



CHRISTMAS AND THEOPHANY 2023

Sunday, December 10, 2023

St. Nicholas Sunday / 28th Sunday

8:30 am Confessions (Dormition, Edmonton)

9:30 am **Divine Liturgy** (Dormition, Edmonton)

An opportunity for confession from 8:30 am to 9:15 am at Dormition Parish, followed by Divine Liturgy, during which we will commemorate St. Nicholas the Wonderworker.

11:00 am **Sunday Parish Breakfast** (Dormition, Edmonton)

*Everyone is welcome to join us for breakfast at the Parish Hall. St. Nicholas the Wonderworker himself will visit! Call 780-489-8868 or email dormition.edm@gmail.com to **register your attendance by November 25.***

Friday, December 22, 2023

Pre-feast, Ten Holy Martyrs of Crete

6:00 pm Silent Prayer and Confessions (St. George, Manly)

*An opportunity for silent prayer, meditation, and **Confession** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at St. George's Parish Church in Manly.*

Saturday, December 23, 2023

Saturday Before the Nativity of Christ

- 8:00 am Confessions (Dormition, Edmonton)
- 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (Dormition, Edmonton)
- 6:00 pm Great Vespers (Dormition, Edmonton)
- 7:00 pm Confessions (Dormition, Edmonton)

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Sunday Before the Nativity and Christmas Eve

Strict day of fasting and abstinence from meat, dairy and eggs, and foods that contain these ingredients. According to liturgical time, each day begins and ends at sundown. As the first star appears in the evening sky on Christmas Eve, the feast of the Nativity of Christ begins – with the family together for the Holy Supper. The Lenten character of this meal (abstinence from meat and dairy products) reminds us that Jesus was born not into wealth, in a royal palace, but into poverty, in a humble cave, amidst the poor of the world.

- 9:30 am Sunday Divine Liturgy** (Dormition, Edmonton)
- 5:30 pm Compline and Lytia (St. George, Manly)
- 6:00 pm **Festal Div. Liturgy** (St. George, Manly)
- 9:30 pm Compline and Lytia (Dormition, Edmonton)
- 10:30 pm Festal Divine Liturgy** (Dormition, Edmonton)

Monday, December 25, 2023

Feast of the Nativity of Christ (Christmas Day)

All the world comes to venerate the Christ Child – the humble shepherds of the earth and the wise and powerful of the nations.

- 9:30 am **Festal Divine Liturgy** (Dormition, Edmonton)
- 12:30 pm **Festal Divine Liturgy** (Holy Eucharist, Cherhill)

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

Synaxis of the Mother of God

*This is one of the most ancient Marian feasts. The Greek word **synaxis** means “assembly.” The faithful assemble the day after Christmas to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary – the Mother of God.*

- 9:30 am **Divine Liturgy** (Dormition, Edmonton)

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

First Martyr and Archdeacon Stephen

Saint Stephen was the first baptized Christian of the early Church to be martyred for the sake of Christ, in the year 34 or 35 AD.

9:30 am **Divine Liturgy** (Dormition, Edmonton)

Saturday, December 30, 2023

Saturday After the Nativity

6:00 pm Great Vespers (Dormition, Edmonton)

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Sunday After the Nativity of Christ

King David, Saint Joseph, Saint James

On this first Sunday after the Nativity of Christ, we also commemorate Holy and Righteous. Joseph, the betrothed spouse of Mary and foster father of Jesus. We also commemorate King David, the ancestor of Christ, as well as St. James, the brother of the Lord.

8:30 am Confessions

9:30 am **Divine Liturgy** (Dormition, Edmonton)

6:00 pm Great Vespers and Lytia (Dormition, Edmonton)

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Monday, January 1, 2024

Circumcision of Our Lord

Saint Basil the Great / New Year's Day

According to Jewish custom, every male child received its name on the eighth day, at the circumcision. Just as any other Jew, Jesus was also circumcised on the eighth day. In Hebrew, the name Jesus is "Yehoshua," which means "The Lord saves." On this day, we also commemorate St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea, who fell asleep in the Lord on January 1st, 379. In addition to his work as a theologian, Basil was known for his care for the poor, the sick and the needy. Basil established guidelines for monastic life which focused on community life, liturgical prayer, and manual labour.

9:30 am **Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great**
(Dormition, Edmonton)

Friday, January 5, 2024

Vigil of Theophany

The Lenten character of the Theophany Holy Supper is observed (abstinence from meat and dairy products). Theophany means “the appearance of God.”

6:00 pm Great Vespers with Old Testament Readings
(Dormition, Edmonton)

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Theophany of Our Lord | Christmas Eve (Julian Calendar)

Theophany means “the appearance of God.” After Easter and Pentecost Theophany is the third greatest feast of the Eastern Churches, greater than the Feast of the Nativity of Christ. It commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan by John, and the public manifestation of the incarnate Word to the world.

9:30 am **Divine Liturgy & Water Blessing**
(Dormition, Edmonton)

5:30 pm Compline and Lytia

6:00 pm **Festal Divine Liturgy** (St. Nicholas, Carvel)
Christmas Liturgy according to the Julian Calendar.

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Sunday After Theophany

9:30 am **Divine Liturgy** (Dormition, Edmonton)

11:00 am Kytia & Caroling fundraiser (Dormition, Edmonton)

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Fore-feast of the Encounter

6:00 pm Great Vespers & Lytia (Dormition, Edmonton)

Friday, February 2, 2024

Encounter of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This feast, which takes place forty days after the Nativity of Our Lord, is also called the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Blessing of Candles at the end of each Liturgy.

7:00 am **Divine Liturgy** (Dormition, Edmonton)

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