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Troparion (Tone 4)

Your 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 You,
the Sun of righteousness,

and to know You, the Orient from on
high.//

O Lord, glory to You!

Kontakion (Tone 3)

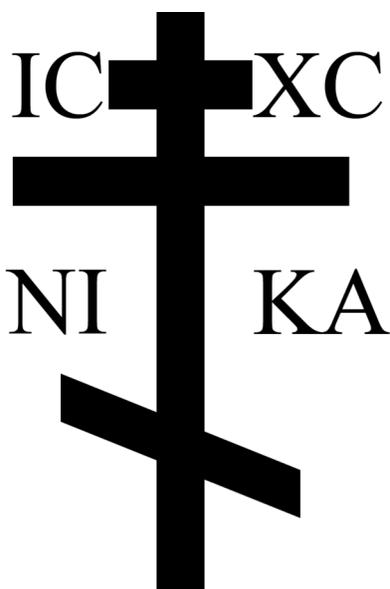
Today the Virgin gives birth to the
Transcendent One,

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!



December 25, 2011

28thSUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 3
(14th of Luke). THE NATIVITY ACCORDING
TO THE FLESH OF OUR LORD GOD AND
SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

Living: Lena, Bobby, David, Nina,
Anna McCartney, Simon and Mary
Herbert, Michael Wanenchak, Roy
family and friends, Melanie Albrecht,
Witiak family, Emelie Albrecht [roof
fund donation]. **May God Grant
Then Many Years!**

Departed: Liz, John Slivka. **May
Their Memories Be Eternal!**

Upcoming Services

Saturday	Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	Festal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m. <i>Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy</i>

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' " Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Announcements

Baptism

Our cathecumen, Sheeba, will be baptized on Saturday, January 7, at 10:00 a.m. Please make every effort to support Sheeba and our church by attending this baptism.

Weekly Financial Statement (12.11.11)

Attendance: 44

Income: \$1574.21

Expenditures: \$1603.18

Net Total: -\$28.97

The feast day of your birth resembles You, Lord,
Because it brings joy to all humanity.
Old people and infants alike enjoy your day.
Your day is celebrated
from generation to generation.
Kings and emperors may pass away,
And the festivals to commemorate them soon
lapse.
But your festival
will be remembered until the end of time.
Your day is a means and a pledge of peace.
At Your birth heaven and earth were reconciled,
Since you came from heaven to earth on that day
You forgave our sins and wiped away our guilt.
You gave us so many gifts on the day of your birth:
A treasure chest of spiritual medicines for the
sick;
Spiritual light for the blind;
The cup of salvation for the thirsty;
The bread of life for the hungry.
In the winter when trees are bare,
You give us the most succulent spiritual fruit.
In the frost when the earth is barren,
You bring new hope to our souls.
In December when seeds are hidden in the soil,
The staff of life springs forth from the virgin
womb.

St. Ephraim the Syrian (AD 306-373)