



St George the Great Martyr
Orthodox Church

Weekly Bulletin – Sunday, December 17, 2017

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Upcoming Services

Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ – This year, we will be gathering together as the Body of Christ to celebrate Our Lord’s Nativity with four Divine Services

Royal Hours – Every Sunday, before Liturgy, we begin the morning by reading the 3rd and 6th Hours. For the Nativity, the Church calls for a special version of the Hours services to be read before the Nativity. This year, we will celebrate Royal Hours beginning at 9:30am on Friday, December 22nd. Each of the Hours (1st, 3rd, 6th, and 9th) is expanded to include a Gospel Reading and several Hymns which celebrate and provide a meditation for the upcoming Nativity. These services provide a calm and peaceful haven to all who wish to find refuge from the “Holiday Shopping Madness” that seems to overtake our world this time each year.

Christmas Eve – Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, so Sunday morning we will be celebrating both the Resurrection and the Forefathers during the **Divine Liturgy at 9:30am on Sunday, December 24th**. Later that day, at 4:30pm we will celebrate **Great Vespers of**

Christmas Eve which includes several Old Testament Readings concerning Our Lord's Incarnation and Nativity.

Christmas Day – We will celebrate the feast itself with **Divine Liturgy on Monday, December 25th at 9:30.**

Office Hours this week – Father will be in the office on **Wed, December 20th, from 1pm to 4pm.**

Church Calendars – Calendars for 2018 are now available. To defray the cost to the Church, we are asking for a suggested donation of \$5 for each.

Choir Practice – There will be a choir rehearsal at Fr's house for Nativity Services on **Tues, December 19th at 1pm.** Anyone interested in singing is invited to attend.

There will be no Sunday School on Dec 24th or Dec 31st.

Calendar of Events – December 17 - 24

Sun 12/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:10am – Hours and Divine Liturgy
Mon 12/18	
Tue 12/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00pm - Choir Practice
Wed 12/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00-4:00pm Office Hours
Thu 12/21	
Fri 12/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30am Royal Hours and Typica
Sat 12/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00pm Great Vespers & Confession
Sun 12/24	<p>Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:40am – Hours and Divine Liturgy • 4:30pm – Great Vespers

Save the Date:

December 25 – Nativity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

January 6th – Theophany of Our Lord, Jesus Christ with Blessing of Lake Hesperia following Divine Liturgy