

Sts. Peter and Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

First-enthroned of the apostles, teachers of the universe: Entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy!

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29TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST : SUNDAY OF FOREFEAST OF THE
NATIVITY OF CHRIST

tone 3

Today 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Thu. 31 7:00pm Vespers Liturgy
Circumcision of Christ
St. Basil the Great
Sun. 03 10:00am Divine Liturgy

One must be baptized and chrismated an Orthodox Christian to receive Holy Communion. Guests are invited to receive a blessing at the chalice and partake of the post-Communion bread (Antidoron).

Fast Days: No fast all week.

Troparion – Tone 4
(Feast)

*Thy Nativity, O Christ our God,
has shone to the world the light of
wisdom!
For by it, those who worshipped the
stars,
were taught by a star to adore Thee,
the Sun of Righteousness,
and to know Thee, the Orient from
on high.
O Lord, glory to Thee!*

Kontakion – Tone 3
(Righteous Ones)

*Today godly David is filled with joy;
Joseph and James offer praise.
The glorious crown of their kinship
with Christ fills them with great joy.
They sing praises to the One
ineffably born on earth,
and they cry out: "O
Compassionate One, save those
who honor Thee!"*

Prayers for those in our Sts. Peter and Paul community (parishioners, family, friends) can be listed for remembrance in our litanies during the Liturgy. Feel free to give names to Fr. Nicholas - please indicate how each person listed is connected to us (parishioner, family, friend, etc.), as well as why we are praying for them (health, memory, travel, etc.).

Confessions can be heard by appointment. If you need, I will come to you during the week. Please do not hesitate to call for a time to drop by the church or to have me visit you.

Remembrances for both the living and the dead during the prayers of preparation of the Eucharistic Lamb and during the Augmented Litany should be given the week before the desired remembrance so that the names can be put into the bulletin and given to the Deacons for the prayers. Any names of the living that are not marked as sick or traveling will be listed under general prayers.

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK

Church Lectionary

Today

Galatians 1:11-19
Matthew 2:13-23

Monday

Hebrews 8:7-13
Mark 10:46-52

Tuesday

Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23
Mark 11:11-23

Wednesday

Hebrews 10:1-18
Mark 11:22-26

Thursday

Hebrews 10:35-11:7
Mark 11:27-33

Friday

Colossians 2:8-12
Luke 2:20-21, 40-52
Hebrews 7:26-8:2
Luke 6:17-23
Hebrews 11:8, 11-16
Mark 12:1-12

Saturday

1 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Matthew 3:1-11

Reading the Bible in a Year

Dec 27: Revelation 7-9
Dec 28: Revelation 10-12
Dec 29: Revelation 13-15
Dec 30: Revelation 16-18
Dec 31: Revelation 19-22
Jan 01: Genesis 1-4
Jan 02: Genesis 5-8

“If you believe what you like in the Gospels, and reject what you don’t like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself.”

- St. Augustine

Christ is born! Glorify Him!

The word of the day is “sent.” On this glorious day, we hear Paul’s concise summary of the gospel in our reading of Galatians 4:4-7. He writes, “But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive adoption as sons” (vs. 4-5).

How long did it take for the time to be filled up with hours, days and years and decades (Strong’s #4136, 204)? How much suffering did the Chosen People endure as the centuries heaped up one on top of the others? How much perseverance did it take for the People to maintain their hope in God’s promise?

God So Loved That He Sent His Son

But now, history has no more room. The time that God had allocated before He would act had expired. Now the Almighty God loved the world so much that He “sent forth” His Son (vs. 4). Note that the two persons of the Holy Trinity are distinct. The Father “sent” the Son, the Son “was sent” by God, the Father. Together with the Holy Spirit, they are one in essence. Yet each has His own identity.

Moreover, the Greek word that Paul uses adds the understanding

that the Father sent forth His Son on a mission. The Lord is totally committed to carrying out the tasks for which He came to earth. He said, “But I have a greater witness than John’s; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish—the very works that I do—bear witness of Me that the Father has sent me (vs. John 5:36). The Lord is one in being (“consubstantial”) with the Father and the Holy Spirit in his divine nature. He is one in the obedience of His will in his human nature. Thus, the Lord said, “ I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent me (John 5:30).

