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St. Andrew's Outreach Newsletter

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Let us glorify Him!



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A Pastoral Message *continued from p. 1 of the Outreach Newsletter:*

*In this day of
gladnesses let
us not spread
sadnesses!*

*In this day so
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not be harsh!*

*In this day of
peaceful rest,
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wrathful in it!*

... During this festal season of **Winter Pascha** we will be celebrating the feast of the Synaxis of the Theotokos, the Circumcision of our Lord, and others.

At the end of this message I want to share with you wisdom from the Holy Fathers, it's a section from the first homily of Ephraim of Syria to the feast of Nativity:

“In this night of reconciliation let no man be wroth or gloomy! in this night that stills all, none that threatens or disturbs! This night belongs to the sweet One; bitter or harsh be in it none! In this night that is the meek One's, high or haughty be in it none! In this day of pardoning let us not exact trespasses! In this day of gladnesses let us not spread sadnesses! In this day so sweet, let us not be harsh! In this day of peaceful rest, let us not be wrathful in it! In this day when God came to sinners, let not the righteous be in his mind uplifted over sinner! In this day in which there came the Lord of all unto the servants, let masters too condescend to their servants lovingly! In this day in which the Rich became poor for our sakes, let the rich man make the poor man share with him at his table. On this day to us came forth the Gift, although we asked it not! Let us therefore bestow alms on them that cry and beg of us. This is the day that opened for us a gate on high to our prayers. Let us open also gates to supplicants that have transgressed, and of us have asked [forgiveness]. To-day the Lord of nature was against His nature changed; let it not to us be irksome to turn our evil wills. Fixed in nature is the body; great or less it cannot become: but the will has such dominion, it can grow to any measure. To-day Godhead sealed itself upon Manhood, that so with the Godhead's stamp Manhood might be adorned.”

May the newborn Lord send upon us His rich mercies, strengthen our health and by the Light of the Nativity's Star lead us to the Kingdom of Heaven. Amen!

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JANUARY 2011 SERVICES

Saturday, Jan. 1st 5 pm - Vespers; 6 pm New Year Moleben; 6:30 pm Confession

Thursday, Jan. 6th *Eve of the Nativity*
10 am - Royal Hours
8:30 pm - Great Compline with Litia

Friday, Jan. 7th *Nativity of Christ*
10 am - Divine Liturgy
11:30 am - Caroling

Saturday, Jan. 8th *Synaxis of the Theotokos*
10 am - Divine Liturgy
5 pm - Great Vespers

Friday, Jan. 14th *Circumcision of Our Lord*
9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Saturday, Jan. 15th 5 pm - Great Vespers
6 pm - Confession

Tuesday, Jan. 18th *Eve of Theophany*
10 am - Royal Hours
5 pm - Great Compline
6 pm - Blessing of Water
6:30 pm - Epiphany (Kutia) Supper

Wednesday, Jan. 19th *The Holy Theophany*
9 am - Confession
10 am - Divine Liturgy
12 pm - Blessing of Water

Thursday, Jan. 20th *Synaxis of St. John the Baptist* - Service @ **SELO**
10 am - Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Apartments

Saturday, Jan. 22nd 5 pm - Great Vespers
6 pm - Confession

Saturday, Jan. 29th 5 pm - Vespers
6 pm - Confession

Feast of the Nativity Icon

