

**POINSETTIAS**  
Given to the Glory of God by:

**Anonymous**

*In thanksgiving for all the children of our parish*

**Anastasia Belih**

*In thanksgiving for Natalia, Matvey, Gennadey, and Solomia  
In memory of Gennadey, Elena, and Matvey*

**Anna Buyanskiy**

*In memory of grandparents  
In thanksgiving for our parish family*

**Mark Fedkin and Katya Bazilevskaya**

*In memory of grandparents*

**Maria Fiori**

*In memory of Josephine and Anthony Fiori*

**Gregg Heny**

*In memory of Michael and Veronica Heny*

**Justin Houser**

*In honor of Ralph Houser Sr.  
In memory of Shirley Houser, Warren and Julia Breon  
In honor of Ralph Jr. and Catherine Houser and Jamilyn*

**Holy Trinity Clergy and Staff**

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

**Rev. Fr. and Mka. Ignatius Hunter**

*In memory of Glenn and Lois Jacobs*

**Alla Israelian**

*In memory of my husband Alexander*

**Svetlana Khapilina**

*In memory of grandparents and departed friends*

**The Leathers Family**

*In thanksgiving for all Holy Trinity parishioners past and present  
In memory of Innocent*

**Andrea Locke**

*In memory of James Locke*

**Kyra Quinn**

*In memory of my grandparents Anne and Michael Kurka*

**Mark and Leslyn Radomsky**

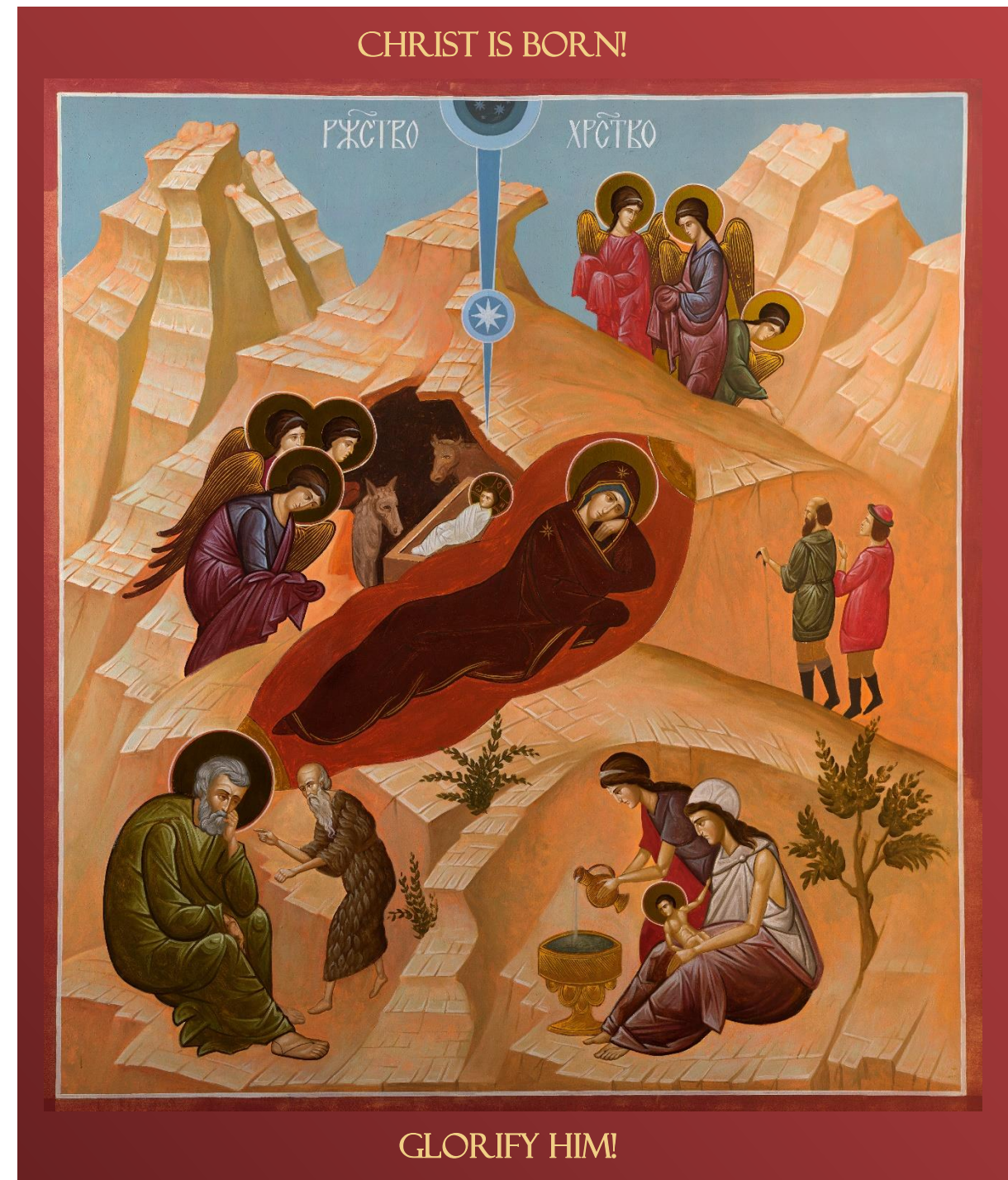
*In thanksgiving for the health of our family  
In memory of our George, Dorothy, Harold, and Sara*

**Michael & Anna Stickles**

*In memory of Mary Ann Stickles  
In Thanksgiving for our parish family*

**David & Anne Swisher**

*In memory of our son Jordon Swisher*



# NATIVITY OF OUR LORD – December 25, 2021

## 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 righteous!  
*(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 Thy 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!

# 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!

**His Eminence +Melchisedek, Archbishop of Pittsburgh and Western PA**

**Father Ignatius Hunter, Rector**

**Protodeacon Mark Oleynik, Director of Christian Ed.**

**Father David Smith, Associate Rector and**

**Priest-in-Charge, Chapel of the Holy Spirit**

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**Saturdays:** Great Vespers, 6pm

**Wednesdays:** Vespers, 6pm

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