

**Sunday after the Nativity:  
Commemoration of the Holy Righteous David  
the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the  
Brother of the Lord (Dec 26)**

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 and Simon (or Symeon), and three daughters: Esther, Martha, and Salome, who was the mother of Saint John the Theologian.

(Taken from <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/12/19/103585-venerable-elias-of-murom-wonderworker-of-the-kiev-near-caves>)

**PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS  
MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.**

**AMPLE PARKING** is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Rd, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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**December 26, 2021**  
**SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY**

**COMMEMORATIONS:**

SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS  
COMMEMORATION OF JOSEPH THE BETROTHED,  
DAVID THE PROPHET AND KING  
JAMES THE BROTHER OF GOD  
EUTHEMIOS THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF SARDIS  
HOLY NEW HIEROMARTYR CONSTANTINE OF  
RUSSIA, WHO STRUGGLED IN CONSTANTINOPLE  
CONSTANTIUS THE HOLY MARTYR  
BARLAAM THE RIGHTEOUS OF VALAAM

**Tone 2 - Eothinon 5**  
**Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35**  
**Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19**  
**Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 2:13-23**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 2 -** When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee!

**APOLYTIKION OF THE SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY - Tone 2 -** Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

**TODAY:** ORTHROS & Confessions 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour

**CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!**

*40 Days of Growth in Stewardship*

**\*\*PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS\*\***

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Jan 2):
<b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>	Gabi & Catalin T.	Kristi M.
<b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>	----	----
<b>USHERS:</b>	Steve K. & Ken G.	Sdn John & Todd M.
<b>ALTAR BOYS:</b>	“Archangel Michael”	“Archangel Gabriel”
<b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>	Nathan, Rebecca & Teens	Todd & Kristi; Phil K.
<b>COFFEE HOUR TEAM:</b>	Angie; Conor; Nathan, Rebecca, & Teens	Sze Tatiana; Sh. Hannah; Gabe

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Theophany

**Wednesday, January 5**  
 Royal Hours 10 am  
 Vespers Liturgy w/Great Blessing of Water 6:30 pm  
 Pre-Baptism Prayers 8 pm  
**Thursday, January 6**  
 Orthros 9 am  
 Baptismal Liturgy (McElhinney) 10 am  
 Great Blessing of Water  
**Sunday, January 9**  
 Outdoor Blessing of Water (Lenape Park) 1 pm

#### Men's Breakfast Fellowship

*Saturday, January 15, 8 am*

#### Meeting of the Lord

**Tuesday, February 1**  
 Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 pm  
**Wednesday, February 2**  
 Orthros 9 am  
 Liturgy & Candle blessing 10 a.m.  
 Potluck (Fish/Wine/Oil)

#### Pray For:

Living	Departed
Nicole	+Hieromonk
Sze Tatiana	Panteleimon
Joanne	+Pr. Thomas
Mona-Rebecca	
Patrick	(December Parish
Doris	Diptychs)
John	+Joseph
James	+Richard
Lasha B	+Mary
Otari B	+Demetrius (Jim)
Mark	+Katherine
Nancy-Anna	+Nicholas
Helen	+Gabremariam
Wadieh	+Assaad
Jack	+Doris
Anna	+Michael
Anesia	
Priest Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	<u>Catechumens</u>
	Shaun,
	Laura,
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	Taylor,
	Tim & Luke,
	Kate,
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	Tyson,
	Joseph & Alana,
	Ryan,
	Michael, Tina

**OFFERINGS 12/19:** Candles, \$382.25. Collections, \$1,185. Flowers, \$50. Youth, \$16. Bookshelf Ministry, \$42. Building Fund, \$1,157. Christmas Card Fund, \$150. Mission Chapel, \$500. Women's Fund, \$50. Stewardship, \$8,974.13. Total received: \$12,506.38.

We now have 78 pledges for 2022 totaling \$264,609 or 83.3% of our budget goal.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

### **PROSPHORA BAKING CLASS — Mark your calendar!**

**When:** January 29 between 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**Where:** Great room and kitchen.

**Who:** Anyone interested in joining the Prospora baking team, please ask for Fr Noah's blessing and then contact Gabi or Catalin Tinjala.

#### **What to bring:**

If you have an 9 inch round pan you can bring your pan. Flour, yeast and Prospora stamp will be provided. We will also have the pans with the stamp on the bottom.

The class will cover both types of baking:

1. pan with stamp on the bottom
2. pan without stamp on the bottom (where we are using the wooden stamp)

### This Week:

#### **Christ is Born! Glorify Him!**

*Office closed — 12/23 thru 1/5*

- Mon, Dec 27:** Divine Liturgy 10 a.m.
- Tues, Dec 28:** 6th Hour Prayers 12 noon  
 Matushka Olga Sewing Club 1 p.m.
- Wed, Dec 29:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.  
 Patristic Reading Group 7 p.m.
- Friday, Dec 31:** Vespers & Artoklasia 6:30 p.m.  
 Pre-Baptism Prayers
- Sat, Jan 1:** **Circumcision & St. Basil**  
 Orthros 9 a.m.  
 Baptismal Liturgy (Mathe) 10 a.m.  
 New Years Prayers 11:30 a.m.  
 Vespers 6:30pm & Confessions 7:30pm
- Sun, Jan 2:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.**  
**Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.**  
 Coffee Hour

### DECEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

**TURKEYS & HAMS**

#### CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”