



ARCHANGEL MICHAEL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

SCHEDULE: 2017—2018 **Christmas, New Years and Epiphany Feast Days**

1. December 22: Orthros and Royal Hours for the Nativity of the Christ.....8am
2. December 23: Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ Orthros and Divine Liturgy 8/9 am
3. December 24: Sunday Before the Nativity: Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9/10am
9th Hour and Great Vespers.....6pm
4. December 25: Orthros for the Nativity of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ 9 am
Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ..... 10 am
5. December 26: Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Synaxis of the Theotokos 8/9 am
6. December 31: Great Vespers: Circumcision of the Lord and St. Basil the Great.....6 pm
7. January 1: Orthros & Divine Liturgy Circumcision of the Lord and St. Basil..... 9/10 am
8. January 5: Orthros, Royal Hours 7 am
9. January 5: Vespersal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.....9 am
for the Theophany of Our Lord and *Lesser Blessing of Waters*
Please note: *This is a strict Fast Day*
10. January 6: Orthros for Theophany8 am
Divine Liturgy & *The Great Blessing of Waters (no fasting)*.....9 am

11. January 7: Sunday After Theophany and St. John the Baptist Orthros and Liturgy 9/10am
- Please note:** Every Orthodox Christian should go to Holy Confession prior to the celebration of our Lord's Nativity. Confessions can be heard before or after Great Vespers on Saturday Evenings or by appointment during the week.

Please remember that only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent confession may partake of Holy Communion.

There is no fasting from December 25 until January 4 (inclusive). January 5 is a strict fast day and January 6 is always a fast free day.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!