December 24, 2017/January 6, 2018
Martyr Eugenia

Dear Father Rectors,

Christ is amongst us!

I congratulate you on the upcoming feast of our Lord’s Nativity!

According to the tradition of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia, on the feast itself the Nativity Epistle of the First Hierarch should be read. Please find links to this below.

English:

Russian:

With Archbishop Peter’s blessing you may read either the Patriarch’s Epistle of His Eminence’s Epistle on the second day of Nativity (if you will serve that day in your parish) or on the following Sunday. Links to the Patriarch’s Epistle are below.

English:

Russian:
http://www.patriarchia.ru/db/text/5085787.html

Archbishop Peter’s Nativity Epistle will be sent later today or early tomorrow.

In Christ,

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