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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

DECEMBER 29, 2024

27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

TONE 2

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

Sunday after Nativity.

The 14,000 Infants (Holy Innocents)
slain by Herod at Bethlehem

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.

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. Saint Joseph had four sons from his previous marriage: James, Judah, Joses, and Simon (or Symeon), and three daughters: Esther, Martha, and Salome, who was the mother of Saint John the Theologian.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Matthew, Jim, Sharon, Martha, Larissa, Bob, David, Zondra, Art, Jerry, Davide

DEPARTED: Rita

CATECHUMEN: Brooke, Sarah, Levi, Daniel

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

NAMEDAYS: Emilia Barr, Andrew Garber, Christine Garber

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS: Please note that Tuesday, December 31, is the last day to make a donation for the year 2024. Similarly, it is the last day to fulfill your 2024 pledge. If you have any questions, please reach out to Anna Maria or Andy.

CUTTING OF THE VASILOPITA: On January 1, the feast of the Circumcision of the Lord and the feast of St. Basil the Great, following the Divine Liturgy, we will bless and cut the special bread in honor of St. Basil, the Vasilopita.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Note that our parish annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26 following Divine Liturgy. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this important event in the life of our parish.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Please note that there will be no Church School on December 22 and 29.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Dec 29, Sun 9:30 AM	Divine Liturgy
Jan 1, Wed 9:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
Jan 4, Sat 5:00 PM	Great Vespers
Jan 5, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM 5:00 PM	Church School Divine Liturgy Theophany Vigil
Jan 6, Mon 9:00 AM	Festal Liturgy & Blessing of Waters

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	Dec 29	Jan 5
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Margheritino	Schmitt/Bomadevar
<i>Reader:</i>	Hughes	Garber
<i>Cleaning:</i>	Garber	Mykyta
<i>Communion Cloth:</i>	Schmitt/Mikhalevsky	Garber/Barr

Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment