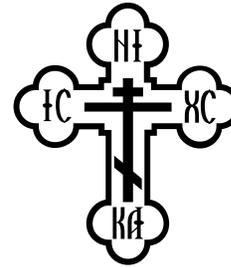
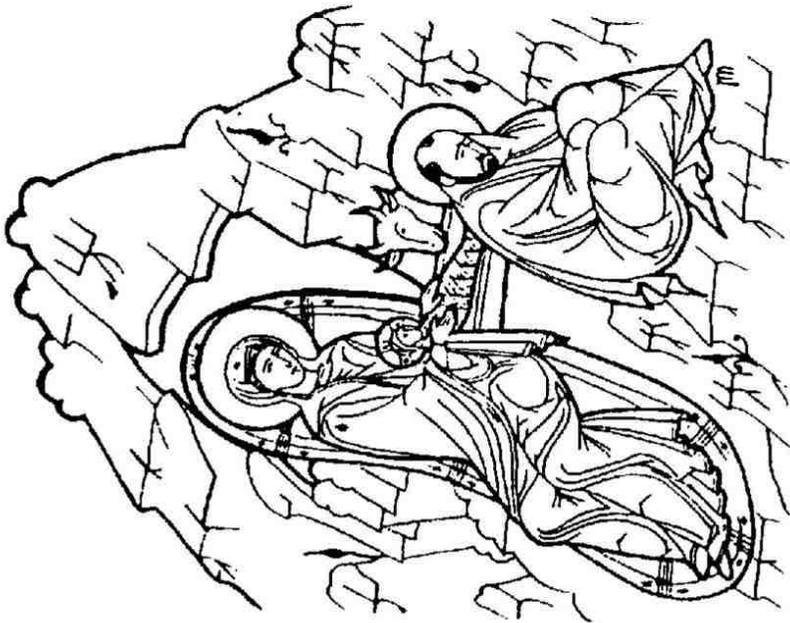


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Archbishop Benjamin to Visit Saturday, December 9th The Ordination of Reader Steven Hille to the Holy Diaconate

Everyone is encouraged to attend the ordination of Rdr. Steven Hille to the holy diaconate when His Eminence, Archbishop Benjamin, visits our parish on Saturday, December 9th.

We will greet His Eminence at 9:30 a.m. at the doors of the church. All the young girls of the parish are encouraged to meet His Eminence with flowers as he exits the Parish House on his way to the church. The Senior Warden, Sdn. Dimitri Pletz will greet His Eminence at the doors with traditional bread and salt. His Eminence will be greeted by the clergy, and will vest in the center of the Church. He will ordain Rdr. Steven a Subdeacon prior to the Liturgy, and to the diaconate ahead of the "Litany before the Lord's Prayer."

A reception for His Eminence and the Deacon Steven will follow Liturgy. A sign up has been placed on the bulletin board

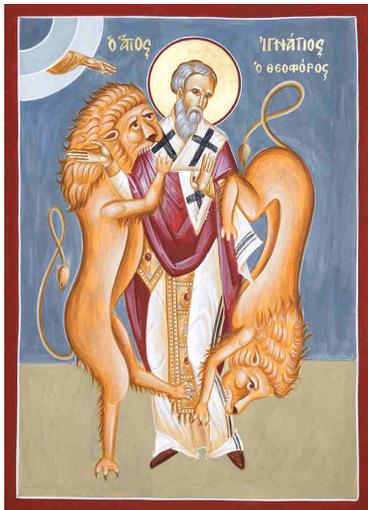


for a gift to the new deacon. Please make your checks to HROC, memo: Deacon. They will be deposited by the [Myrrhbearers' Sisterhood](#); you may give them to Fr. John or Carol Magmore.

Deacon Luke Fordice will accompany His Eminence to St. Spiridon cathedral on Sunday, Dec. 10th; Deacon Steven will stay and serve at Holy Resurrection that morning.

The Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer - December 20th

This holy man is called “the God-bearer” because he constantly bore the name of the Living God in his heart and on his lips. Ac-



ording to tradition, he was thus named because he was held in the arms of God Incarnate, Jesus Christ. On a day when the Lord was teaching His disciples humility, He took a child and placed him among them, saying: Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 18:4). This child was Ignatius. Later, Ignatius was a disciple of St. John the Theologian, together with Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna. As Bishop of Antioch, Ignatius governed the Church of God as a good shepherd and was the first to introduce antiphonal chanting in the Church, in which two choirs alternate the chanting. This manner of chanting was revealed to St. Ignatius by the angels in

heaven. When Emperor Trajan was passing through Antioch on his way to do battle with the Persians, he heard of Ignatius, summoned him and counseled him to offer sacrifice to the idols. If Ignatius would do so, Trajan would bestow upon him the rank of senator. As the counsels and threats of the emperor were in vain, St. Ignatius was shackled in irons and sent to Rome in the company of ten merciless soldiers, to be thrown to the wild beasts. Ignatius rejoiced in suffering for his Lord, only praying to God that the wild beasts would become the tomb for his body and that no one would prevent him from this death. After a long and difficult journey from Asia through Thrace, Macedonia, and Epirus, Ignatius arrived in Rome, where he was thrown to the lions in the circus. The lions tore him to pieces and devoured him, leaving only several of the larger bones and his heart. This glorious lover of the Lord Christ suffered in the year 106 in Rome at the time of the Christ-hating Emperor Trajan. St. Ignatius has appeared many times from the other world and worked miracles, even to this day helping all who call upon him for help.

On his way to Rome St. Ignatius visited several churches, teaching and guiding the Christians there. He also wrote seven epistles: to the churches of Ephesus, Magnesia, Tralles, Rome, Philadelphia, and Smyrna. He also addressed a letter to St. Polycarp, who mentions a collection of the letters of Saint Ignatius in his letter to the Philippians (Ch. 13). St. Irenaeus of Lyons quotes from St. Ignatius’s letter to the Romans (*Against Heresies* 5:28:4). All these letters have survived to the present day.

Nov 15th - Dec 24th: The Nativity Fast

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday	Abstinence of: Meat & Meat Products, Dairy Products	No Abstinence of: Fish, Shellfish, Vegetables & vegetable products, Olive oil, Fruit, Wine
Wednesday & Friday	Christians maintain the same fast & abstinence on these days as they do on all Wednesday, Fridays & other days of fast: No meat, dairy, fish, wine & olive oil.	

NOTE: During the Nativity Fast, from Dec. 14th (the Day after St. Herman of Alaska) to Dec. 24th inclusive, the fast is taken more strictly. Fish is not permitted on any day and olive oil and wine are permitted only on Saturdays and Sundays.

2017 Christmas in our Parish

Dec. 17th: Carols and Lessons

After Divine Liturgy on Sunday, Dec. 17th, we’ll gather in the Parish House to sing favorite western carols interspersed with readings from the Bible about the birth of Christ. The [Holy Myrrhbearers’ Sisterhood](#), will serve hot cider and lenten (no dairy, eggs) cookies. If you want to bring some lenten cookies, please do!

Dec. 17th: Decorate the Church

Please come and help us decorate the church after Carols & Lessons.

Dec. 20th-24th Prefeast of the Nativity

Hymns about the Nativity begin as early as Nov. 21st, the Entry of the Theotokos, but beginning December 20th, a special Prefeast intensifies the hymns offered up until Christmas Day. We’ll serve a number of Vespers leading up to the Feast, each one will be followed by a time for people to come to confession.

Dec. 22nd: Royal Hours, 10:00 a.m.

Because Christmas falls on a Monday, the Royal Hours are appointed to be served on Friday. The “Hours” are short services corresponding to the ancient Roman watches beginning at 6:00 a.m. and observed every three hours up until 3:00 p.m. These Hours are pulled together and served all at once beginning at 10:00 a.m. Each of the four “Hours” lasts a little under fifteen minutes, and includes Psalms, hymns, and appointed lessons from the Bible. The whole service concludes with a short “Typica,” that is, the Beatitudes read quickly, the creed and concluding hymns and prayers. Fr. John “directs” the choir which is composed mostly of the Youth Group! Confessions will be heard at the conclusion of Royal Hours.

Dec. 24th: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

We will serve Hours at 9:10 a.m. on Christmas Eve morning, followed by Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 9:30 a.m. There will be a short coffee hour following the Liturgy.

Dec. 24th: Compline and Matins, 4:00 p.m.

Compline is combined with Matins to form a Vigil served on Christmas Eve.

