



Sunday, December 24, 2017

Tone 5

Gospel: St. Matthew 2:13-23

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / Leavetaking of the Nativity

Sunday after Nativity / Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord.

Holy Assumption Orthodox Church

OCA - Diocese of the Midwest

Fr. Andrew Bartek, Rector

Parish Council President: Ronald F. Royhab

**SUNDAY AFTER THE
NATIVITY OF OUR
LORD JESUS CHRIST**

**HAPPY AND
BLESSED NEW
YEAR!**



CHRIST IS BORN!

GLORIFY HIM!

Christos Razdajetsja!

Slavite Jeho!



Liturgical & Events Schedule

Sunday, December 31

9:15 am: Hours

9:30 am: D.L. / 40 Day remembrance & Memorial Sunday / Christmas Carols / Christmas Social & Reception @ Rectory 11:30-???

Monday, Jan 1

10:00am: Liturgy of St Basil followed by Breakfast Club

Thursday, Jan 4

9:30am: D.L. for my Dad, George Bartek (35 Ann)

6:00pm: Royal Hours for Theophany

Friday, Jan 5- STRICT FAST DAY

9:30am: Vespers Liturgy of St Basil

6:00pm: First Annual Holy Night Supper

7:00pm: Great Blessing of Water

Saturday, Jan 6

9:30am Liturgy for Feast of Theophany

4:00pm: Great Vespers

Sunday, Jan 7

9:05am: Third & Sixth Hours

9:30am: D.L. / Social / Woman's Club Meeting

VIGIL LAMB OFFERINGS- CHRISTMAS DAY

Marguerite Bird: (1) Christmas Blessings for my family

Basil Glovinsky: (2) In Memory of John Mazurik; Special Intention

Sandy Martin: (2) Special Intention

Twarek Family: (2) In loving Memory of our parents and all departed family and friends; Nativity Blessing to all of our family and friends

Janice Timko: (5) In blessed and loving memory of my precious parents, Sophia and Peter Monak and grandparents Baba Julia and Zedo Andrew Millie and family on the Nativity of Christ. "Vechnaya Pamyat" in blessed and loving memory of all departed of the Millie, Monak, Flewelling, Poggiali and Timko families on the Nativity of Christ. Christmas blessings and good health to my family Ruthe, Harry, Dorothy, Lew and family, Philip (Andy) Rebecca and grandchildren. "Mnohaya Leta", Christmas blessings and good health to friends the Bill Glovinsky family and the Greg Twarek Family. In blessed and loving memory of friend Norman Glovinsky on the Nativity of Christ! "Vechnaya Pamyat".

CHRISTMAS VIGIL LAMB OFFERINGS CON'T

Janice Timko and family: (1) In blessed and loving memory of newly departed V. Rev. John M Klembara. "Vechnaya Pamyat". Our sympathy and prayers to Matushka Olga and family.

Christ Tomb Lampada: **Dorothy Poggiali & Family** in loving memory of parents Sophia and Peter Monak we give thanks to God always for you. Blessings to Ruthe and Harry and improved health Janice Timko & family.

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE: DECEMBER

Sunday Dec. 3:

Attendance: 24 total people (18 members; 2 children; 4 guests; 15 Communicants; 11 for Vespers)

Collections: \$6,579 (Offerings \$1,279; Anonymous \$5,000; \$200 for Christmas Flowers; \$100 for the Holiday Bureau)

Wednesday, Dec. 6 (St Nicholas Feast Day)

Attendance for Vespers: 18 / Attendance for Liturgy 12

Sunday, Dec. 10

Attendance: 24 total people (20 members; 4 children; 16 Communicants; 9 for Vespers)

Collections: \$6,385.75 (Offerings \$6,385.75; Christmas Flowers \$225)

Sunday, Dec. 17

Attendance: 19 Total people (16 members; 1 child; 2 guests; 12 Communicants; 13 attended Vespers)

Collection: \$2,799 (offerings: \$2,427; \$142 Special Collection OCA Stewardship; \$30 Christmas Flowers; \$100 to Holiday Bureau; \$100 to Christmas donation)

Friday, Dec. 22- Royal Hours

Attendance: 15

Sunday, Dec. 24

Attendance: 26 Total people (23 members; 3 children; 21 Communicants; (people attended Vespers)

Total Offering: \$1,256.50

Monday, Dec. 25

Attendance: 36 Total people (30 members; 6 children; 21 Communicants)

Total offering: \$1,721

Prayer List (Updated December 31)

Priests: His Beatitude, Metropolitan Theodosius; His Beatitude, Metropolitan Herman; John Duranko (*Father's home pastor*); Joseph Gibson; James Gleason (*Father's Spiritual Father*); Emilian Hutnyan; Paul Lazor; Myron Manzuk; John Matusiak; Peter Tutko, Demetri Vincent / Protodeacon Theodore Rose

Matushkii: Laryssa Hutnyan; Carol Janecek; Barbara Kopka; Virginia Lecko; Paula Manzuk; Sonya Tutko; Pani Patricia Duranko; Mother Victoria; Barbara Lemmen.