The Son of God Put Himself Under the Law

His birth of a woman of the Chosen People put the Son of God under the law. From his circumcision (Luke 2:21), dedication in the temple (Luke 2:22-24), obedience to his parents (Luke 2:51), to is His baptism, and throughout his earthly life, He willingly “fulfilled all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15) of the law of Moses. In summary, “though He was a Son, he learned obedience by the things which he suffered” (Hebrews 5:8).

Yet being “under the law” was more than having to meet the obligations of the law of Moses. The Jews were under the explicit law of Moses. But there is an implicit law that pertains to the Gentiles. The Orthodox Study Bible calls it the “natural law.” It “has been ‘written’ by God on the heart of every human who has ever lived.” “It is the voice of conscience”(OSB “The Basis of God’s Judgement,”15250. (Romans 2:15). By it, God will judge the Gentiles who do not know the law of Moses (Romans 2:16). Therefore, the Gentiles are not exempt from God’s judgment.

He Fulfilled the Law For Us

By His perfect obedience to the will of God, Christ fulfilled the righteous demands of both the Mosaic and the “natural law.” He has fully met our duties to our Creator for us, obligations that had put humankind under the judgment of God. By the fall of Adam, the whole human race became subject to death and prone to sin (OSB fn. on 5:19). But Christ

has undone what Adam did. Thus, Paul says, “For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous” (Romans 5:19).

Therefore, by His birth of a woman, Christ came to free us from our bondage to the law and the judgment of God according to the law. At best, the law was a kind of tutor that kept us in line because of the fear of God’s wrath. Accordingly, even though we were created as God’s children, we were no more than slaves (4:1). But now that Christ has come to fulfill the law for us, we have the blessing of being adopted as sons of God (Galatians 4:7).

God sent His Son into the world to be one of us. But by faith in Him, we become one with Him. Once under the curse of the law, our human nature is now restored to its freedom. In the Greek text, the word translated “freedom” means “exemption from liability (Strong’s #1659, 85). No longer subject to God’s judgment, we are free to worship and serve Him with the love which children have for their parents.

Health of the Parish

\$15,000.00

\$10,000.00

\$5,000.00



December/January Events

December

- 27 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- 31 – 7:00pm Vesperal Liturgy (*St. Basil*)

January

- 03 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- 05 – 7:00pm Vesperal Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water for the Feast of Theophany
- 06 – 7:15pm Bible Study
- 10 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy
- 13 – 7:15pm Bible Study

Children's Word

Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle, Sunday After)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Matthew 2:13-23 (Gospel, Sunday After)

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

A different kind of manger

Are you still celebrating Christmas? Maybe you are still enjoying your presents or munching on Christmas chocolates. But are you really celebrating? In church, we still sing the Christmas hymns, and our Gospel reading today tells us about Jesus as a baby. Everything is still decorated for the feastday. Yes, we are still celebrating the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

We think about the birth of our Lord throughout the whole year too! When we get ready to receive Holy Communion, we say special prayers to ask God to make us ready to receive it. (When you're older, you can pray all of the prayers, but kids can pray what they can.) One of the Communion prayers says, "As you willed in the cave to lie in a manger of senseless animals, take it upon yourself now to enter the manger of my soiled body."

This prayer reminds us of what God did for us when He sent Jesus to us. And this prayer reminds us of what God does for us each time we receive Holy Communion! Our Lord, Jesus Christ is God, but He came and was born in a dirty, old cave. And every time we receive Holy Communion, He comes into our dirty, old bodies. (They're "dirty" because we have all done wrong things.) God comes to us anyway because He loves us so much. He comes to save us! So, let's do what we can to ask God to make us ready to receive Him.

SAINT STEPHEN FORGIVING OUR ENEMIES

Did somebody ever do something mean to you...and you forgave him? We all know that God wants us to forgive our enemies. Well, you might not even have any enemies. But you can always try hard to forgive somebody for being a little mean to you.

Today we remember a saint who had enemies. Saint Stephen had people who really hated him! They lied about him. They tried to get others to hate him too. And in the end, they threw stones at him and even killed him. But Stephen forgave them all. We hear in the Bible, "And as they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.'"

Saint Stephen prayed for his enemies, even when they were throwing stones at him! If he could do a huge thing like that, then do you think you can do a little thing? Do you think you can pray for people who do little mean things to you? Maybe a classmate gossips about you. Maybe a friend won't play with you today. Maybe your sister says something mean to you. We can pray and forgive little things, because Saint Stephen gives us this great example!

We celebrate St. Stephen today, December 27th.

