# POINSETTIAS Given to the Glory of God by:

#### Anastasia Belih

In thanksgiving for Natasha, Matvey, and Gennadey
In memory of Gennadey and Aleksey

# **Rdr. Samuel and Megan Leathers**

In memory of all Holy Trinity parishioners past and present
In memory of Innocent

# Dn. Mark and Mka. Kelly

*In thanksgiving for* the children of our parish

#### Alla Israelian

*In thanksgiving for* my church *In memory of* Victor, Alexy, and Tatiana

#### The Pelikans

*In memory of* Sylvia and Jary

# The Pettengills

*In memory of* our beloved departed parents

# Mark and Leslyn Radomsky

In thanksgiving for the health of Alexandra, Katherine and Ian In memory of our parents, George & Dorothy Radomsky and Harold & Sara Mortimore

# The Stickles Family

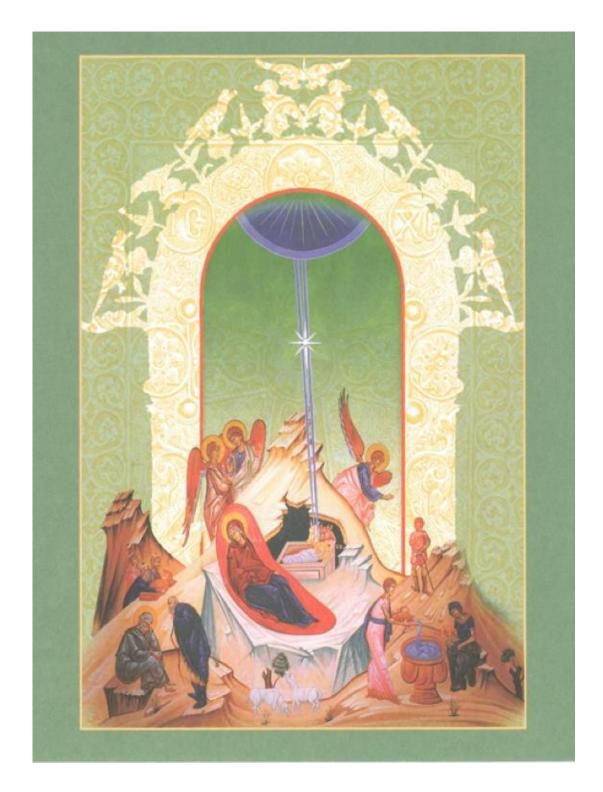
In thanksgiving for our parish family In memory of Mary Ann

# **Joanne Takarchek**

*In thanksgiving for* all parishioners *In memory of* family members

# **Holy Trinity Clergy and Staff**

*In thanksgiving for* all the faithful here gathered. **Christ is Born! Glorify Him!** 



# NATIVITY OF OUR LORD - December 25, 2020

#### **ANTIPHONS**

# First Antiphon (Psalm 111)

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will make all Thy wonders known.

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

In the company of the upright, in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord! (*Refrain*)

They are studied by all who have pleasure in them. (*Refrain*)

His work is glory and beauty, and His righteousness endures forever. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Now and ever... (Refrain)

# Second Antiphon (Psalm 112)

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments!

*Refrain*: O Son of God born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed! (*Refrain*)

Glory and wealth are in His house, and His righteousness endures forever! (Refrain)

Light rises in the darkness for the upright! The Lord is merciful, compassionate and right-eous! (*Refrain*)

Glory... Now and ever... Only-begotten Son...

#### Third Antiphon (Psalm 110)

The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand!"

#### **TROPARIA**

# **Nativity Troparion**

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shown to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshiped the stars, 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!

"Until I make thine enemies They footstool!"

#### **Repeat Nativity Troparion**

The Lord sends forth from Zion Thy mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of Thy foes.

# **Repeat Nativity Troparion**

Authority shall be with Thee on the day of Thy power, among the splendor of Thy holy ones!

#### **Repeat Nativity Troparion**

#### **Introit of the Little Entrance**

Out of the womb, before the morning star, have I begotten Thee! The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind. Thou art a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.

#### Repeat Nativity Troparion

Glory... Now and ever...

#### **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! The wise men journey with the star, since for our sake the eternal God was born as a Little Child!

Protodeacon Alexander Cadman, Director of Ministries and Chaplain, OCF at Penn State Deacon Mark Oleynik, Director of Christian Ed.

# CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

#### **HYMN OF VENERATION**

# Instead of "Holy God...," we sing:

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia!

#### **PROKEIMENON**

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Let all the earth worship Thee and praise Thee! Let it praise Thy Name, O Most High!

#### THE READINGS

## The Epistle

Galatians 4:4-7

#### The Gospel

*Matthew 2:1-12* 

#### **HYMN TO THE THEOTOKOS**

# Instead of "It Is Truly Meet...," we sing:

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts!

I behold a strange, most glorious mystery! Heaven the cave! The Cherubic Throne the Virgin! The manger the place where Christ lay, the uncontainable God whom we magnify in song.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

The Lord has sent redemption to His people! *Alleluia...* 

#### **WELCOME!**

We are delighted to have you worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation in our services today!

- Help us keep in touch with you by signing our guest book in the Narthex (vestibule).
- If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Faith, please visit our website; information can also be found in the Narthex above the guest register. Feel free to contact us with any questions! (See bottom of bulletin for contact info.)
- Please note that only those united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism, Chrismation, regular Confession, prayer, and fasting may partake of Holy Communion. (There is no fasting or kneeling from December 25 through January 4.)

#### **WISDOM FROM THE FAITH**

Today He who holds the whole creation in His hand is born of a virgin. He whose essence none can touch is bound in swaddling-clothes as a mortal man. God, who in the beginning fashioned the heavens, lies in a manger. He who rained manna on His people in the wilderness is fed on milk from His mother's breast. The Bridegroom of the Church summons the wise men; the Son of the virgin accepts their gifts.

We worship Thy birth, O Christ.

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Show us also Thy Holy Theophany!

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