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## JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> – The Nativity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

### Today's Epistle Reading:

**EPISTLE:** Galatians 4: 4-7

### Today's Gospel Readings:

**THE FESTAL LITURGY:** Mt. 2: 1-12

**Troparion:** "Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shown to the world the light of Wisdom, for by it those who worshipped the Star, were taught by a Star; to adore Thee, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high! O Lord, glory to Thee!"

**KONTAKION:** Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One; and the earth offers a cave, to the Unapproachable One! Angels, with shepherds, glorify Him! Since for our sakes, the eternal; God was born as a little child!"

### SPIRITUAL FOOD ON CHRISTMAS:

Did you know that it took the Three Wise Men, the MAGI, almost two years following the Star of Bethlehem, to locate the Christ-child in the village of Bethlehem? **Think about this for a second.....**not just themselves to prepare a journey and pack for – but also for their entire entourages that was comprised of workers, slaves, guards, etc.! For us, would such an ambitious endeavor even be possible? How many of us, a quarter of the way through, or even half-way through, would not hesitate to say, "Enough is enough – this is ridiculous – let's go back home!" Hmm?

This accomplishment is just more tangible proof that in His Divine Will, God allowed humanity to succeed not only in locating where His Son was born, but also experiencing that encounter with Him that left them changed forever! Remember that as you live each day in HIS Presence!

## Today's Special Announcements and Upcoming Events In Our Parish:

- (1) **A Blessed and Joyous - "Peace of God, Christ is Born!"** Enjoy the next 11 days as we celebrate the **Blessed Feast of our Lord's Nativity!**
- (2) **Please pray for the health and well-being of the following loved one:**  
Milena Vojnovich Eva Orr Melanie Trkula Helen Trkula  
Karen DuBois Katie Repasky Danijela Belo Melva Buzzelli-NH  
Eugene Gould-NH Brian & Dorian Vojnovich Dorothy Medic-NH  
Betsy Cannon-NH Nancy Belich Stephanie Hooper-H Gary Trbovich  
Milana Drobac Margaret Ivkovich-NH Marsha Cugalj Milan Drobac
- (3) **Also pray for the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:**  
+John "Yutzi" Belich +Ann Trent +George Shumkaroff +Becky Suzich  
+Beverly Stipanovich +Child Benjamin +Protinica Donna Merick  
+Eli Vojnovich +Vlade Baskot +Joseph Stercula +Milica Popovich
- (4) **IMPORTANT CH-Team NEWS:** we have ordered **new Divine Liturgy books**, and are again asking our faithful to **donate \$20** to have an "In Memory Of" label printed in the inside cover (like we did for the Bibles years ago)...donations made out to our St. Sava Church – **thanks in advance!**
- (5) **"AXIOS!"** – to our dear (native) son, **Fr. Christopher**, who was elevated to the rank of Proto-Presbyter, on St. Nicholas Day by His Grace in Steelton – Ziveli!!
- (6) **Christmas Week Services: Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup>** - Matins at 9:15, Holy Liturgy at 10; **Monday the 9<sup>th</sup>** – 9:30AM Matins for the Feast of St. Stephen!
- (7) There is straw available in the Church-hall to use at home!
- (8) **UPCOMING EPIPHANY SERVICES: Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>** – 9:30AM Festal Matins, followed by Lesser Blessing of Waters; **Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>** – Festal Liturgy followed by Great Blessing of Water! (See House Blessing Schedule in Your Christmas Bulletins!)