Nativity of our Lord 2020

December 20, 2020

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To the Venerable Hierarchs, Esteemed Clergy, Reverend Monastics, and Beloved Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,
My Beloved Brethren and Blessed Children in the Lord, on this the glorious and lightfilled Feast of the Nativity in the Flesh of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, I greet you with the words that resound throughout our Churches and homes during this season: Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

By the grace of God, we have come through an extraordinary year fraught with challenges and trials that none of us could have expected. We have found ourselves confused, scared, and anxious. As we realized the frailty of our earthly life and the many fleeting things of this world to which we so often cling, more than anything, we have found ourselves in need of a Savior.

It is especially in these challenging moments that we are strengthened by God's promise, spoken in the book of Deuteronomy, "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you (Dt 31:6)." As children of God, as children of the promise, we should remain steadfast in hope. We should never let our hope waiver, because, as the present feast reminds us, we are strengthened continually by the presence of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus, who saves us from our sins and weaknesses, and reconciles us with our heavenly Father. The scripture, hymns, and rites of the feast testify that Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, is He who has also died on the Cross, and become the first-born of the dead, raised us all by the Power of God, and opened the gates of the kingdom to us. The great Prophet Isaiah, speaking of this kingdom, tells us:

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Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever (Is 9:7).

Beloved hierarchs, clergy, monastics, and faithful, let your hope be renewed at the Nativity of Christ! Be assured that God is with us! Perceiving the mystery of this feast, difficulties and trials in this life will become bearable, as your faith is strengthened, and your hope remains firm.

With all the blessings of the feast, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Tikhon

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada

К Галатам 1:11-19

Возвещаю вам, братия, что Евангелие, которое я благовествовал, не есть человеческое, ибо и я принял его и научился не от человека, но через откровение Иисуса Христа. Вы слышали о моем прежнем образе жизни в Иудействе, что я жестоко гнал Церковь Божию, и опустошал ее, и преуспевал в Иудействе более многих сверстников в роде моем, будучи неумеренным ревнителем отеческих моих преданий. Когда же Бог, избравший меня от утробы матери моей и призвавший благодатью Своею, благоволил открыть во мне Сына Своего, чтобы я благовествовал Его язычникам, --я не стал тогда же советоваться с плотью и кровью, и не пошел в Иерусалим к предшествовавшим мне Апостолам, а пошел в Аравию, и опять возвратился в Дамаск. Потом, спустя три года, ходил я в Иерусалим видеться с Петром и пробыл у него дней пятнадцать. Другого же из Апостолов я не видел [никого], кроме Иакова, брата Господня.

От Матфея 2:13-23

Когда же они отошли, --се, Ангел Господень является во сне Иосифу и говорит: встань, возьми Младенца и Матерь Его и беги в Египет, и будь там, доколе не скажу тебе, ибо Ирод хочет искать Младенца, чтобы погубить Его. Он встал, взял Младенца и Матерь Его ночью и пошел в Египет, и там был до смерти Ирода, да сбудется реченное Господом через пророка, который говорит: из Египта воззвал Я Сына Моего. Тогда Ирод, увидев себя осмеянным волхвами, весьма разгневался, и послал избить всех младенцев в Вифлееме и во всех пределах его, от двух лет и ниже, по времени, которое выведал от волхвов. Тогда сбылось реченное через пророка Иеремию, который говорит: глас в Раме слышен, плач и рыдание и вопль великий; Рахиль плачет о детях своих и не хочет утешиться, ибо их нет. По смерти же Ирода, --се, Ангел Господень во сне является Иосифу в Египте и говорит: встань, возьми Младенца и Матерь Его и иди в землю Израилеву, ибо умерли искавшие души Младенца. Он встал, взял Младенца и Матерь Его и пришел в землю Израилеву. Услышав же, что Архелай царствует в Иудее вместо Ирода, отца своего, убоился туда идти; но, получив во сне откровение, пошел в пределы Галилейские и, придя, поселился в городе, называемом Назарет, да сбудется реченное через пророков, что Он Назореем наречется.

