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December 16, 2018 — Sunday of the Forefathers

Intention: Health of STEVE Cordiano (req. by Fr. Philaret)

Troparia:

1. *Resurrection (tone 5)*, p. 75
2. Of the Forefathers
3. *St. George*, p. 24
4. *Kontakion of the Preparation of the Nativity of the our Lord:* Today the Virgin is on her way to the cave where she will give birth to the Eternal Word of God in an ineffable manner. Rejoice therefore, O Universe, when you hear this news, and glorify with the angels and the Shepherds, Him who shall appear as a new Child being God from all eternity.

Prokeimenon: Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers, / and your name is worthy of praise and glorious forever.

Epistle: Colossians 3: 4-11 (Today: Gregory Zimmerman. Next Sunday: Jon Rebholz)

Gospel: Luke 14:16-24 (The Great Banquet)

Ushers: Said Audi, Mark Spankowski (Next Sunday: Anthon Geiger, George Baho)

Stewardship

Last Sunday: candles=\$27; ordinary collections=\$639; stole offerings=\$20; donations=\$1,250. Thanks for your generosity!

The Bishop's Appeal: As we prepare our hearts and our homes to receive the Eternal Word of God let us remember our Melkite Church by which Christ comes to our families and loved ones. Please give a special end-of-year, tax-deductible gift to the Melkite Eparchy of Newton to support all the vital works of our Church in America. Extra appeal slips are available on the back table.

Clothing/Diaper Drive and Fundraiser: Women's Center of Milwaukee

There will be a collection for gently used or new baby (newborn-24 months) winter wear for the Women's Center of Milwaukee (2051 W. Wisconsin Ave.) during Nativity Fast until December 23rd. Cash donations, clothing and diapers will be brought to the Women's Center sometime on or around December 23rd. Talk to Jerry Nora with any questions jerry.nora@gmail.com.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Tuesday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: Third Hour

Wednesday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Thursday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: Third Hour

Friday: 7:30am Morning Prayer: First Hour

Saturday: *Saturday before the Nativity of Our Lord*
6pm Great Vespers

Sunday: *Sunday before the Nativity*
9:45am Orthros (Matins)
10:30am Divine Liturgy

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Marlene Vukovic (12/21). May God grant you many years!

"All the writings of Moses make clear the Nativity of Christ in the flesh; He was known by those chosen by God before the Mosaic Law was given, since they transcended the Law by their faith. Since the Nativity saved us from corruption, they spoke about Your Resurrection to the souls waiting in Hades. O Lord, glory to you!" –Verse from Orthros, Sunday before the Nativity

Services for the Nativity

Monday, December 24th: 6pm, Vespers Liturgy. Afterwards, everyone is invited to come downstairs for spiced cider.

Tuesday, December 25th: 9:45am Orthros; 10:30am, Divine Liturgy.

New Year, New Time for Resurrectional Vespers

Effective January 5, 2019, Resurrectional Vespers will be on Saturday evenings at 5pm.

Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: Mary Fisher (Benjamin Newman's aunt and godmother), Alice & John Herro, Bill Koutris, Bill & Kathy Jones, Nick Langenfeld, Fr. Philaret, Henry Look, Fr. Frank Milienewicz (former pastor), Alice Nasr, Bob Peterson, Joe Radanovich, Beth Rodwell, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz, David L. Toepper (David Toepper's father), Espe Villasenor, Jennifer Whitmore, John Zambo, Kathy Zambo, and Dan Z.