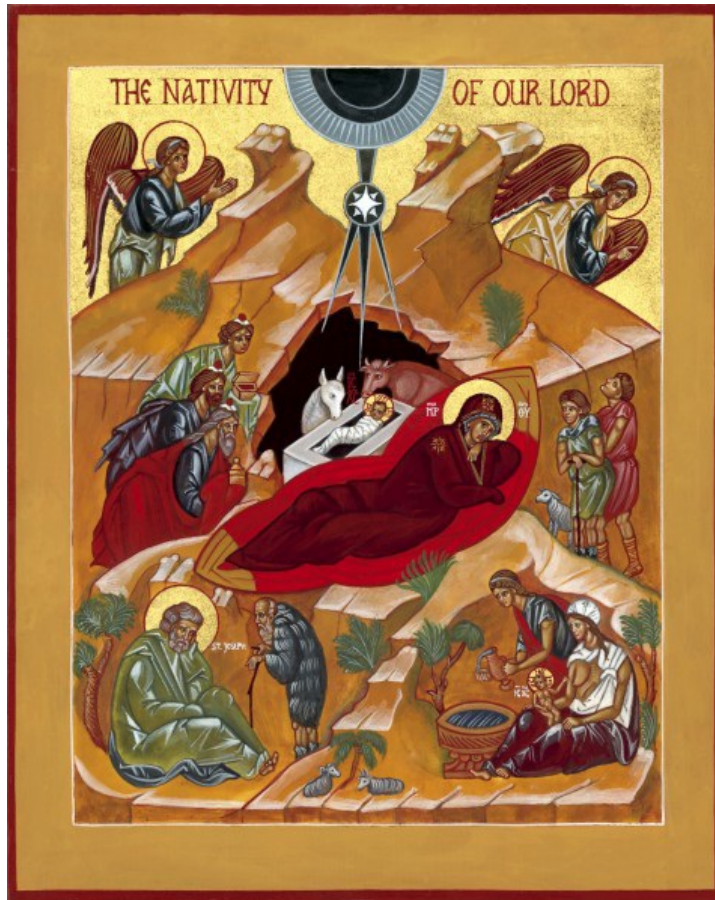


Carols at 8:30PM (see insert)

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**St. Gregory the Great Orthodox Church**  
Silver Spring, Maryland

A Western Rite Congregation of the  
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**The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**24 December 2023**

## **The Liturgy of St. Gregory** **Solemn Mass at 9PM**

Prelude                    *“Of the Father’s love begotten”*                    O. Ragatz

*The order for Mass begins on page 195 of The Orthodox Missal; the  
propers for the day begin on page 42.*

*V.* Let us go forth / in peace.

*R.* In the Name of Christ, /Amen.

Hymn at the Procession 55

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Station at the Icon of the Nativity

*V.* The Word was made flesh and dwelt among / us.

*R.* The Savior, Christ / our Lord!

Kyrie eleison & Gloria in excelsis (Hymnal 353, 354) *Missa Marialis*

The Lesson: Titus 2:11-15

Missal, p. 42

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Missal, p. 43

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

Hymnal 371

Hymn at the Offertory 56

*Of the Father’s Love Begotten*

*The Liturgy continues on page 203 of the Missal.*

Sanctus and Benedictus (Hymnal 355) *Missa Marialis*

The Canon of the Mass *Missal p. 205*

Our Father (Hymnal 369)

Agnus Dei (Hymnal 356) *Missa Marialis*

*Duly prepared Orthodox Christians wishing to receive Holy Communion should stand before the altar. If you wish to receive the priest's blessing instead, please indicate this by bowing your head slightly. We invite our non-Orthodox friends and visitors to come forward to receive the priest's blessing. Antidoron (blessed bread which is offered to all in a spirit of Christian Fellowship) will be distributed following the Liturgy.*

*The Liturgy continues on p. 211 of the Missal*

Communion Hymn 48 *Every creature, by Thee made*

The Dismissal (Hymnal 357)

Hymn 46 *Angels, We Have Heard on High*

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Prayer List: *for the departed, Julie, Milton; for the sick, the suffering & those in need, Sharon, Melinda, the Priest David, Lauren, the Priest Andrew, Angelica, Sloan, Brian, Lane, Nikolai, the priest James, John, Monica, Kh. Becky, the Priest Raphael, Kh. Catherine; for those who are traveling; for those in the Armed Forces and all in civil authority; for all missionaries and all monastics; for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and throughout the world.*

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*Service Schedule: Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day - Matins at 9:30AM, Mass at 10AM; Saturday, December 30 - Vespers at 6PM. Sunday, December 31, The Sunday in the Octave of Christmas - Matins at 9AM, Mass at 9:30AM.*

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*Please continue to bring canned goods for the Food for Hungry People program.*

*Flowers and other decorations are given: in memory of Subdeacon Jerome, Carol Hannah Lackman, Fr. Joachim & Kh. Margaret Kunkel, Bernie Taylor, James Wright & Bryan Puterbaugh by the parish.*

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