Parishioners / & their Family: Debbie Garnek (*sister of Roddie*); Michael Glovinsky (*Nephew to Basil*); Julia Guzy; Joseph Habegger (*Laura Kovach's brother-in-law*); Charles Hagmaier (*Brother-in-law to Roberta Royhab*); James Heffernan (*Father-in-law of Jennifer Heffernan*); Baby Jaxson (*grandson of the Cassell's*); Rich Kokinda (*Cousin of Greg Twarek*); Michael Kouznetsov (*Son of Mary Hiser*); Victoria Kousnetsov (*Daughter of Mary Hiser*); Anne Kovalik; Helen Lis; Stanley Lis; Walter Litzie (*Fr.'s Cousin*); Judy Mazurik (*sister-in-law of Paul Mazurik*); Darlene Mazurik; Tony Palac (*Brother-in-law of Jean Hileman*); Nancy Pipenur (*sister-in-law of Jean Hileman*); William Rentz (*Father of Tamara Rentz Blackford*); Nancy Sitzler (*Mother of Amber Twarek*); Diane Tryon; Greg Tryon; Rachel & her unborn baby; Jessica Issler & her unborn baby (*Jean Hileman's daughter*)

Other Requests: Victor Abrahamowicz (*Friend of Mary Hiser*); Brad Biecheler; David Bobb (*friend of Nikki Twarek*); John Cox (*husband of Pastor Kay Mooney-Cox*); Dominic (*friend of the Cassell's*); Theodore Geletka (*St. Michael Orthodox Church, Broadview Heights choir director*); Mike Jacobson (*Fr.'s friend*); Baby Lucas Goodman (*friend of Christi Soski*); Jake Lipstraw (*friend of Natalie Twarek*); Dana Mahler (*Friend of Christi*); Violet Mattingly (*neighbor of Greg Mazur*); Pauline Meath (*Friend of Fr. Andrew's*); Beth Reinhard (*friend of Diane Tryon*); Cheryl Schell (*Co-worker of Jennifer Heffernan*); Nick Shortridge (*Friend of Christi*); Lavone Silverwood (*Student of Jen*); Karen Simonsen (*friend of David Mazurik*); Janice Timko; Brian Turner (*Fr.'s friend*); Mat. Carly Koranda & her unborn baby (*Chicago Deanery*); Nicole & her unborn Baby (*Friends of Fr. Andrew*)

Military: Craig Cassell; Justin Issler; James Jerome

Captivz: Metropolitan Paul (*Orthodox Archdiocese of Aleppo*); Archbishop John (*Syriac Archdiocese of Aleppo*); for the UN & IOCC humanitarian aid workers in & around Syria; those suffering persecution in Iraq, Syria, Israel, Egypt, Ukraine and throughout the world; those held captive throughout the world.

Additions or removals from the list? Please notify Fr. Andrew

| January | | |
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| Readers | Cleaning | Coffee Hour |
| 31 - Ron | 31 - Natalie Twarek | |
| 7 - David | 7 - Matt Adamcio | 7 - Open |
| 14 - Wayne | 14 - Christi Soski | 14 - Open |
| 21 - Tim | 21 - | 21 - Open |
| 28 - Natalie | 28 - Marguerite Bird | 28 - Open |

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

| BIRTHDAY | NAMESDAY | ANNIVERSARY |
|--|---|---|
| 7- Susan Guzy 7- Lueleta Dardovski 8- Barbara Mazurik 13- Mary Elizabeth Blackford 24- Frank Batura 30- Stephanie Warnke 31- Julie Dardovski | 2- Retired Bishop Seraphim 19- Retired Bishop Mark | 31- Fred & Christi Soski 24- Third Ann of Consecration of Bishop Mark of Santa Rosa 26- Fr. James Gleason, Anniversary to Holy Priesthood |

If there are those names to be added or removed, please contact Fr. Andrew. He would like to list all members of your family, Orthodox and non-Orthodox.