Dec. 25th: Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

The festal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom will be served on Christmas morning at 9:30 a.m. It will be preceded by Hours at 9:10 a.m. There will be no coffee hour that day.

Jan. 7th: Old Calendar Christmas, Рождество Христово

The Old Calendar Christmas will fall on a Sunday this year, January 7th. It will be the day after Theophany on our observed parish calendar; the Synaxis (gathering) in honor of St. John the Baptist. We will minister to our Brothers and Sisters who observe the Old Calendar by placing the Nativity icon in the center of the Church at the conclusion of Liturgy, and chanting hymns in honor of Christ’s Nativity.

Jan. 13th: Old Calendar New Year’s Eve

We will serve Slavonic Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. Our Slavic community invites everyone in the parish to a special Svyatki (holy days) party in the Parish House after Liturgy. We’ll have special foods, and a visit from Grandfather Frost (Ded Moroz), and his granddaughter the Snow Maiden (Snegurochka).

Donate a Poinsettia!

We will accept donations of poinsettias from Sunday, Dec. 17th thru Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th.

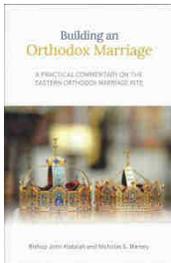


Here are seven new books for your shopping pleasure, without the mad rush! - - - by the way - - - there will be a Bookstore sale on Sunday, Dec. 10th.

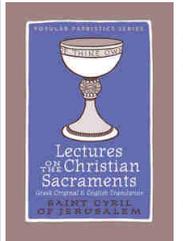
1). The Wedding In Cana, by Fr. George Koshy, uses this incident at the beginning of the Gospel of John as a springboard for the understanding of many other themes addressed in this Gospel. He looks at even individual words, such as 'woman' and 'hour'. The filling of the jars with water and subsequent changing into wine, for example, was a sign that Christ is the source of all Scripture. The jars of water had no taste; so it is with Scripture if Christ is not understood within it. And He came into this world for a wedding - that between Himself and His Church.



2). Building an Orthodox Marriage: A Practical Commentary on the Eastern Orthodox Marriage Rite, by Bishop John Abdala and Nicholas G. Mamey, is a guide which includes an accessible explanation of the theological background, an explanation of the prayers of the service, and pastoral guidance for the building up of the marriage.

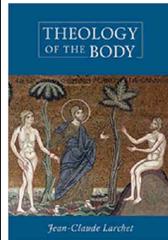


3). Commentary on all the Sacraments is found in Lectures on the Christian Sacraments, of Cyril of Jerusalem. After a lengthy introduction, the texts of the lectures are presented side-by-side with the original Greek. St. Cyril beautifully expresses the meaning of the Sacraments in the life of the Church.



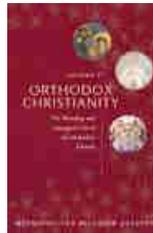
4). In Theology of the Body, Jean-Claude Larchet considers the various aspects of the

human body, from its original state in the Image of God,

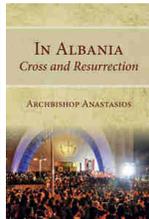


through its being fallen, saved and deified by Christ, to being dead and resurrected. It is a small volume, but full of knowledge from Scriptures and the Church Fathers.

5). Orthodox Christianity: The Worship and Liturgical Life of the Orthodox Church is fourth in a series by Metropolitan Hilarion Alfeyev. In this series he is attempting to 'present Orthodox Christianity as an integrated theological and liturgical system. Therefore, this book goes into great detail about the daily, weekly and yearly cycles of worship in the life of the Church.



6). In Albania: Cross and Resurrection, by Archbishop Anastasios, focuses on the various issues surrounding the reconstruction of the Autocephalous Church of Albania, which had been completely dissolved. There were many factors which needed to be addressed, and he does so in a highly readable manner.



7). Born to Hate, Reborn to Love is the story of Klaus Kenneth, born as his parents were fleeing Berlin in the wake of Allied bombings. His childhood was difficult in the extreme, and he tells the saga of his journey through the vagaries of his world to the God of love and healing.



