

# Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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## December 31, 2017

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 5. Leavetaking of the Nativity. Sunday after Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord.** Ven. Melania the Younger of Rome (439). Ven. Chiriacos (Kyriakis) of Bisericani (Romanian—160). Ven. Chiriacos (Kyriakis) of Tazlau (Romanian—1660).

**EPISTLES: Gal 1:11–19:** Paul’s Testimony.

**GOSPELS: Matt 2:13–23:** The slaughter of the innocents.

**COFFEE HOUR: This week:** Brady

**Next week:** Potluck

**FESTAL SEASON:** Today is the Leavetaking of the Nativity: the last day on which we sing the Nativity hymns for this year. The fast-free period continues, however, until the Eve of Theophany this Friday (so Friday is a fast day, but Wednesday is not.) On Friday, we’ll have the Royal Hours in the morning, and the Vigil with Great Blessing of Waters in the evening. On the feast, we’ll have Divine Liturgy at 9 AM. As has been the practice in past years, we’ll plan our blessing of the lake for the following Saturday.

**NEW YEAR; FEAST DAYS:** A joyous end of 2017 and blessed beginning of 2018 to all! Tomorrow is also the Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord, and the commemoration of St Basil the Great: we’ll have Vespers this evening at 6 PM, followed by the Akathist “Glosry to God for All Things,” and the Divine

Liturgy of St Basil on Monday morning. A great way to bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new!

**PARISH FOCUS GROUPS:** Fr Jonathan Ivanoff visited our parish recently to discuss forming a vision for our mission parish going forward. We’re planning to continue that conversation within the parish: next Sunday we’ll have a short presentation about this following Liturgy, and then through the month of January we’ll have a series of small group meetings. Come next Sunday for more details!

**HOUSE BLESSINGS:** Following the feast of Theophany, we’ll commence the annual season of house blessings. We can start scheduling now: let Fr Joel know what times work best for you!

## PRAYER SCROLL

<b>LIVING:</b>	John & Carmine	Zachary	Lou	Priest John	Mordecai
Apr Timothy H	Nathan	Helena	Micah, Danielle, &	Apr Alexander	Alexandr
Apr Herman S	Leah	Natasha, Lena, Vera,	Family	Priest William	Ron
Apr Sergius K	Helen	Sergei	Gregory & Ashley	Apr Stephen M	John
Apr Thomas E	Lindsey	Caleb	Petruta	Pdn Keith	Eleanor
Apr John R	Elizabeth	Danielle	Ivan	Pdn Gregory	Harold
Apr Patrick C	Mary	Larry, Mark, Katie	Elizabeth	Dn Mark	Alfred
Pr James & Family	Joe A	Ann	Anastasia	Rdr Gregory	Edward
Pr Seraphim	Daniel	Dorothy	Galina	Daniel	Michael
Pr Adam S & Angie	Andrew & family	Ronald	Michael	Ada	Mat Julianna
Mother Raphaela	Carol	Sheryl & Lacey	Nikolas	Lillian	Mario
Mother Christophora	Elizabeth	Alexander, Angela,	Jenny, Gina, Paula	Joseph	Robert
Mat Joanna B	David	Anton	Kim	Marie	James
Mat Katya	Shirley	Peter	Annemarie	Joseph	Wilhelmina
Mat Mary G	Christina	Gregory & Ann	<u>Children:</u> Anthony, Mia,	Laura	Barbara
Mat Rebekah	Jim & Kim	Raymond	Isabel, Bear, Victoria,	Martha	Sr Theophano
Pani Amy	Rachel	Vincent	Iva Bell, Panagiotis,	Stanley	Walter
Joshua	Constantine & Maria	Photini	Ada, Grace, Elias, Jack,	Taissia	Martha
Brittany	Gaetan	Robert	Everett, Thomas, Logan	Steluta	Olga
Gretchen	Christine	Dianna	<u>Seminarians:</u> Dcn Ivan,	Theophan	Hilarion
Marianne	Samuel	Elizabeth	Rdr Robert	Lynda	Priscilla
Terrence	Lisa	John		Florence	<b>Newly Reposed:</b>
Helen	Lyudmila	Felicia		James	James R
Judy	Nickolay	Tom	<b>REPOSED:</b>	James R	Khouria Lynne
Mary & Susan	Anetta	Vladimir	Apr John U	Vasily	Ann
			Priest Matthew		

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## SAINTS OF THE DAY

On the Sunday after Nativity, we remember the **Righteous King David, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Brother of the Lord:** all of Christ’s earthly family. Remembering the reality of God’s coming in the flesh, we emphasize this reality by remembering those who were close to him in this earthly life, and we remember those called His ancestors to remember that He has truly entered into our human history.

## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

*With Daily Readings*

**Sunday, December 31:** 9:10 Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

6 PM Great Vespers • Gal 1:11–9; Matt 2:13–23

**Monday, December 25:** 9 AM Divine Liturgy (Circumcision of Our Lord; St Basil the Great) • Col 2:8–12; Luke 2:20–21,40–52;

Heb 7:26–8:2; Luke 6:17–23; 2 Tim 4:5–8; Mark 1:1–8

**Tuesday, December 26:** 8:30 AM Morning Prayer • Gal 5:22–6:2; Luke 6:17–23

**Wednesday, December 27:** 8:30 AM Matins • James 1:1–18; Mark 8:30–34

**Thursday, December 28:** 8:30 AM Morning Prayer • James 1:19–27; Mark 9:10–16

**Friday, December 29:** 9 AM Royal Hours

6 PM Vigil • James 2:1–13; Mark 9:33–41

**Saturday, December 30:** 9 AM Divine Liturgy (Theophany)

6 PM Great Vespers • 1 Cor 10:1–4; Mark 1:9–11

**Sunday, December 31:** 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour • Eph 4:7–13; Matt 4:12–17; Acts 19:1–8; John 1:29–34

*Confessions are heard before and after Vespers, after Morning Prayers Tuesday–Thursday, or by appointment.*

## WEEKLY HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

### Troparion, Tone 5 (Resurrection)

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, Tone 4 (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, Tone 2 (Righteous Ones)

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, Tone 3 (Righteous Ones)

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, Tone 3 (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 the star,//  
since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!

### Prokeimenon, Tone 5

You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this  
generation forever.

v: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer any that is godly.

**Another, Tone 4:** God is wonderful in His saints, the God of  
Israel.

### Alleluia, Tone 5

v: I will sing of Your mercies, O Lord, forever; with my  
mouth I will proclaim Your truth from generation to  
generation.

v: For You have said: “Mercy will be established forever; My  
truth will be prepared in the heavens.”

v: Remember, O Lord, David and all his meekness!

### Instead of “It is truly meet...”

Magnify, O my soul, the most-pure Virgin Theotokos, more  
honorable and more glorious than the heavenly  
hosts.

I behold a strange, most glorious mystery:

heaven—the cave;

the cherubic throne—the Virgin;

the manger—the place where Christ lay—

the uncontainable God, Whom we magnify in song.

### Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens! Praise Him in the highest.  
The Lord has sent redemption to His people.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou wouldst renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will, but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor, and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only merciful and loving Lord, Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.