

December 25, 2025/January 7, 2026



**To the beloved clergy, religious, and faithful of the True Orthodox Church of the Diaspora—mercy, peace, and love be yours in ever-greater measure.**

**CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!**

As we gather to celebrate the glorious Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ, our hearts are filled with awe at the mystery of the Incarnation. God, in His infinite love, humbled Himself and was born in the flesh, taking upon Himself our human nature so that He might restore it and give us life everlasting.

The birth of Christ in the lowly cave of Bethlehem is not merely a historical event—it is the very turning point of all creation. The Eternal Word, who brought everything into being simply by His command, now enters the world as a helpless Child, revealing the depth of His compassion and humility. “The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world” (John 1:9). In Him, the darkness of sin and death is dispelled, and hope is born anew for all mankind.

Our Lord’s Nativity calls us to embrace humility, for the One who reigns on high was cradled in the arms of the Most Pure Virgin and laid in a manger among the animals. Let us follow His example, shunning pride and vanity, and instead clothing ourselves in the virtues of gentleness and self-sacrifice. In this way, we make room in our hearts for Christ, just as the humble cave received Him on that holy night.

This sacred season is a time to remember those in need—those who hunger and thirst, the lonely and the suffering, the poor and the stranger. As the angels proclaimed “peace on earth, goodwill toward men,” so are we called to be instruments of Christ’s peace and love, reaching out in acts of charity, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Let us mend relationships that have been injured and extend kindness to all, reflecting the radiant love of our Savior. The birth of Christ is the promise of salvation fulfilled. Through Him, heaven and earth are united, and we are invited to become children of God by grace. With the shepherds, let us hasten to the manger, and with the wise men, let us offer the treasures of our hearts to the newborn King. May our joy be full, knowing that God is with us—Emmanuel.

May this divine light that shown forth from the cave banish all fear and sorrow from our hearts, filling us with hope, faith, and the assurance of God’s abiding presence.

We greet you with the joyous proclamation: Christ is born! Glorify Him! May the blessings of this holy season come and dwell and remain with you and your loved ones, granting you health, peace, and the fullness of spiritual joy. Let us rejoice together, giving thanks for the great gift of God’s love revealed in the Child of Bethlehem.

With the bestowal of our blessings and prayers for all of you, we remain

Sincerely in Christ,

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Metropolitan and First Hierarch of the True Orthodox Church of the Diaspora  
Archbishop of Minneapolis

**+NICHOLAS**

Archbishop of Edenborn  
Vicar to the Metropolitan  
Secretary of the Holy Synod

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Archbishop of Dallas and Texas

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Archbishop of Odessa and Tavrychesk

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