HYMN of the MONTH

December 20th

Hieromartyr Ignatius the God-bearer

Troparion, tone 4

*By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,
you became a successor to their throne.*

*Through the practice of virtue,
you found the way to divine contemplation,
O inspired one of God;*

*by teaching the word of truth without error,
you defended the Faith,
even to the shedding of your blood.*

*Hieromartyr Ignatius,
entreat Christ God to save our souls.*

Kontakion, tone 3

*The stirring celebration of your victorious fight
is an announcement of the One
who is to be born of the Virgin.*

*In your eagerness to possess Him forever,
you hastened to be devoured by the wild beasts.*

*Therefore, O glorious Ignatius,
you were called the bearer of God!*

In our Parish

Slavonic Divine Liturgy One Week Early
Due to the ordination on Dec. 9th, the monthly Divine Liturgy in Church Slavonic will be served at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2nd.

Children's St. Nicholas Party

Come to our annual children's party after Liturgy on Dec. 3rd. We'll have the first Sunday "lenten" potluck (fish, wine & oil allowed), then Fr. John will read the St. Nicholas story. Following the reading, You-Know-Who shows up! Please bring a new,



unwrapped toy for the Toys for Tots drive, it will be the last day of the collection, Fr. John will deliver toys the following week.

Bible Study

Tuesday mornings, Dec. 5th and 19th at 9:30 a.m. We'll have a lenten potluck on the 5th, but not on the 19th. We will begin studying the book of Second Samuel.



Fr. Anastasios Majdalani to Visit Dec. 10

Fr. Anastasios Majdalani and members of his newly formed mission, the Nativity of the Theotokos, will visit us on Sunday, Dec. 10 for Divine Liturgy. This new Arabic language mission has become a reality with the blessing of His Eminence, Metropolitan Joseph of the Antiochian Archdiocese in America. Up until now, the greater Seattle area has been one of the very few in the nation not to have an Arabic Orthodox presence. If you know anyone who may be interested in this new ministry, please invite them to Liturgy

on the 10th, or have them contact Fr. John. The Nativity Mission meets about twice a month in the St. John chapel at St. Nicholas ROCOR Cathedral, Seattle. Fr. Anastasios assists at St. Andrew, Arlington when he is not travelling to other communities in the state.

Holy Trinity, Wilkeson Committee

The Holy Trinity Committee will meet Sunday, Dec. 10th following Liturgy, downstairs in room 3 of the Parish House. Everyone is welcome! The Committee is moving towards a comprehensive evaluation of the structural integrity of our 117-year-old temple in Wilkeson.



Charities

The Charities Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 10th following Liturgy.

* Adopt-A-Family

Look in the Parish House for gift items for the three families we are adopting. Thank you for your support of Adopt-A-Family, all gifts are due in by Sunday, Dec. 10th. God bless you!

* Food Bank Drive

Canned and commercially packaged foods are still being collected! Leave your gifts on the fireplace hearth in the Parish House. Your donation makes a difference!



* Feed the Hungry

We need help preparing the Fifth Friday meal for the hungry on December 29th. We'll need someone with strong arms at 5:30 p.m. to help transfer the food from our Parish House to the Puyallup Armory, 622 4th Avenue SE, Puyallup WA (on the



In our Parish *Cont'd*

corner at 7th St. SE). We begin serving at 6:00 p.m. Afterwards, we'll need someone to bring the pots back to the church and clean them.

1st – 6th Grades with Fr. John

Fr. John will meet with the children on Sunday, December 10th in the South Narthex of the church.

Holy Myrrhbearers' Sisterhood

The [Sisterhood](#) will hold their monthly meeting Saturday, Dec. 16th at 5:00 p.m. They will prep the refreshments for Sunday. All the women of the parish are welcome!

Hazardous Weather News

We will make every effort to keep you up to date on changes in scheduled services &

activities due to inclement weather. PLEASE, when the weather is threatening, check the parish webpage,



www.OrthodoxTacoma.com, and your e-mails before setting out for church! Please contact Michelle Mewhinney-Angel if you need to be contacted by phone.

Stewardship 2018

Stewardship forms will be included in the Sunday bulletin emails, they may also be found on the bulletin board in the Parish House. Please complete your pledge to the 2018 Annual Budget, and please consider making an extra pledge to the mortgage reduction fund as well!