Righteous James the Brother of the Lord, along with Joseph the Betrothed, and David the King Commemorated on [December 31](#)

The Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord, was the eldest son of Joseph the Betrothed from his first marriage with Solomonia. The Apostle James is remembered after the Feast of the Nativity of Christ together with his father Joseph and the Prophet-King David, since he accompanied his family on the Flight into Egypt and lived there with the Infant Jesus, the Mother of God and Joseph. Later, he returned to Israel with them.

After the Ascension of the Lord, Saint James was the first Bishop of Jerusalem, gaining the great esteem not only of Christians, but also of Jews. He was thrown from the roof of the Jerusalem Temple because he had publicly preached to the people about the God-Manhood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Apostle James is also commemorated on October 23.

40 Day Remembrance

- Dec. 24: Pa. Officer killed in line of Duty in PA
- Dec. 31: Police officer killed in line of duty in MI
- Jan. 14: Ann Dahulich & Mat. Velerie Herrick
- Jan. 21: Ryliegh Myosky & Archpriest John Klembara
- Jan. 28: John Mazurik

St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia Commemorated on [January 1](#)

Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, “belongs not to the Church of Caesarea alone, nor merely to his own time, nor was he of benefit only to his own kinsmen, but rather to all lands and cities worldwide, and to all people he brought and still brings benefit, and for Christians he always was and will be a most salvific teacher.” Thus spoke Saint Basil’s contemporary, Saint Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium.

Saint Basil was born in the year 330 at Caesarea, the administrative center of Cappadocia. He was of illustrious lineage, famed for its eminence and wealth, and zealous for the Christian Faith. The saint’s grandfather and grandmother on his father’s side had to hide in the forests of Pontus for seven years during the persecution under Diocletian.

Saint Basil’s mother Saint Emilia was the daughter of a martyr. On the Greek calendar, she is commemorated on May 30. Saint Basil’s father was also named Basil. He was a lawyer and renowned rhetorician, and lived at Caesarea.

Ten children were born to the elder Basil and Emilia: five sons and five daughters. Five of them were later numbered among the saints: Basil the Great; Macrina (July 19) was an exemplar of ascetic life, and exerted strong influence on the life and character of Saint Basil the Great; Gregory, afterwards Bishop of Nyssa (January 10); Peter, Bishop of Sebaste (January 9); and Theosebia, a deaconess (January 10).

Saint Basil spent the first years of his life on an estate belonging to his parents at the River Iris, where he was raised under the supervision of his mother Emilia and grandmother Macrina. They were women of great refinement, who remembered an earlier bishop of Cappadocia, Saint Gregory the Wonderworker (November 17). Basil received his initial education under the supervision of his father, and then he studied under the finest teachers in Caesarea of Cappadocia, and it was here that he made the acquaintance of Saint Gregory the Theologian (January 25 and January 30). Later, Basil transferred to a school at Constantinople, where he listened to eminent orators and philosophers. To complete his education Saint Basil went to Athens, the center of classical enlightenment.

After a four or five year stay at Athens, Basil had mastered all the available disciplines. “He studied everything thoroughly, more than others are wont to study a single subject. He studied each science in its very totality, as though he would study nothing else.” Philosopher, philologist, orator, jurist, naturalist, possessing profound knowledge in astronomy, mathematics and medicine, “he was a ship fully laden with learning, to the extent permitted by human nature.”

At Athens a close friendship developed between Basil the Great and Gregory the Theologian (Nazianzus), *Con’t Page 7*

| Reposed List - January | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4- George Bartek (83) | 20- Joshua Zdinak (2016) |
| 5- Maria Semionow (81) | 22- Fr. John Stefanik (2000) |
| 6- Helen Pender (2016) | 23- Helen Beadle (88) |
| 11- Anna Tomko (60) | 23- Fr. Michael Sopoliga (2009) |
| 15- Archpriest Pavel Soucek (2009) | 29- Anna Kravetz (73) |
| Former Pastor | |

The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Commemorated on [January 1](#)

On the eighth day after His Nativity, our Lord Jesus Christ was circumcised in accordance with the Old Testament Law. All male infants underwent circumcision as a sign of God's Covenant with the holy Forefather Abraham and his descendants [Genesis 17:10-14, Leviticus 12:3].

After this ritual, the Divine Infant was given the name Jesus, as the Archangel Gabriel declared on the day of the Annunciation to the Most Holy Theotokos [Luke 1:31-33, 2:21]. The Fathers of the Church explain that the Lord, the Creator of the Law, underwent circumcision in order to give people an example of how faithfully the divine ordinances ought to be fulfilled. The Lord was circumcised so that later no one would doubt that He had truly assumed human flesh, and that His Incarnation was not merely an illusion, as certain heretics had taught.

