divine Liturgy? It isn't coming forward to venerate the cross, not is it to receive the *antidoron* or to sing a hymn. Then what is it? It's to leave the Church.

We, as God's people, assemble to enter into His Presence and even eat and drink with Him at the Mystical Supper that He has provided us. Then we disperse - in order to take God's Presence into the world. In a very practical way, this means that we're supposed to be **missionaries** of God's Presence and kingdom in the world. This is the heart of being evangelical. We have received His divine gifts - and so we must share them freely with everyone. The Divine Liturgy sums up our entire Christian life. We are empowered to bring the gift of god's loving and compassionate Presence - Christ in the Holy Spirit - to a lost and hurting world torn apart by human cruelty, lust, and greed. This is our mission in life: to serve others by sharing with them the gift of communion with the one, true, and living God. Only then will we discover the true meaning and purpose of our lives.

The final act of receiving is giving.

from Guide to the Divine Liturgy, by Robert Krantz

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Do you have a special event or announcement for Sunday?

**PLEASE e-mail or call it in to the Church Office  
before noon Wednesday** for inclusion in the Sunday Bulletin.

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**Please Note** - According to Sacred Tradition in the Orthodox Church, the position of prayer is standing. This applies particularly at Communion time, when Jesus Christ Himself is truly present, in His Body and Blood which rests in the Chalice. This is not a time to sit - out of reverence **all should remain standing.**

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### To Our Visitors:

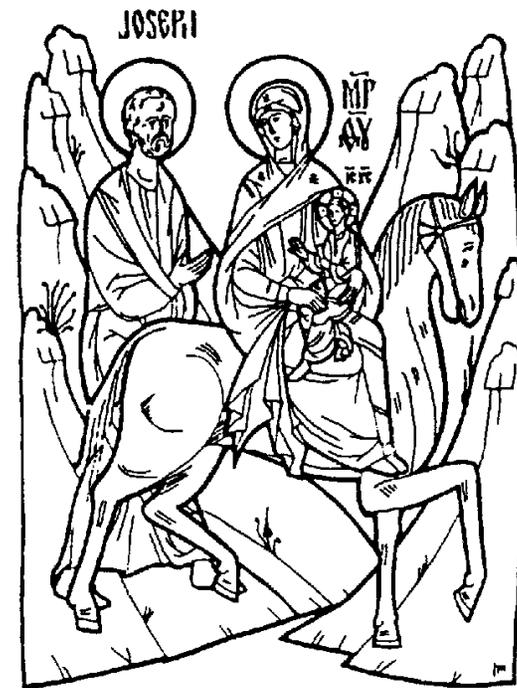
We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church - and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament - may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread.

*Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*

## Ss Constantine & Helen

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Pacific

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December 29, 2013

Sunday after the Nativity

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Commemoration of: 14,000 infants (Holy Innocents) slain by Herod in Bethlehem

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### Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

*Ote katilthes* (Hymn of the Day) Tone 2

*I Gennisis Sou Christe* (Hymn of the Feast) Tone 4

*Your birth, O Christ our God, dawned the light of knowledge upon the earth. For by Your birth those who adored stars, were taught by a star, to worship You, the Sun of Justice and to know You, Orient from on High. O Lord, glory to You.*

*Evangelizou Iosif* (Hymn of St. Joseph) Tone 2

*O Joseph, proclaim to David, the ancestor of God, the good news of the miracles you witnessed; you saw a virgin give birth; you worshipped with the Magi; you gave glory with the shepherds; you conferred with an angel. Be-seech our God to save our souls.*

*Tou Stavrou Sou* (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

*Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which you guard in peace forever, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone love mankind.*

### Kontakion

*I Parthenos Simeron* Tone 3

*Today, the Virgin bears Him who is transcendent, and the earth presents the cave to Him who is beyond reach. Angels, along with shepherds, glorify Him. The Magi make their way to Him by a star. For a new child has been born for us, the God before all ages.*

### Epistle Reading

Galatians 1:11-19

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Je-

rusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

### This Week

Tues 12/31– *Great Vespers on New Year's Eve*– 6:30 pm

Wed 1/1- Circumcision of Our Lord / St. Basil the Great

*Orthros* 8:30 am, *Divine Liturgy* 9:30 am

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Sat 1/4– *Byzantine Chant*– 5-6 pm; *Great Vespers* - 6:30 pm

Sun 1/5– Blessing of the Waters; 2014 Parish Council Oath of Office and Internal Election of Officers; \*\*\*Strict Fast Day\*\*\*

### Schedule for the Following Week

Mon 1/6- Epiphany: *Orthros* 8:30 am, *Divine Liturgy* 9:30 am, followed by the *Blessing of the Waters*

Tues 1/7– Synaxis of St. John the Baptist: *Orthros* 8:30 am, *Divine Liturgy* 9:30 am

Thurs 1/9– *Parish Council Meeting*– 5:30 pm

Sat 1/11– *Marriage Blessing for Aquiles and Alba Castillo*- 4 pm