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St. Susanna Orthodox Church

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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Christ is born!

We had a full and blessed month of December. We had a great Annual Meeting on the first Sunday of the Month, and discussed how we can continue to work together to build up the Church so that it can accomplish its mission. Then, for our Church's Feast Day, we had a visit from Archbishop Benjamin, which included the ordination of Subdeacon Tikhon. This was followed by



a lovely reception out at the Hurst Ranch. We were blessed to celebrate the beautiful services of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—and we'll close out the month with a New Year's Eve Open House at the Rectory. Everyone is invited to the Ramos home on Dec. 31st for an evening of fun, fellowship and feasting! Bring something yummy to eat or drink and plan on joining in on the games, singing, and simply enjoying the fellowship of the Church Family. The festivities began at 6:00 p.m. and will wind down around 10:00 (but you are welcome to come and go as your schedule allows).

In January we will celebrate the Theophany of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We'll have the Vespertal Liturgy with the Great Indoor Blessing of Waters on Friday night, Jan. 5th, at 6:00 p.m. Remember to bring water containers so you can take holy water home with you. Then on Sunday, Jan. 7th, we'll have a progressive house blessing, where we'll go from house to house, enjoying a meal together progressively (appetizers at the first house, soup or salad at the second house, etc.). Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall if you would like your house to be part of the progressive house blessing on the 7th. Otherwise, you can arrange with Fr. Joseph when you would like to have your house blessed on a different day.



Our Adult Bible Study and Weekday Vespers will pick up again on the 10th of January at 6:00 p.m. with a study on the Holy Trinity. This six week study will look at the events that led up to the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. and the formulation of the Creed or Symbol of Faith that we profess at every Divine Liturgy.

Have a blessed Nativity Season!

Fr. Joseph

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& Robinwood Ln.
(2 blocks north of
Racetrack Rd.)



St. Susanna Cleaning Schedule

*Blessed are those who love the beauty
of God's house*

Team 1—January 7th

Team 2—Week of January 21st

Hours Readings

Anyone who would like to read the Hours before liturgy, please contact Rdr Tikhon at 209-728-5596 or boodt76@aol.com to be added to the list or for more information.

MANY YEARS

Birthdays:

Maddie (Magdalena Reighard)	January 18
Asa Campbell	January 19

Namesdays:

Bryant Gomes	January 2
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Anniversaries:

Alex and Natalie Teshin	January 26
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Prayer List

PLEASE JOIN US IN GIVING THANKS TO GOD:

- For the skill and devotion of those beautifying our temple and gardens.
- For the beauty of the Mother Lode, and for the privilege we have been given to live here.
- That the Holy Mother of Jesus continues to care for the unborn.
- That many of our petitions are being answered.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR GOD'S HELP:

- For seasonal weather.
- “St. John, please intercede for us before God.
- For repose of the souls of our service men and women who have given their lives for people of foreign lands.
- To safeguard all the troops who remain in hostile lands.
- That many may come to Orthodoxy through our witness and example.
- To bless our monasteries and the men and women who dwell in them.
- For the growth of the monastery in Sonora.
- For the health of Fr. Ignatius.
- For the health of Br. Andrew.
- For health and strength for Anna.
- For health and healing for Natasha.
- For health and healing for Nina.
- For health and healing for Violet.

*To ask us to pray for you, your family, or friends,
please email Alex Teshin at alex@teshin.com
or call 209-536-9999.*

January 2018						
◀ December						February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No Fast NO SERVICE St. Basil the Great/Circumcision of Christ	2 No Fast	3 No Fast	4 No Fast	5 STRICT FAST 6:00 pm Vesperal Liturgy w/Indoor Great Blessing of Waters for Theophany	6 6:00 pm Great Vespers
7 9:00 am Sunday After Theophany Divine Liturgy (Eph. 4:7-13 and Matt. 4:12-17) Potluck Luncheon	8	9	10 6:00 pm Bible Study with Daily Vespers	11	12	13 6:00 pm Great Vespers
14 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (1 Tim. 1:15-17 and Luke. 18:35-43) Parish Council Meeting	15	16	17 6:00 pm FWO Bible Study with Daily Vespers	18	19	20 6:00 pm Great Vespers
21 9:00 am Zacchaeus Sunday Divine Liturgy (1 Tim. 4:9-15 and Luke. 19:1-10)	22	23	24 6:00 pm Bible Study with Daily Vespers	25	26	27 6:00 pm Great Vespers
28 Fast Free Week 9:00 am Publican and Pharisee Divine Liturgy (2 Tim. 3:10-15 and Luke 18:10-14) Potluck Luncheon	29 No Fast	30 No Fast	31 No Fast 6:00 pm Bible Study with Daily Vespers			