

### Service Schedule for Nativity

- Sat. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>: Nativity Eve-Badnje Veče:**  
Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.; Great Compline at 5 p.m. followed by the burning of the *badnjak* and lenten meal in the hall
- Sun. Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>: NATIVITY OF CHRIST**  
Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.
- Mon. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Nativity—Synaxis of Theotokos**—Div. Liturgy at 9
- Tue. Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Nativity—St. Stephen's Day**—Divine Liturgy at 9 a.m.

### **Christmas Greeting**

We worship Thy Nativity, O Christ, show us also Thy Divine Theophany!

As this Nativity season approaches, dear brothers and sisters, we wish to greet you and congratulate you this joyous feast – the Birth of the only Persona of His kind in the history of the world, Christ the God-Man.

He Who is full of grace and truth, Who came to dwell among us and made His abode within us, returns to us every Christmas, renewing human life and delivering eternal and unwaning faith, hope and love.

His first abode was the manger. Since then and to the end of time it is the human heart that is His Bethlehem, the place where His Nativity occurs.

We bow down before the Lord and the God-child Christ on this holy day on which He has visited us, wanting to illumine us and enrich us with His Heavenly Kingdom, with eternal life and with joy of His Nativity. This is the joy that the God-child delivers as He unites God with earth, people with God and with each other.

It is, therefore, most important that we use the time of our lives wisely and glorify God with the beautiful hymn, “Glory to God in the

*God's Peace!*  
*Christ is Born!*  
*Truly He is Born!*



### **Christmas Greeting cont'd.**

highest, on earth peace, goodwill among men!”

Worshipping the “Young Child, the Pre-ter-nal God”, let us forgive each other, embrace each other in brotherly love and greet each other with the eternal greeting:

Peace from God, Christ is born! Indeed He is born!

Blessed New Year of the Lord's goodness 2018.

With blessings and prayers  
before the God-Child,  
+LONGIN

Bishop of New Gracanica  
and Midwest America

### **Kolo News**

Lenten hors d'oeuvres donations would be kindly appreciated for our Christmas Eve celebration January 6. Also, as last year, Kolo members should please plan to be at church at 4 pm on Jan. 6 to help with table set up & decorating. Thank you!

### **Nativity Coffee Hour**

If someone would like to bring a treat to share after the Divine Liturgy on Nativity,

### **Nativity Coffee Hour cont'd.**

Sunday, January 7th, please kindly bring it to the hall.

### **Choir Meeting**

The Choir will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 10 at 6 p.m. All choir members are kindly asked to attend.

### **Swearing-in of Board Members**

Please note that we will be swearing in all 2018 board members on Sunday, January 14 (Serbian New Year's) at the end of Liturgy.

### **Kolo Annual Meeting**

The Kolo will have its monthly meeting and Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 14, after Liturgy.

### **Snowblower Bids**

The Board is now taking bids on our never-used TORO 8 horse-power, 26-inch wide, electric-start gasoline snow blower, selling in stores at over \$1,000. Starting bid is \$600. Sold in “as in condition,” which is essentially new. It has been recently started and it works just fine.

Submit bids to Steve Lubovich by phone: 218-722-4224 or email: [bslubovich@q.com](mailto:bslubovich@q.com). The winner will be notified on January 15, 2018. For snowblower details please contact Mike Zigich at 218-391-9239.

### **House Blessings**

After January 19th, Theophany, Fr. Kristijan will be blessing homes with holy water. If you are interested in having him bless your home, please contact him by email at [fr.kristijan@gmail.com](mailto:fr.kristijan@gmail.com) or cell at 218-576-4720.

### January Slavas

Many parishioners have St. John the Baptist, January 20th, as their *slava*—that is, their family’s patron saint. If you are interested in having Fr. Kristijan over to celebrate your slava, please feel free to contact him. If you never celebrated before, do not hesitate to ask questions—he will gladly walk you through everything you need. May God bless us all to continue our ancestral slavas and share it with our family and friends!

### Memorial Donation

*In memory of †Galina:* Sergei and Irina Bezroukov

### Thank You’s

The Kolo would like to thank Dolly Griak Hoyrup for her generous gift to the “ladies who worked so hard making povitica.”

The Kolo would like to thank Eli Kokotovich and Lenka Miladinov for their generous donations to help defray the cost of povitica making.

### Christmas Flower Donation

Randall and Natalie Birdseye  
Mark Palyok  
Ray and Sonja Ulvi

### Calendar Reminders

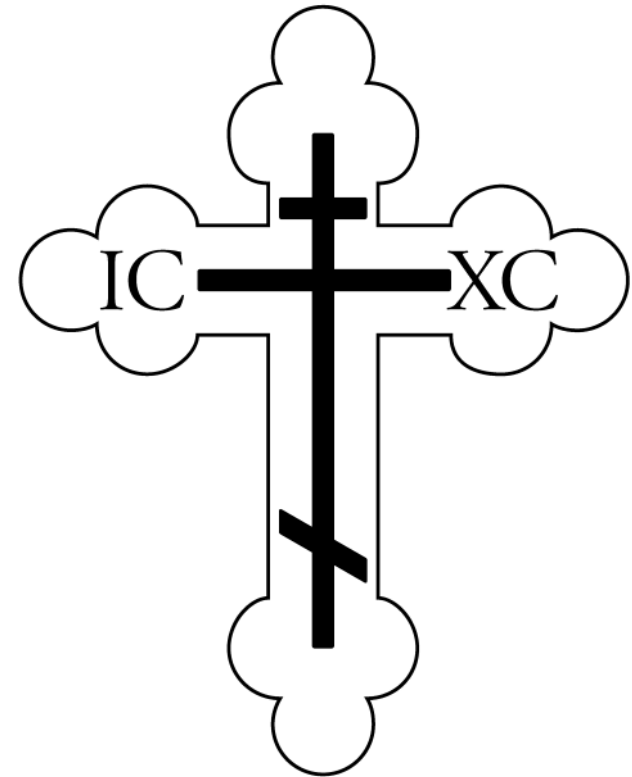
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- Sat. Jan. 13th:** Great Vespers at 5 p.m.
- Sun. Jan. 14th: Circumcision of Our Lord—St. Basil’s Day—Serbian New Year—**Liturgy at 10 a.m.; **Swearing-in of new Board members** at the end of Liturgy; **Annual Kolo meeting** after the Liturgy

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