In the New Testament, the ritual of circumcision gave way to the Mystery of Baptism, which it prefigured [Colossians 2:11-12]. Accounts of the Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord continue in the Eastern Church right up through the fourth century. The Canon of the Feast was written by Saint Stephen of the Saint Sava Monastery.

In addition to circumcision, which the Lord accepted as a sign of God's Covenant with mankind, He also received the Name Jesus [Savior] on the eighth day after His Nativity as an indication of His service, the work of the salvation of the world [Matthew 1:21; Mark 9:38-39, 16:17; Luke 10:17; Acts 3:6, 16; Philippians 2:9-10]. These two events -- the Lord's Circumcision and Naming -- remind Christians that they have entered into a New Covenant with God and "are circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ" [Colossians 2:11]. The very name "Christian" is a sign of mankind's entrance into a New Covenant with God.

OUR SHUT-INS

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Galatians 1:11-19 (*Epistle, Sunday After*)

But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Matthew 2:13-23 (*Gospel, Sunday After*)

Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Sunday after the Nativity: Commemoration of the Holy Righteous David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Brother of the Lord Commemorated on [December 31](#)

The Holy Prophet-King David, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, and Saint James the Brother of the Lord are commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity. If there is no Sunday between December 25 and January 1, their commemoration is moved to December 26.

At an early date, some churches in the East began to commemorate certain important figures of the New Testament at the time of Theophany, and later during the Nativity season. In Syria, for example, Saint Stephen (December 27), Saints James (April 30) and John (September 26), and Saints Peter and Paul (June 29) were commemorated near the end of December.

In Jerusalem, the saints mentioned above were combined with a feast that the Jews of Hebron celebrated on December 25 or 26 in honor of the Old Testament Patriarch Jacob. Later on, the Christians substituted Saint James (October 23) for Jacob, and then the commemoration of the Brother of the Lord became associated with his ancestor King David. In time, Saint Joseph was linked with Saints David and James.

Holy Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, along with David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord Commemorated on [December 31](#)

Saint Joseph the Betrothed was of the lineage of King David. In his first marriage, he had four sons and two daughters. After he became a widower, Saint Joseph led a life of strict temperance. He was chosen to be the husband and guardian of the Most Holy Theotokos, who had taken a vow of virginity.

An angel told him of the Incarnation of the Son of God through her. Saint Joseph was present when the shepherds and the Magi worshiped the new-born divine Infant. On the orders of the angel, he fled into Egypt with the Mother of God and the Infant Jesus, saving them from the wrath of King Herod. He lived in Egypt with the Virgin Mary and the divine Child, working as a carpenter. Saint Joseph reputedly died at the age of one hundred.

Saint Joseph is commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity. If there is no Sunday between December 25 and January 1, his Feast is moved to December 26. The Righteous Joseph is also commemorated on the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers.

Holy Righteous David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Brother of the Lord Commemorated on [December 31](#)

The Holy Prophet-King David was a forefather of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh. The youngest son of Jesse, David shepherded a flock of sheep belonging to his father. He was distinguished by his deep faith, and he zealously fulfilled the will of God.

During a battle with the Philistines, he vanquished the giant Goliath in single combat, which decided the outcome of the war in favor of the Israelites. He endured many things from King Saul, who saw him as a favorite of the people and his rival. David, however, showed his own decency and magnanimity. Twice, when he had the possibility of killing Saul, he did not do so.

After Saul and his son perished, David was proclaimed king of the southern part of Israel, and after Saul's second son was killed, he became king of all Israel. He built a new capital, Jerusalem ("the City of Peace"), and a new tabernacle. His great wish to build a Temple was not realized. It was foretold to him that his son would build the Temple.

The life of the Prophet David was darkened by a grievous falling: he took Uriah's wife for himself, and sent Uriah to his death in battle. He was also an example of great repentance, humbly and with faith bearing the sorrows sent in punishment for his sins. Saint David gave a model for repentance in Psalm 50/51. King David died in great old age with steadfast faith in the coming of the promised Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ. His divinely-inspired Psalter is widely used in the divine services and in personal prayers. (See the Books of Kings and Chronicles).

The holy Prophet-King David is invoked by those facing a difficult situation, such as an interview, etc.

Pledge Cards



Please turn in your pledge cards next Sunday, December 31st.

Thank you!

FAST FREE UNTIL JANUARY 5th

Enjoy no fasting until Friday, January 5 which is a strict Fast Day & our 1st Annual Holy Night Supper.