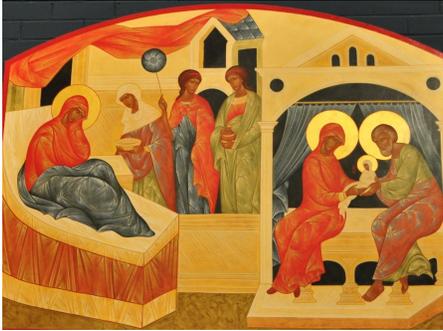


Nativity of the Theotokos

September 8

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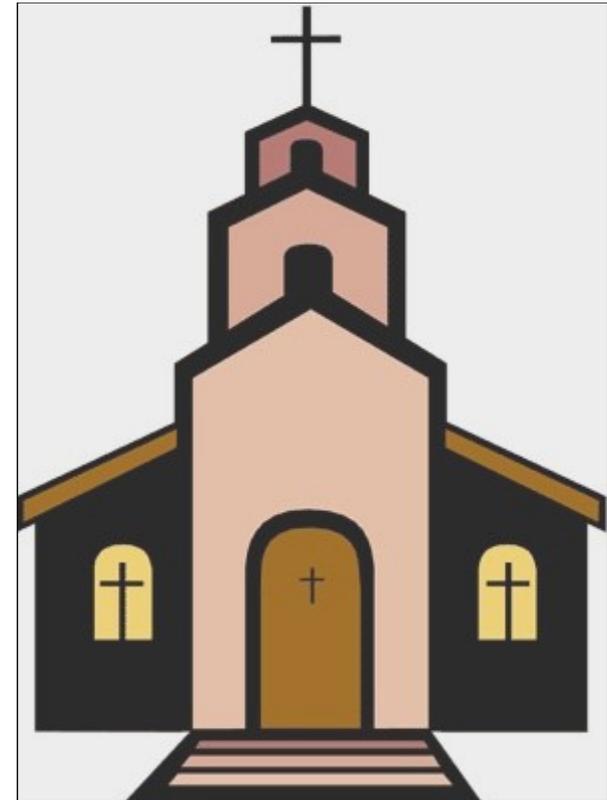
The birth and early life of the Virgin Mary is not recorded in the Gospels or other books of the New Testament, however this information can be found in a work dating from the second century known as the Book of James or Protevangelion.

According to the story found in this book, Mary's parents, Joachim and Anna, were childless for many years. They remained faithful to God, but their prayers for a child were unanswered. One day, when Joachim came to the temple to make an offering, he was turned away by the High Priest who chastised him for his lack of children. To hide his shame, Joachim retreated to the hill country to live among the shepherds and their flocks.

As Joachim was praying, his wife Anna was praying at the same time at their house in Jerusalem. An angel appeared to both of them and announced that Anna would have a child whose name would be known throughout the world. Anna promised to offer her child as a gift to the Lord. Joachim returned home, and in due time Anna bore a daughter, Mary.

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Commemoration of: Cornelius the Centurion & Martyr; Hierotheos, the Righteous of Iveron Monastery, Mount Athos

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

To fethron (Hymn of the Day) Tone 4

When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy. (Green Hymnal)

Ton uranion stration (Archangel) Tone 4

*O Chief Commander of the heavenly armies, * we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, * to fortify us by your supplications to the Lord, * and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory, * guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: * As the Commander of the hosts on high, * rescue us faithful from dangers of every kind.*

Tu Stavru su ton tipon (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 forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover of mankind. (Dr. Tikey Zes)

Kontakion Tone 4

Ioakim ke Anna
Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life." (AgesInitiatives.com)

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

BRETHREN, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set

a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

Announcements

Today

✘ SUN, 9/6– 13th Sunday of Matthew;

This Week

- ✘ MON, 9/7– Labor Day; Great Vespers via Zoom 6:30 p.m.
- ✘ TUE, 9/8– Nativity of the Theotokos via Zoom: Orthros 8:30 a.m., followed by Divine Liturgy
- ✘ WED, 9/9– Clergy-Laity Congress via Live Stream
- ✘ THU, 9/10– Clergy-Laity Congress via Live Stream; Prayer Ministry 11 a.m.; Parish Council Meeting via Zoom 5:30 p.m.
- ✘ SAT, 9/12– Great Vespers via Zoom
- ✘ SUN, 9/13– Sunday before Holy Cross; Adult Religious Education via Zoom: "The Fruit of the Spirit– Love" pt. one 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry meets every Thursday by phone at 11 a.m. For information, email prayer@greekorthodoxhawaii.org or call the church office at 521-7220.

New Greek Class

The new Greek Class, based on Papaloizos Publications, will meet via Zoom every Thursday at 4 p.m. Contact Stelio Scordilis for information, sscordilis@gmail.com.

Zoom Link for all Services (until end of 2 Week Stay at Home Order)

Meeting ID: 645 401 0911; Password: 990890

We are planning to return to in-person services, pending status of Stay at Home Orders, on Sundays and via Facebook Live Streaming, on September 13th.