St. Nicholas

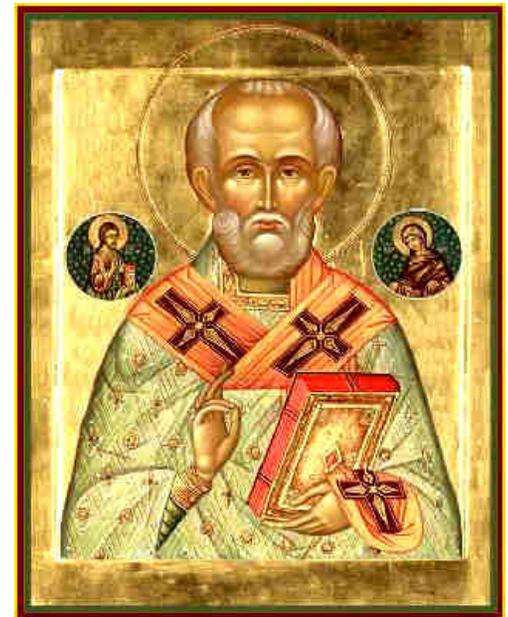
Wonderworker and Archbishop of Myra in Lycia

Troparion — Tone 4

*In truth you were revealed
to your flock as a rule of faith,
an image of humility
and a teacher of abstinence;
your humility exalted you;
your poverty enriched you.
Hierarch Father Nicholas,
entreat Christ our God
that our souls may be saved.*

Kontakion — Tone 3

*You revealed yourself, O saint,
in Myra as a priest,
For you fulfilled the
Gospel of Christ
By giving up your soul
for your people,
And saving the innocent from death.
Therefore you are blessed as one
become wise in the grace of God.*



Please send January Newsletter articles to larrysortho@gmail.com by Dec. 22nd.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Visit our webpage "OrthodoxTacoma.com" for updated, interactive and future calendars!						1	2 Slavonic Liturgy 10:00 am lenten potluck Inquirers 5:00 pm Vespers 6:30 pm
3 Matins 8:15 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Lenten Potluck St. Nicholas Party	4	5  Bible Study 9:30 am lenten potluck	6* Vespers 6:30 pm	7	8	9 Archbishop Benjamin: Liturgy 9:30 am Ordination of Steven Hille Reception Follows Vespers 6:30 pm	
10 Matins 8:15 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Wilkeson Mtg Charities Mtg 1-6 w Fr John	11	12* Vespers 6:00 pm Parish Council 6:45 pm	13 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am <i>St Herman</i> <i>of Alaska</i> Vespers 6:30 pm	14	15	16 Myrrhbearers 5:00 pm Vespers 6:30 pm	
17 Matins 8:15 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Seminarian Sun Lessons & Carols decorate church	18	19*  Bible Study 9:30 am no potluck Vespers 6:30 pm	20 Vespers 6:30 pm	21 Vespers 6:30 pm	22 Royal Hours 10:00 am Vespers 6:30 pm	23 Vespers 6:30 pm	
24 Hours 9:10 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Vigil 4:00 pm	Hours 9:10 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am <i>Nativity of the Lord</i> <i>"Christ is born!"</i> <i>"Glorify Him!"</i>	26	27 No Vespers	28	29 Feed the Hungry Cook: 3:00 pm Transfer: 5:30 pm Serve/clean: 6:00 pm	30 Vespers 6:30 pm	
31 Matins 8:15 am Divine Liturgy 9:30 am "Basil Bread"	Jan 1 Divine Liturgy 10:00 am <i>Circumcision</i> <i>St Basil the Great</i>	2 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am <i>St. Seraphim</i> <i>of Sarov</i>	3 Vespers 6:30 pm	4	5 THEOPHANY EVE Royal Hours 10:00 am Vesperal Liturgy Bless Waters 6:00 pm	HOLY THEOPHANY <i>In Wilkeson:</i> Divine Liturgy Bless Waters 10:00 am Potluck at Fordice's Vespers 6:30 pm	

*St. Nicholas Greek Church, Tacoma. Vespers on 5th, 7 p.m. Liturgy on 6th, 10:00 a.m.

*St. Spiridon OCA Cathedral, Seattle. Vespers on 11th, 6:30 p.m. Liturgy on 12th, 9:30 a.m.

*St. Nicholas Russian Cathedral, Seattle. Vigil on 18th, 6:30 p.m. Liturgy on 19th, 8:30 a.m.