



THE TROPHY-BEARER

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UNION WITH CHRIST

Every time we cross ourselves we are reminded of the dual nature of our Lord Jesus Christ. There never was a time or a moment in time when Jesus was not fully God and fully man or human.

The Apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 4:4, “when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law”. The Evangelist Luke records Mary’s encounter with the angel where she learns that she will have a baby boy. This child will be very special.

“You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the

child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.” (Luke 1:31-35)

The Apostle Paul tells us that Christ Jesus, “who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself.” (Philippians 2:6-8)

I am told that the word “form” used of Jesus Christ as Son of God and later as form of a slave means that he was in that form for all of eternity. The Son of God assumed our form and took our nature to himself and for the rest of Eternity will be united with our humanness.

He is totally God and totally man. He will eternally be the God-man. He was born under the jurisdiction of the Law of Moses so that he could redeem everyone who was under that law.

He united himself with our humanity so that we may be united with his divinity

and become by grace what He is by nature. God has granted us reconciliation with Himself by Christ's death on Calvary but we must cooperate with Him in the process.

Our God is Love. He created us and allowed us the freedom of choice. Our first parents choose to go their own way and we are now living with the results of their disobedience. Paul told the Corinthian believers, "if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Jesus put it this way, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:1-5)

Jesus Christ has taken our humanity on himself. We are now united with him. He is the vine we are branches. As a result of our Baptism and Chrismation we have been grafted into Christ the Vine. We therefore receive life from Him. His life must be in us if we are to survive and mature as believers.

In the Love of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
Art Zaporozan

Sunday Readings

Sunday, December 2nd-31st Sunday after Pentecost –

8:30 am – Matins: Tone 2; Gospel 5

9:30 am – Holy Liturgy: Epistle : 1 Timothy 1:15; Gospel: Luke 18:35-43, (Healing of Blind Man in Jericho)

Sunday, December 9th -27th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am – Matins: Tone 3, Gospel 6

9:30 am– Holy Liturgy – Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17; Gospel: Luke 13:10-17; (Healing of the crippled woman on the Sabbath)

Sunday, December 16th –28th Sunday after Pentecost (Forefathers of the Lord)

8:30 am – Matins: Tone 4, Gospel 7

9:30 am– Holy Liturgy – Epistle: Colossians 3:4-116; Gospel: Luke 14:16-24; (Parable of the great banquet)

Sunday, December-23rd-30th Sunday before the Birth of Christ (Ancestors of the Lord)

8:30 am – Matins Tone 5, Gospel 8

9:30 am – Holy Liturgy: Epistle: Hebrews 11:9-10; 32-40: Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25(Genealogy of the Savior)

Sunday, December 30th- Sunday after the Birth of our Lord (Joseph the Betrothed, David the Prophet and James, brother of the Lord)

8:30 am – Matins Tone 6, Gospel 9

9:30 am – Holy Liturgy: Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 ; Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23;(Escape into Egypt)

DATES TO REMEMBER

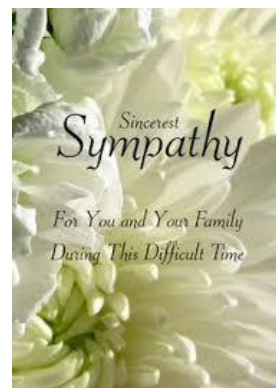
Sunday, December 2nd – Charity meeting
Thursday, , December 6th – St. Nicholas
Saturday, December 8th – Bake Sale
Sunday, December 9th– Fundraising dinner –
(fish)
Saturday, December 15th –Meal for CMHA
Sunday, December 16th – Christmas program
following Holy Liturgy.
Monday, December 24th- Eve of the Nativity
4 P.M. – Nativity vespers
Tuesday, December 25th- The Nativity of our
Lord- Holy Liturgy – 9:30 A.M.



Our prayers and thoughts are with Angie ,
Rex and Michelle Beaumont on the passing
away of Alicia. Our condolences also go out
to Alicia's husband Jason.



Our sincerest condolences to Louise
Holoboff and family on the passing away
of Louise's sister, Vicky Avram on Sunday
October 28th. "May Her Memory Be
Eternal"



Please keep Sandra Newis in your prayers.
Her Father passed away on Saturday,
November 17.

An APPEAL TO OUR MEMBERS

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR TWO MEMBERS TO
BE ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WITH
FATHER CRISTIAN FOR POTENTIAL PARISH
COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2019.**

**Ryan Gieni and Katherine Gilks are stepping
down from the parish council , therefore, we
are looking for new council members. It is
one night a month.**

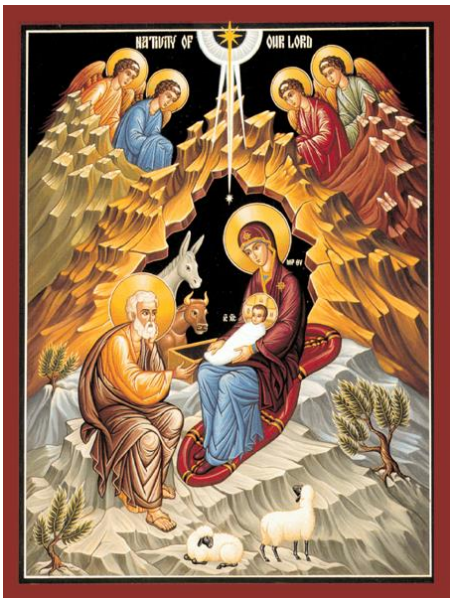


Please join us for the Children's Christmas program on Sunday, December 16th



Congratulations to Rebecca Lascue and Michael Paul on their marriage on November 24. May God Grant You Many Years.

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD



God's Blessings

Be Yours

This Christmas!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From the Parish council

Your income tax statements should be out by the 2nd week of January

Annual General Assembly will be Sunday, February 10, 2019



