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SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY
SAIN'TS JOSEPH THE BETROTHED, DAVID THE KING,
AND JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading

Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-23

**CHRIST IS IN OUR MIDST!
HE IS AND EVER SHALL BE!**

Troparion (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Your Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: "Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Troparion (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 (Saints)

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 (Saints)

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!"

Kontakion (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!

Welcome to all guests via livestream and those in person with us today. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour. If you are interested in learning about the Orthodox Faith and St. Luke parish life, feel free to talk with Fr. John and Deacon Stefan.

Memory Eternal + Većnaja Pamjat +

We pray for Fr. Vincent and Fr. Joseph (PAX priests), Mat. Marie Meyendorff, Thomas, and Derek Kenneth Thieme 40 days since their repose, and also for Javorka Jovanic, Helen Mandarich and Ludmilla Trbovich on the anniversaries of their falling asleep. Grant rest eternal with the Saints in blessed repose, O Lord, to the souls of Thy servants.

UPDATE: Consecration of our New Church will be on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Metropolitan Tikhon will serve a Hierarchical Liturgy and Consecrate our church in May.

Joyous Nativity Feastday

Many thanks to our clergy, altar servers, choir and everyone who helped with the Badnjak (Yule Log) and the Christmas Day banquet. It was indeed a joyous feastday. We continue to celebrate with [fast-free days through Friday, January 17.](#)

Sisterhood Meeting – Today

- All women are invited to join the Sisters' meeting today during Coffee Hour.
- Rada Carmichael invites Coffee Hour volunteers to sign up for Sundays in 2025.

Orthodoxy 201 - Wednesday, January 15 at 7PM on Zoom

We have begun the new study of "Christ in the Psalms" by Fr. Patrick Henry Reardan. Fr. John will email the zoom link. Join us even if you don't yet have the book.

January Holy Days

Tues., January 14 10:30AM Liturgy for Circumcision of the Lord, St. Basil the Great
Sat., January 18 5:00PM Vigil for the Eve of Theophany (Strict Fast Day)
Sun., January 19 10:30AM Liturgy for the Feast of Theophany and Blessing of Water

Sanctity of Life Sunday – MaRiH Center Charity Collection – January 19 (&26)

The Sunday near the annual March for Life is Sanctity of Life Sunday. We have a long history of donating financially and giving infant care items and diapers to the MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center in Alexandria. See <https://marih.org/>. Please consider donating.

2025 Annual March for Life – Friday, January 24 - <https://www.oclife.org/march>

Annual St. Sava Slava/Patron Saint Day Celebration – Sunday, January 26

Our St. Sava Slava is coming in two weeks. Divine Liturgy will be followed by the Slava prayers with Mark and Sue Mamula as the Kumovi. A feastday luncheon will be served.

God Grant You Many Years! Mnogaja Ljeta!

May God bless Annika Bidy, Kitty Rani Bhattacharya, Thomas Rushin, Isabella Little, JoAnne de la Riva and Elizabeth Minahan as they celebrate their birthdays this week. God bless Cindy Volosin on the 6th anniversary of her Chrismation into the Orthodox Faith.

