

Quotes from the Holy Fathers on the Nativity of Christ

“With the God-man Christ, all that is God’s has become man’s, human, ours, so that each of us individually and all of us assembled together in the Divine-human body of Christ, the Church, might become god-men, having attained ‘to the perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ’ (Eph 4:12-13). Therefore Christmas, the day of the birth of the God-man, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the greatest and most important day in the history of all the world in which man moves and lives.”

~St. Nikolai Velimirovich

“... the Lord...Word of God...came down to earth and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and Mary the Virgin and became man, without change becoming our equal in all things save sin, so that, traversing all that which is ours, He might re-forged and make that first man anew and, through him, all of us who were begotten and came into being from him and are like him who engendered us. Since, because Adam who engendered us had become corruptible and mortal—and, I will add, deaf and blind – and, by reason of his transgression, both naked and insensible of his divine vesture, such being the man of dust, so as well have they all become who were born of him: of dust, corruptible, mortal, deaf, blind, naked and insensible, differing in no way from the irrational animals or, better, become even worse than the beasts as having embraced all the latter’s’ passions and taken them into themselves.”

~St. Symeon the New Theologian

“O man, for your sake was Christ born, and the Son of God came that He might make you to live; He became a babe, He became a child, and He became a man, being (at the same time) God in His Nature, and the Son of God.”

~The Paradise of the Holy Fathers

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Commemoration of: Patapios of Thebes; Apollo, Tychikos, Sothenes, Cephas, Epaphroditos, Caesar, and Onesiphoros, Apostles of the 70

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Katelisas to Stavro (Resurrection Hymn) Tone 7

By Your cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrh-bearer's sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.

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 goes forth, making her way to a cave where from her, ineffably, God the eternal Word will be born. Let the world be filled with joy, hearing these tidings. Joining the angels and shepherds let us give glory to Him who is God from all ages, yet wills to be seen as a little child.

Epistle Reading Ephesians 2:14-22

BRETHREN, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Gospel Reading Luke 13:10-17

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because

Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Activities & Announcements

- ✘ **Parish Council Elections**– Parish Council Elections are scheduled to take place, today, following services. Please go to and sign in at the Bookstore, pick up your ballot, fill it out, and return it to the ballot box in a timely manner, before the polls close. Our **8** candidates running to fill **4** open positions on the Parish Council are: **Tina Dimitrion, Julie Licina, Shota Mcheidze, Maria Naval, Mindy Scordilis, Stelios Scordilis, Andrew Tujios, and Austin Vali.** Please note: On you ballot, vote for 4 or less candidates! If you vote for more than 4 candidates, your ballot will be deemed "invalid."
- ✘ **Choir News**– Our senior and youth choirs are participating in caroling at several Senior Care Facilities in Honolulu in the month of December, before Christmas. The remaining schedule is as follows: **Sunday, December 8, 1 p.m.**, at Leahi Hospital, 3675 Kilauea Avenue; **Sunday December 15, 1 p.m.**, at Hale Ho Aloha ICF/SNF, 2670 Pacific Heights Road; **Sunday, December 22, 1:45 p.m.** at Hale Nani Rehab. & Nursing, 1677 Pensacola Street.
- ✘ **St. Spyridon the Wonderworker**– Thursday, December 12: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
- ✘ **Christmas Pageant & Rehearsals**– Our students are getting ready for our upcoming Christmas Pageant which will take place Sunday, December 15th. We have one more Saturday Rehearsal on December 14th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- ✘ **Christmas Concert**– On Sunday, December 22, our adult and youth choirs will have a Christmas Concert immediately following services to bring in the "cheer" of our Lord's Nativity.
- ✘ **Parish Address List**– We are working on updating our address list. Fr. Alex realized in the preparation of the Monthly "Shorelines" Bulletin for December, that the address list is outdated and needs major updating. If you notice any errors in the listings, please provide us with correct listing by calling or e-mailing our office!

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.*