Galatasve 1:11-19

Tani, o vëllezër, po ju vë në dijeni se ungjilli që është shpallur nga unë, nuk është sipas njeriut, sepse unë nuk e kam marrë as e kam mësuar nga ndonjë njeri, por e kam marrë nëpërmjet një zbuluese nga Jezui Krishti. Sepse ju keni dëgjuar për sjelljen time të atëhershme në judaizëm, si e përndiqja me egërsi të madhe kishën e Perëndisë dhe e shkatërroja. Dhe si përparoja në judaizëm më tepër se shumë bashkëkohës të kombit tim, duke qenë jashtëzakonisht i zellshëm për traditat e etërve të mi. Po, kur i pëlqeu Perëndisë, që më kishte ndarë që nga barku i nënës dhe më thirri me anë të hirit të tij, që të zbulojë në mua Birin e tij, që unë t'ua shpall midis joçifutëve, unë nuk mora menjëherë këshill nga mish dhe gjak, as nuk u ngjita në Jeruzalem tek ata që ishin apostuj përpara meje, por shkova në Arabi dhe u ktheva përsëri në Damask. Pastaj, pas tre vjetësh, u ngjita në Jeruzalem për të takuar Pjetrin dhe ndenja me të pesëmbëdhjetë ditë. Dhe nuk pashë asnjë nga apostujt e tjerë, përveç Jakobit, vëllait të Zotit.

Mateu 2:13-23

Tani pasi u nisën Dijetarët, ja një engjëll i Zotit iu shfaq në ëndërr Jozefit dhe i tha: “Çohu, merr fëmijën dhe nënën e tij dhe ik në Egjipt, dhe rri aty deri sa të të lajmëroj, sepse Herodi do ta kërkojë fëmijën për ta vlarë.” Jozefi, pra, u zgjua, mori fëmijën dhe nënën e tij natën dhe iku në Egjipt. Dhe qëndroi aty deri sa vdiq Herodi, që të përmbushet ç’ ishte thënë nga Zoti me anë të profetit: “E thirra birin tim nga Egjipti.” Atëherë Herodi, duke parë se dijetarët e kishin mashtruar, u zemërua fort dhe urdhëroi të vriten të gjithë fëmijët meshkuj që ishin në Bethlehem dhe në tërë rrethinën e tij, nga dy vjeç e poshtë, sipas kohës të cilën e kishte hetuar me kujdes nga Dijetarët. Atëherë u përmbush ajo që ishte thënë nëpërmjet profetit Jeremi që thotë: “Në Ramë u dëgjua një klithmë, një vaje një qarje dhe gjëmë e madhe; Rakela vajton bijtë e saj dhe nuk pranon të ngushëllohet, sepse ata nuk janë më.” Pasi vdiq Herodi, ja një engjëll i Zotit i shfaqet në ëndërr Jozefit në Egjipt, dhe i thotë: “Çohu, merr fëmijën dhe nënën e tij dhe shko në vendin e Izraelit, sepse ata që donin ta vrisnin fëmijën kanë vdekur.” Dhe ai u çua, mori fëmijën dhe nënën e tij dhe shkoi në vendin e Izraelit; por, kur dëgjoi se Arkelau mbretëronte në Judë në vend të Herodit, atit të tij, pati frikë të shkojë atje. Dhe, mbasi u udhëzua nga Perëndia në ëndërr, iku në krahinën e Galilesë, dhe, mbasi arriti atje, zuri vend në një qytet që quhej Nazaret, që të përmbushej ajo që ishte thënë nga profeti: “Ai do të quhet Nazareas.”

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Преосвященным Архипастырям, Честному Клиру, Досточтимому Монашеству и Возлюбленным Верующим Православной Церкви в Америке, Возлюбленные братья и благословенные о Господе чада мои! В этот славный и исполненный светом Праздник Рождества во плоти Господа, Бога и Спаса нашего Иисуса Христа, приветствую вас словами звучащими в наших храмах и домах в это время года: Христос Рождается! Славите Его!

По милости Божией мы пережили необыкновенный год со многими никем из нас неожиданными вызовами и испытаниями, которые нас смущают, запугивают и тревожат. Осознав хрупкость нашей земной жизни и мимолётность многого в мире сем за которое мы так часто хватаемся, мы обнаружили, что больше всего мы нуждаемся в Спасителе.

Именно в эти трудные моменты нас укрепляет обещание Божие указанное в книге Второзакония: «Будьте тверды и мужественны, не бойтесь и не страшитесь их, ибо Господь, Бог твой, Сам пойдёт с тобою, не отступит от тебя и не оставит тебя» (Вт 31: 6). Нам, как детям Божиим, как детям обетования, следует оставаться стойкими в надежде. Мы никогда не должны колебаться в надежде, потому что, как наступивший праздник напоминает нам, нас постоянно укрепляет присутствие Господа Иисуса нашего Эммануила, спасающее нас от грехов наших и слабостей и примиряющее нас с небесным Отцом нашим. Священное Писание, песнопения и богослужения праздника свидетельствуют, что Иисус Христос, рожденный от Девы Марии, есть Тот, Кто также умер на Кресте и стал первенцем из мертвых, воскресившим всех нас Силой Божией и открывшим нам врата царства.

