

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

**Michael and Anna Stickle**

*In memory of* Mary Anne, beloved mother

*In thanksgiving for* our parish and all God's blessings

**The Leathers Family**

*In thanksgiving for* all HTOC parishoners past and present

*In memory of* Innocent

**Anastasia Belih**

*In memory of* Gennadey, Elena, and Mattvey

**Irina Mikaelian**

*In memory of* Galina

**Alla Israelian**

*In memory of* Victor, Alexei

**Maria Fiori**

*In memory of* Anthony and Josephine Fiori

**Olga Belskaya Rostislav**

*In memory of* Galina and Boris

**Andrea Locke**

*In memory of* James Locke

**Anonymous**

*In thanksgiving for* all the children of our parish

**Anonymous**

*In memory of* Archpriest John Reeves

**Svetlana Khapilina**

*In memory of* Father John and also Nina and Zinaida

**Tamara Bakaeva**

*In memory of* parents & grandparents  
*In thanksgiving for* the health of my family

**Anthony Cassar**

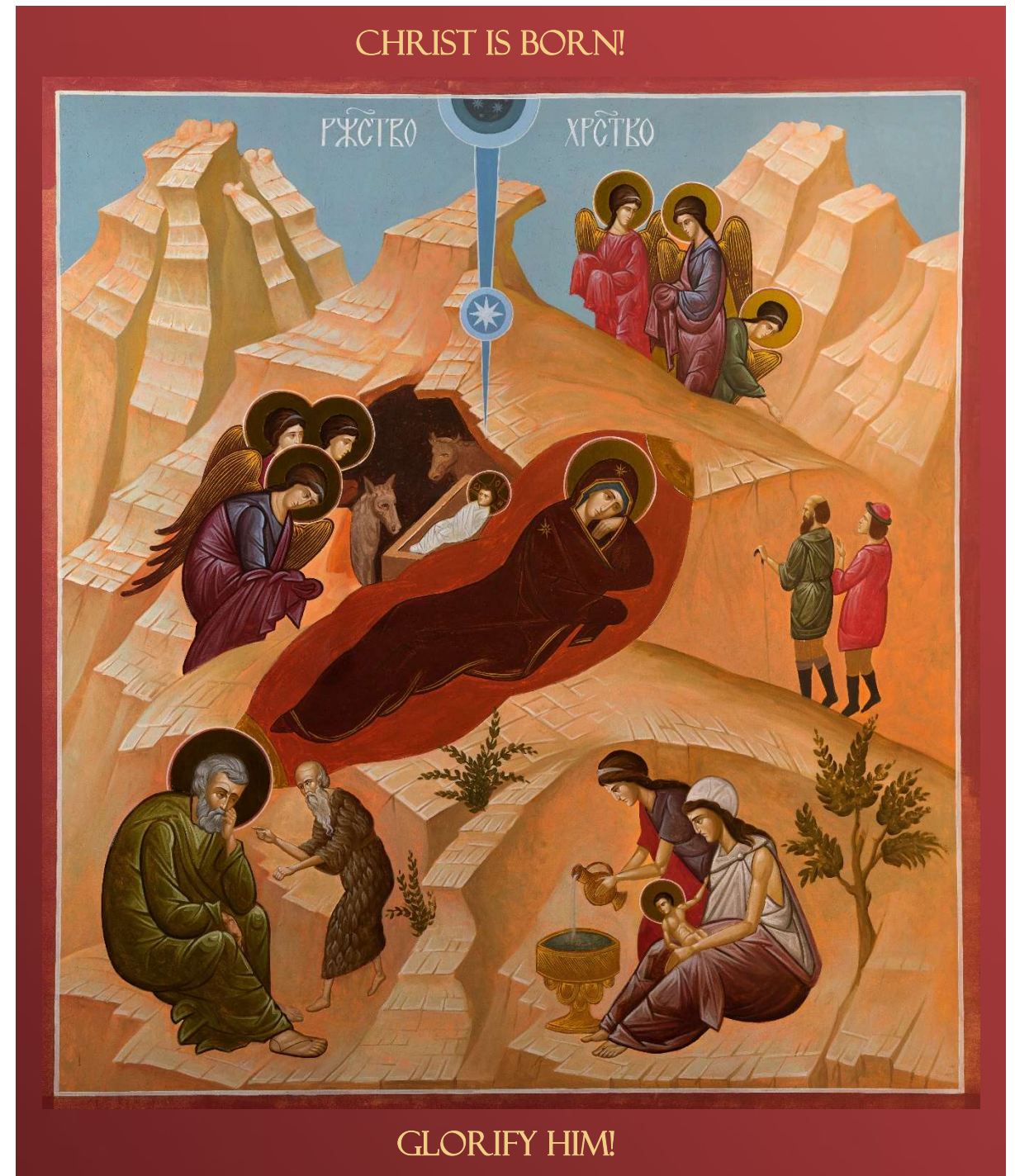
*In honor of* Julie Kocjancic

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

*In memory of* Concepción, Glenn, and Lois

**Holy Trinity Clergy and Staff**

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



# NATIVITY OF OUR LORD – December 25, 2022

## 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!

## 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 filling out one of the connection cards 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. 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.)

## FOR THE RECORD

### ATTENDANCE

Holy Trinity (12/18): 88  
Chapel of the Holy Spirit (12/18): 23

### YOUR GENEROSITY

**Weekly Budget Goal:** \$4,762  
Collection (12/18): \$6,443  
Average – Last 4 Weeks: \$6,771  
Average – Last 12 Weeks: \$4,807  
Average – Last 52 Weeks: \$4,573

## BIRTHDAYS

Lucia Swisher (12/27), Lauren Torbic (12/28), Rdr. Evan Kerstetter (12/29) *Many Years!*

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

**Sundays:** Divine Liturgy, 10am  
**Saturdays:** Great Vespers, 6pm  
**Wednesdays:** Vespers, 6pm

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