

Suggested Candlelight Service Program

*Participants are the Priest, Chantors, Choir, and every parishioner.
Approximate length: One to one and one-half hours*

PROGRAM

Prologue

2-3 minute Welcome and Greetings from Parish Priest

Part I

Any two traditional Christmas Hymns – one in English and one in Greek

I Genisis Su

Se Imnoumen (from the Divine Liturgy)

Christos Gennate (Katavasia)

I Parthenos Simeron

Doxologia

Agios Theos of Doxology (Candles are lit for the Procession)

Part II – The Procession

The procession –Altar Boys, Chantors, Choir, Archons, Priest with Icon of the Holy Nativity – from altar through church and then returning to Solea.

Three Hymns of the Nativity Orthros are offered:

Thefte Idomen Pisti . . . (Chantors)

Petitions (as offered with the Artoklasia)

(remembering organizations and committees within parish
with response of Kyrie Eleison 3 times)

I Genisis Su

(Procession of participants now leaves Solea)

Priest offers 10-15 minute sermon for the day

(relationship of the Nativity and Jesus Christ) from the pulpit

Part III

Christmas Carols (as many as possible and they may be in Greek, English, Slavonic, Arabic – whatever language Priest & Choir Director deem appropriate for church)

(Fellowship and greetings in the parish hall following program)