

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES



NATIVITY/THEOPHANY

2009/2010

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH,
1240 BROADBRIDGE AVENUE, STRATFORD, CT 06615**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST! GLORY FOREVER!

I behold a new and wondrous mystery! My ears resound to the Shepherd's song, piping no soft melody, but chanting full forth a heavenly hymn. The Angels sing! The Archangels blend their voices in harmony! The Cherubim hymn their joyful praise! The Seraphim exalt His glory! All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead here on earth, and man in heaven. He who is above, now for our redemption dwells here below; and he that was lowly is by divine mercy raised.

St. John Chrysostom, Homily on the Nativity

As we approach in a few short the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, (Our seventeenth together!) the words of St. John Chrysostom reminds us of the deep mystery that we will once again celebrate. We will celebrate the union of earth and heaven and the renewal of the cosmos, which was made possible by the birth of our Saviour.

This year, we once again have the opportunity, to proclaim with the angels the joyful news of the birth of our Saviour. By doing so, we will gladden our hearts, and the darkness of despair will be lifted. We will experience the rebirth of hope and a renewal of peace within our hearts, if we allow ourselves to fully celebrate this feast.

By participating in the scheduled services of the Nativity and Theophany Season, you and I will have the opportunity, to be spiritually renewed. I encourage you to receive the Holy Mystery of Confession so that you may be prepared to receive the greatest gift of all this Christmas morning, the sacred Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. I invite you as well to take part in our annual Christmas Eve Holy Supper (Velijeh)

Looking forward to celebrating the upcoming feast days with you, I remain,

With Love, Gratitude and Festal Greetings on Behalf of Pani Carol, Daniel and Timothy,

Very Rev. Peter Paproski

Very Rev. Protopresbyter Peter Paproski

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR
THE CHRISTMAS AND THEOPHANY SEASON**

- Tues Jan 5, 2010 - Pre-Feast of The Nativity
7:00 pm Royal Hour Service
- Wed Jan 6, 2010 - Christmas Eve
9:00 AM Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
5:00 PM & After Supper - Holy Confession
6:00 PM Christmas Eve Supper (Velije Vecere)
8:00 PM Compline Service
- Thurs Jan 7, 2010 - The Feast of The Nativity of Our Lord
12:00 AM Matins Service
9:15 AM Holy Confession & Choir Warm-Up
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
- Fri Jan 8, 2010 - The Synaxis of The Blessed Virgin Mary
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy **at Cambridge Manor, Fairfield**
- Sat Jan 9, 2010 - The Third Day of Christmas - St. Stephen
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- Thurs Jan 14, 2010 - The Circumcision of Our Lord
St Basil the Great/Julian Calendar New Year's Day
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
- Mon Jan 18, 2010 - Theophany Eve
9:00 am Royal Hour (Prophecy) Service For Theophany
7:00 pm Great Compline & Blessing of Water
- Tues Jan 19, 2010 - The Feast of Theophany/Epiphany
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy - House Blessings Begin
- Wed Jan 20, 2010 - The Synaxis of St. John The Baptist
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy