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**SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY,
STS. DAVID THE KING, JOSEPH THE BETROTHED,
AND JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD**

Epistle Reading
Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel Reading
Matthew 2:13-23

**Christ is born! Glorify Him!
Hristos se rodi! Vaistinu se rodi!**

Troparion: Sunday after the Nativity

Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the Light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a Star to adore You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You, the Orient from on High. O Lord, glory to You!

Troparion: David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James, Brother of the Lord
Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, to David, the ancestor of God: you saw a Virgin great with Child, you gave glory with the shepherds, you worshipped with the Magi, you received the news from the angel. Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakion: Sunday after the Nativity

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 a star! Since for our sake the Eternal God was born as a Little Child!

Kontakion: David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James, Brother of the Lord
Today godly David is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer praise. The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, and they cry out: “O Compassionate One, save those who honor You!”

Fast-free days in the joy of the Nativity of Our Lord through the celebration of the Feast of Theophany on Sunday, January 17

Metropolitan Tikhon’s January 7th Statement

“In the aftermath of the troubling events in Washington, DC, yesterday, may we all keep this country and one another in prayer asking the Lord to grant peace, unity, and hope to all the people of the United States of America. As the Apostle Paul exhorts us to do, ‘Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor’ (Rom 12:9-10).

O Lord Jesus Christ, who have descended the waters of Jordan sanctifying the whole creation and offering us a new life, protect and keep this country and grant it peace, tranquility, and reconciliation!”



Protection of the Theotokos Icon by Nadine Thola

Welcome to everyone praying with us today in person. Thank you for following our safety guidelines. May all who are in the Church and those livestreaming experience the great joy of the Divine Liturgy. Coffee Hour follows each gathering

Orthodox Church in America Encyclical of Hope

On December 31, 2020, the OCA [Holy Synod of Bishops](#) issued “[We Rejoice Even in Tribulation: An Encyclical of Hope](#)”. It is offered out of love and gratitude to the faithful and as encouragement for the new year. The Synod seeks to find meaning in the pandemic, economic anxiety, political polarization and civil unrest, calling all to a renewed faith and hope in Jesus Christ, and service to one another. PDF download [here](#).

Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, January 13 – Online at 7PM

Fr. John is leading the discussion of a new book, “Acquiring the Mind of Christ” by Abbott Sergius of St. Tikhon’s Monastery. He will email notes & a Zoom invite.

Prayers for the Unborn on Sanctity of Life Sunday – Sunday, January 17

ZOE for Life! and Saints Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Cleveland, OH are hosting a Virtual Service to Pray for the Unborn next Sunday at 6PM on [YouTube](#). A Zoom presentation by Metropolitan Tikhon follows at 6:45PM. [Registration](#) by January 14 is Free, but required to receive the Zoom link.

God Grant You Many Years!

May God bless Annika Bidy, Kitty Rani Bhattacharya, Isabela Little, JoAnne De La Riva, and Thoma Basappa as they celebrate their birthdays. Mnogaja Ljeta!