Великий пророк Исайя, изрекая об этом царстве, поведывает нам:

«Умножению владычества Его и мира нет предела на престоле Давида в царстве его, чтобы Ему утвердить его и укрепить его судом и : и правдою отныне и до века» (Ис. 9 7).

Возлюбленные архипастыри, духовенство, монашествующие и верующие, да возобновится надежда ваша в Христовом Рождестве! Пребывайте в уверенности что с нами Бог! При осознании тайны этого праздника, жизненные трудности и испытания станут терпимыми по мере укрепления вашей веры и в вашем твердом пребывании в надежде.

Со всеми благословениями праздника, остаюсь,

Искренне Ваш во Христе,

+ Тихон

Архиепископ Вашингтонский,

Митрополит всея Америки и Канады

Hierarkëve të nderuar, Klerikëve të respektuar, Monahëve të vyer dhe Besimtarëve të dashur të Kishës Ortodokse në Amerikë,

Vëllezërit e mi të dashur dhe fëmijë të bekuar në Zotin, në këtë Festë të lavdishme dhe të mbushur me dritën e Lindjes në Trup të Zotit tonë, Perëndisë dhe Shpëtimtarit Jezu Krisht, ju përshëndes me fjalët që kumbojnë nëpër Kishat dhe shtëpitë tona gjatë kësaj periudhe: Krishti u Lind! Lavdërojeni!

Me hirin e Perëndisë, kaluam një vit të jashtëzakonshëm të mbushur me sfida dhe sprovat që askush prej nesh nuk mund t'i kishte pritur. E gjetëm veten të hutuar, të frikësuar dhe të shqetësuar. Ndërsa kuptuam brishtësinë e jetës sonë tokësore dhe të shumë gjërave kalimtare të kësaj bote, në të cilat kapemi aq shpesh, më shumë se gjithçka, e kemi gjetur veten në nevojë për një Shpëtimtar.

Veçanërisht në këto momente sfiduese ne forcohem nga premtimi i Perëndisë, i thënë në librin e Ligjit të Përtërirë: “Tregohuni të fortë dhe trima, mos kini frikë, mos u trembni prej tyre, sepse është Zoti, Perëndia yt, i cili ecën me ty; Ai nuk do të të lërë dhe nuk ka për të të braktisur” (Dt 31:6). Si fëmijë të Perëndisë, si fëmijë të premtimit, ne duhet të qëndrojmë të patundur në shpresë. Ne kurrë nuk duhet të heqim dorë nga shpresa jonë, sepse, siç na kujton festa e tanishme, ne forcohem vazhdimisht nga prania e Emanuelit, Zotit tonë Jezus, i cili na shpëton nga mëkatet dhe dobësitë tona dhe na pajton me Atin tonë qiellor. Shkrimet e shenjta, himnet dhe ritet e festës dëshmojnë se Jezu Krishti, i lindur nga Virgjëresha Mari, është Ai i cili gjithashtu vdiq në Kryq dhe u bë i parëlinduri i të vdekurve, na ngriti të gjithëve me Fuqinë e Perëndisë, dhe na hapi dyert e mbretërisë. Profeti i madh Isaia, duke folur për këtë mbretëri, na thotë:

“Nuk do të ketë të sosur rritja e pushtetit të Tij dhe paqja mbi fronin e Davidit dhe në mbretërinë e Tij, për ta vendosur pa u tundur dhe për ta përforcuar me anë të mënçurisë dhe të drejtësisë, tani dhe përjetë” (Is 9:7).

Hierarkë të dashur, klerikë, monahë dhe besnikë, le të ripërtërihet shpresa juaj në Lindjen e Krishtit! Të jeni të sigurt se Perëndia është me ne! Duke perceptuar misterin e kësaj feste, vështirësitë dhe sprovat në këtë jetë do të bëhen të durueshme, ndërsa besimi juaj do forcohet dhe shpresa juaj do mbetet e patundur.

Me të gjitha bekimet e festës,

Mbetem sinqerisht i Juaji në Krishtin,

+ TIKONI

Kryepeshkop i Uashingtonit

Mitropolit i gjithë Amerikës dhe Kanadasë