



Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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Sunday Matins 8:30am, Liturgy 10:00 am, Wed & Sat Vespers 6:00 pm,

Thurs 12:00 pm Scripture study

Sunday

Dec 31, 2017

Birthday: Dcn Nicholas, Andrew Smith

Namesday: Crystal Shepherd, Charlie/Seraphim Walters, Genevieve Straney, Luke Fowler, Daniel/Seraphim Buxhoeveden

Baptism Anniversary: Martin Cipolla

Chrismation: Angelyn/Angelina Durant

Wedding Anniversary: Olga & Lee Baldwin, Jeff & Linda Bracey

Travelers: *For all who are traveling this week.*

Visitors: Please stay after the service and join us for an Agape meal which is provided by Susan Cipolla and Team 8

Kitchen schedule: Jan 7th – Snezana Popova and Team 9

Thanks to Yelena Romonova who made today's Prospora

Prospora schedule: Jan 1st – Mat. Kyra, Jan 6th – Mat. Kyra, Jan 7th – Natasha Agafonova

Announcements:

- 1/1 9:00 AM, Divine Liturgy for Circumcision
- 1/5 9:00 AM, Royal Hours
- 1/5 6:00 PM, Vigil for Theophany
- 1/6 9:00 AM, Liturgy for Theophany followed by Great Blessing of Waters at the River
- 1/20 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Work day - St. Nicholas Festival cleanup.
- 1/21, **Annual Parish Meeting** – directly after Coffee Hour (a quorum is needed - over 50% attendance)

Sunday On or After December 26th

Sunday After the Nativity of Christ

The Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King and James, the Brother of the Lord

Resurrectional Troparion – Tone 5

Let us, the faithful praise and worship the Word,
co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,
born for our salvation from the Virgin;
for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh,
to endure death,
and to raise the dead //
by His glorious Resurrection!

Troparion of the Feast – Tone 4

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God,
has shown to the world the light of wisdom!
For by it, those who worshipped the stars,
were taught by a star to adore Thee,
the Sun of Righteousness,
and to know Thee, the Orient from on high, //
O Lord, Glory to Thee!

Troparion of the Righteous Ones – Tone 2

O Joseph, proclaim thou the glad tidings to David,
the ancestor of God,
for thou hast seen a Virgin give birth;
with the shepherds didst thou give glory;
with the Magi didst thou worship;
by an angel wast thou instructed. //
Entreat Christ God, that He save our souls!

Kontakion of the Righteous Ones – Tone 3

Glory to the Father / and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Today the divine David is filled with gladness,
and Joseph doth offer praises with James.
They rejoice, receiving a crown through their kinship with Christ;
and they laud Him that hath ineffably been born on earth, //

and cry aloud: O Compassionate One, save them that honor Thee!

Kontakion of the Feast – Tone 3

Both now and ever / and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One,
and the earth offers a cave to the unapproachable One!

Angels with shepherds glorify Him!

The wise men journey with the star! //

Since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little child!

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee 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 into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken

by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts 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

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.

Read more at: <http://www.oca.org/saints/lives/>

