

**Eve of the Nativity of our Lord
Commemorated on [December 24](#)**

In Slavic practice, on the eve of the Nativity of the Lord, the liturgical services consist of the Royal Hours with the Typika, Vespers, and the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great. At Vigil in the evening, Great Compline is followed by Matins.

If the Nativity falls on Sunday, however, the Royal Hours with the Typika are read on the preceding Friday.

On Friday evening, the office of the Forefeast, December 24. The Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom is served on Saturday morning. At Vigil in the evening, Great Compline is followed by Matins. On Sunday morning, the Liturgy of Saint Basil is celebrated.

If the Nativity falls on a Monday, Royal Hours with the Typika are read on Friday December 22. On Saturday evening and Sunday morning we follow the order for the Sunday before the Nativity with the office of the Forefeast for December 24. On Sunday morning the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom is served. Vigil on Sunday evening consists of Great Compline is followed by Matins. On Monday morning the Liturgy of Saint Basil is celebrated.

On the eve of the Nativity, instead of three readings from the Old Testament at Vespers, there are eight readings (from Genesis, Numbers, Micah, Isaiah, Baruch, Daniel, and two more readings from Isaiah). The entrance is made with the Gospel.

At the end of Liturgy the priest places a lighted candle in a candlestick in the center of the church. Then the troparion and kontakion of the Feast are sung. At Vigil on the evening of the twenty-fourth, Great Compline is followed by Matins.

**Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40
(Epistle, Sunday Before)**

By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

In Memoriam: Archpriest John M. Klembara

Archpriest John M. Klembara, 86, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday, December 15, 2017.

Born on June 24, 1931, Father John was a 1954 graduate of Saint Tikhon's Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood on September 30, 1956. He earned his Masters of Divinity degree from Ashland College in 1980. He served as a parish priest for 43 years and as an Orthodox Chaplain for the Veterans Administration for 30 years. Upon his retirement he was named Pastor Emeritus of Saint Andrew Church, Maple Heights, OH.

Father John is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Matushka Olga [Shuga] Klembara; his loving children Deborah Klembara, Timothy John [Patricia] Klembara, and Naomi [Bob] Reilly; and grandchildren Rachael, Zachary, Noah, Nathan, Bobby, and Danny. He is further survived by his brother-in-law, Archpriest Stephen [Matushka Emily] Shuga. He was predeceased by his brother, Michael and his wife Anne Klembara, and his brother-in-law, Archpriest Andrew Shuga and his wife Matushka Mitzi.

Donations in Father John's memory may be made to Saint Tikhon's Seminary, PO Box 130, South Canaan, PA 18459-0130.

May Father John's memory be eternal!



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(65 YEARS AGO!)**

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MANY YEARS!**

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Can you find these words?
 Santa - Cookies - North Pole - Gifts
 Candy - Sleigh - Toys
 Tree - Giving - Rudolf



The Birth Of Christ
Poet: Alfred Tennyson

The time draws near the birth of Christ;
 The moon is hid--the night is still;
 The Christmas bells from hill to hill
 Answer each other in the mist.

Four voices of four hamlets round,
 From far and near, on mead and moor,
 Swell out and fail, as if a door
 Were shut between me and the sound.

Each voice four changes on the wind,
 That now dilate and now decrease,
 Peace and good-will, good-will and peace,
 Peace and good-will to all mankind.

Rise, happy morn! rise, holy morn!
 Draw forth the cheerful day from night;
 O Father! touch the east, and light
 The light that shone when hope was born!