

**Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God to Visit  
Holy Apostles Orthodox Church December 15-17, 2008**

*“God is wondrous in His saints”*



God shows His power and presence among us through countless means, including holy icons. As it says in the psalms, ‘God is wondrous in His saints,’ and it is through the holy icons of the saints that this is made most clear. The Kursk Root icon of the Sign manifested its first recorded miracle upon its discovery at the root of a tree in the year 1295 near the city of Kursk in Russia, hence its name. When the discoverer of the icon picked it up, a water-spring gushed out of the ground where it had lain. From that time to this, armies have been quelled, destructive passions have been stilled, and countless people have been healed when asking for the prayers of the Mother of God to her divine Son on their behalf before this icon. The other part of the name, ‘The Sign,’ refers to the image on the icon itself, in which the Lord is depicted within her womb, which was the sign predicted by the prophet Isaiah when he said, ‘Behold: a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel: God with us.’

**Schedule of Services (more information at [www.holyapostlesorthodoxchurch.org](http://www.holyapostlesorthodoxchurch.org)):**

**Monday December 15, 6:30 PM – Evening Vigil**

**Tuesday, December 16, 8:40 AM – Hours & Divine Liturgy**

**Wednesday, December 17, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – A prayer service at 10:00 AM. After that, the church will be open all day for prayers.**

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