

**St. Mary's Orthodox Church  
(Dormition of the Mother of God)**

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*Sunday January 14, 2017*

Leavetaking (Apodosis) of the Theophany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; Virgin-martyr Agnes, in dark solitary confinement; Saint Nina (*Nino*), Equal-to-the-Apostles, Enlightener of Georgia (335); Saint Joseph Analytinus of Raithu Monastery (4th c.); The Holy Fathers slain at Mt. Sinai and Raithu (4th-5th c.), including the Holy 38 Fathers slain at Mt. Sinai, and the Holy 33 Fathers slain at Raithu: Hieromartyrs Isaiah, Sabbas, Moses and his disciple Moses, Jeremiah, Paul, Adam, Sergius, Domnus, Proclus, Hypatius, Isaac, Macarius, Mark, Benjamin, Eusebius, Elias, and others; Saint Theodoulos, son of St. Nilus of Sinai (5th c.); Venerable Stephen, Abbot of Chenolakkos Monastery in Triglia, near Chalcedon (716); Saint Felix of Nola, Confessor of Nola in Italy (ca.250); Saint Euphrasius, a bishop martyred in North Africa by the Arian Vandals; Saint Dacius (*Datius*), Bishop of Milan, exorcist (552); Saint Kentigern (*Kentigern Mungo, Kentigern of Glasgow*), first Bishop of Strathclyde (Glasgow), Scotland (614) - (*see also January 13 - Greek and Western*); Saint Sava I of Hilandar Monastery on Mount Athos, Enlightener and First Archbishop of Serbia (1235) - (*see also January 12 - Russian*); Saint Joannicius of Tarnovo, Metropolitan of Tarnovo in Bulgaria (13th c.); Saint Acacius, Bishop of Tver (1567) - (*see also June 29*); Saint Meletius (Yakimov), Bishop of Ryazan, Missionary to Yakutia (1900); New Hiero-Confessor John (Kevroletin), Hiero-Schemamonk, of Verkhoturye (1961); New Martyrs slain at Raithu Monastery near Kazan (ca. 1933); New Hieromartyr Ambrose (Gudko), Bishop of Sarapul and Yelabug (1918); New-Martyr Platon (Kulbush), Archbishop of Reval (Estonia) (1919) - (*see also January 1*); **Other Commemorations:** Repose of Nicholas Motovilov (1879), disciple of St. Seraphim of Sarov; Repose of Hieromonk Cosmas of Grigoriou, Missionary to Zaire (1989).

*Services for the week of January 14*

Wednesday, January 17: 7:00 pm Royal Hours for the Theophany

Thursday, January 18: 9:00 am Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

7:00 pm Vigil for the Theophany

Friday, January 19: 9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and the Great Blessing of Waters

Saturday, January 20: 6:00 pm Great Vespers

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## Parish News

**WELCOME:** to all of our guests today. We are so glad that you have come to enjoy our Orthodox worship. We invite you to come for coffee and sweets in our church hall and to enjoy fellowship with us. May God bless you!

**OFFERINGS:** December 24: \$1126.91 December 25:\$604.00

**PLEASE REMEMBER** Janet Mikel and Martha Smith as well as Marin Sandu (Dr. Alina's stepfather) who are suffering from serious illness. May God continue to bless and strengthen them!

**PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER** Georgi Kolomiyets who has suffered a small stroke. His vision is affected, but he is recovering quickly. May God grant him a full recovery!

**REMEMBER,** this week we celebrate Old Calendar Theophany (with the blessing of Bishop Gregory). The schedule of services is in this bulletin.

**FR. MARK AND CATHERINE** thank you for your prayers on their behalf as they traveled. It was a great blessing to go to Russia and also, it is wonderful to be home. Please know that you were all remembered in the holy places there. May God bless our parish and our homes.

### REFLECTION

If, at times, the dogmas of the Faith seem to be like solid food, first endeavor to fulfill the moral dogmas of Christianity, then the understanding of the dogmas of the Faith will be revealed to you. Inquisitive questioning of higher things without effort regarding the improvement of your life does not bring any benefit. At one time, the monks of Egypt reflected about Melchisedek and not being able to come to a clear understanding about the mysterious personality of this ancient king and high priest, invited Abba Copres to their assembly and asked him about Melchisedek. Upon hearing this, Copres struck himself three times on the mouth and said, "Woe to you Copres! You left that which God commanded you to do and you question that which God does not require of you." Hearing him, the monks were ashamed and dispersed. St. John Chrysostom writes, "And, if we adhere to the true dogmas and are not concerned about our behavior, we will not have any kind of benefit; and in the same way, if we concern ourselves about our behavior and neglect true dogmas, we will receive no benefit for our salvation. If we want to be delivered from Gehenna and to gain the kingdom, we need to be adorned on both sides: correctness of dogmas and honorable living."