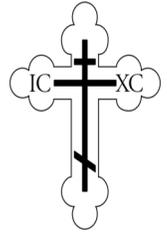


**Special points of interest:**

Epistle Reading:  
Colossians 3:12-16  
Gospel Reading:  
Luke 17:12-19  
Tone: 5  
Liturgical Color: Purple

**December 23, 2018**  
61 Canada Road  
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**Schedule for Week**

*Sunday, December 23, 2018*  
*9:30am Divine Liturgy*  
*Coffee Social*

*Saturday, December 29, 2018*  
*4:00pm Vespers/Confession*

*Sunday, December 30, 2018*  
*9:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Holy Forefathers*  
*Panachida memory of +Mae Mary Shonak*  
*offered by Helen Molson*

*Tuesday, January 1, 2019*  
*9:00 Annual Parastas memory of the Havalchak Family*

**WELCOME!**

Welcome to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. While **Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians**, our guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. We also hope you will join us for the Coffee Social afterward.

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# The Orthodox Church: 455 Questions and Answers

By Stanley S. Harakas

## CALENDARS

**Q: What are the differences between the Old Calendar and the New?**

**A:** The calendar in use when Christ was living was the Roman calendar, devised by Emperor Julius Caesar in the year 46 B.C. For this reason, it is known as the Julian Calendar. It was an improvement over the pre-existing calendar since the length of the year (one revolution of the earth around the sun) was more accurately calculated. But it was not fully accurate. By the first Ecumenical Council in 325 A.D., it was already four years out of synchronization. Thus, the Vernal equinox (the date in Spring when day and night are exactly equal in length) had to be moved from March 25 to March 21. As the years went by, the difference increased. In 1582, four hundred years ago, Pope Gregory the 13th reformed the Julian Calendar. He omitted ten days from it in that year to correct the accumulated error and altered the leap year rule so that it wouldn't happen again. The "New Calendar," as a result, is known as the Gregorian Calendar. Those Orthodox churches which keep the Julian, or Old Calendar for the liturgical life are known as "Old Calendarist Churches." Most of these are the Slavic Orthodox Churches. However, by today there is a 13 day difference between the Julian and Gregorian calendars.

For example, in the Old Calendar, Christmas Day, December 25, falls 13 days later than the Gregorian calendar. So Old Calendarist Orthodox celebrate Christmas on December 25, according to the Julian Calendar but it falls on Jan 6, according to the new calendar now in use. In the Orthodox world the difference was noted as early as 1382 by astronomers of the Byzantine Emperor and suggestions were made for its correction. However, for pastoral reasons the corrected calendar was not accepted by any Orthodox. In 1924 the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Church of Greece made the change, followed by several other Orthodox churches. Today, the Antiochian Church in this country follows the New Calendar as do many of the other jurisdictions, together with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese. The "Orthodox Church in America" (former "Russian Metropolia") has just decided to encourage their parishes to use the New Calendar. Other jurisdictions of Russian origin still retain the Julian Calendar, but the general movement among the Orthodox is toward acceptance of the New Calendar for the liturgical life of the church.

## ***A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT.....***

*To the Faithful of St. Mary's,*

*The 2018 Annual Meeting will be held on January 27, 2019. If anyone has an item they would like considered being placed on the agenda, please contact either me or Father Dan.*

*One agenda item that will be discussed is changing from the old calendar to the new calendar. This issue is resurfacing because there was talk years ago about possibly changing to the new calendar when we occupied the new church. There will be ample time to discuss the option at the Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may submit a written statement that will be read aloud in the meeting.. In March ballots will be given to each member in good standing. If the vote is to proceed with the calendar change,, then it will be presented to the Metropolitan's office for his blessing, and the change will be effective with the Liturgical calendar starting on September 1, 2019.*

*The By-laws of the church state that to be a voting member you must be a member in good standing. A member in good standing is one that has paid their dues and is in good sacramental standing. If you are unsure of the status of your dues, please see Rodney. If you are unsure of your sacramental standing, please see Father Dan. 2018 dues will be collected until the start of the Annual Meeting on January 27th. Dues paid after that date will be credited to the 2019 dues. As a note, \$71 of the dues goes towards the annual Diocesan assessment.*

*Please make an effort to be at the Annual Meeting on January 27, 2019. This is your church, and it is an opportunity to hear from others and offer you input in the workings of our beloved St. Mary's.*

*In Christ,*

*Chuck Coons*

*Parish President*

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*O who loves Nicholas the Saintly. O who serves  
Nicholas the Saintly. Him will Nicholas receive, and  
give help in time of need. Nicholas! Nicholas!*

*O who dwells in God's holy mansions; is our help on  
the land and oceans. He will guard us from all ills,  
keep us pure and free from sins. Nicholas! Nicholas!*

*Nicholas, tearfully we sinners beseech you fervently  
in our prayers. Help us in our tribulations, comfort  
every Christian nation. Nicholas! Nicholas!*

*Holy Saint, listen to our prayers. Let not life lead us  
to despair. All our efforts aren't in vain, singing  
praises to you name. Nicholas! Nicholas!*

*Hymn to Saint Nicholas*

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**  
**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6**

*Sunday before the Nativity; of the Genealogy*

9:30am *Divine Liturgy of St. John*

**STRICT FAST**

7:00pm **NATIVITY EVE VIGIL**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 7**

10:00am *Divine Liturgy of St. Basil*

*Christmas Social*

