

**December 30, 2018**

**AFTER-FEAST OF & SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST**

### **Holy Righteous David the King**

The Holy Prophet-King David was a forefather of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh. The youngest son of Jesse, David shepherded a flock of sheep belonging to his father. He was distinguished by his deep faith, and he zealously fulfilled the will of God.

During a battle with the Philistines, he vanquished the giant Goliath in single combat, which decided the outcome of the war in favor of the Israelites. He endured many things from King Saul, who saw him as a favorite of the people and his rival. David, however, showed his own decency and magnanimity. Twice, when he had the possibility of killing Saul, he did not do so.

After Saul and his son perished, David was proclaimed king of the southern part of Israel, and after Saul's second son was killed, he became king of all Israel. He built a new capital, Jerusalem ("the City of Peace"), and a new tabernacle. His great wish to build a Temple was not realized. It was foretold to him that his son would build the Temple.

The life of the Prophet David was darkened by a grievous falling: he took Uriah's wife for himself, and sent Uriah to his death in battle. He was also an example of great repentance, humbly and with faith bearing the sorrows sent in punishment for his sins. Saint David gave a model for repentance in Psalm 50/51. King David died in great old age with steadfast faith in the coming of the promised Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ. His divinely-inspired Psalter is widely used in the divine services and in personal prayers. (See the Books of Kings and Chronicles).

The holy Prophet-King David is invoked by those facing a difficult situation, such as an interview, etc.

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**The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26)**



### **ST. PHILIP ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**COMMEMORATIONS:**

COMMEMORATION OF JOSEPH THE BETROTHED,  
DAVID THE PROPHET AND KING, AND JAMES THE  
BROTHER OF THE LORD

ANYSIA THE VIRGIN-MARTYR OF THESSALONIKI

GIDEON THE NEW MARTYR OF MOUNT ATHOS

HOLY MARTYR PHILETAERUS

RIGHTEOUS FATHER LEONDUS THE ARCHIMANDRITE

**Tone 6 - Eothinon 9**

**Matins Gospel: St. John 20:19-31**

**Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 2:13-23**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 6 -** When Mary stood at thy grave, looking for thy sacred Body, angelic powers shone above thy revered tomb, and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led'st hades captive and wast not tempted thereby; thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world. O thou who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to thee!

**APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY AFTER THE 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 soul.

**TODAY:** Orthros 8:45 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am  
80-Day Memorial for Ayele Shermeka  
Coffee Hour & Teens 11:45 am

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**Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday 8:30 - 4:00; Friday 10:00 - 3:00

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:

	<b>This Week:</b>	<b>Next Week (Jan 6):</b>
<b>PROSPHORA BREAD:</b>	MaryLynne Black	Kristi Moore
<b>EPISTLE READER:</b>	Rdr Justin	Brian Fitzgerald
<b>ALTAR CANDLES:</b>	Psomiadis (Katrina's bday)	Psomiadis (Young Peter's bday)
	Zerfenesh (Memory Eternal! - Ayele)	
	Michael & Marcia Ibrahim (40th wedding anniversary)	
<b>USHERS:</b>	David & Steve — <i>Speak to them if you have interest in helping with this ministry.</i>	
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Don & Maryann Reigle	Michael & Helen Heveran
<b>CLEANING TEAM:</b>	Olena, Carol, Tadessa	Sdn. John & Maxine & Tatiana
<b>COFFEE HOUR:</b>	Potluck	Potluck

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

### **Giving Opportunities at St. Philip**

- ✦ As the year comes to a close, please consider making a special offering to the **Needy Fund, Camp Scholarship Fund, Library Fund, Chapel Fund, and Pastoral Discretionary Fund.**
- ✦ Please consider **transferring stocks** to the church to maximize your giving to God's work at St Philip's, and to avoid capital gains taxes and to claim deductions.
- ✦ **St. Nicholas House:** Please give generously to meet the **two \$10,000 Matching Gifts** for the purchase of the property next door.

Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

### Mark Your Calendar:

Men's Fellowship  
Saturday, January 19, 8-10 am

Feast of Presentation  
February 1-2, 2019

Beginning of Lent  
March 11, 2019

Lenten Retreat  
March 30, 2019

We live Pascha to Pascha!  
April 28, 2019

### OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Turkeys.

### SPIRITUAL WARFARE:

*Taking Every Thought  
Captive to Christ  
"Don't Give In"*

## This Week:

### **CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!**

**Monday, Dec 31:** *Office closed.*  
Vespers & Artoklasia 6 pm, Orthros 7 pm for Circumcision & St. Basil  
Talent Show 8 pm, New Year's Prayers 10 pm

**Tuesday, Jan 1:** *Office closed.*  
Divine LITURGY 10 am for Circumcision & St. Basil, New Year's Prayers 11:30 am

**Wed, Jan 2:** **SIXTH HOUR, 12 pm (No fast)**  
Compline & Patristic Reading 6 pm

**Thurs, Jan 3:** **SIXTH HOUR, 12 pm**

**Friday, Jan 4:** **SIXTH HOUR 12 pm (No fast)**

**Sat, Jan 5:** **THEOPHANY —**  
**Strict Fast Day**  
Royal Hours 8:45 am,  
Divine Liturgy 10 am &  
Great Blessing of Water  
11:15 am  
Great Vespers & Artoklasia,  
6 pm; Confession 7 pm

**Sunday, Jan 6:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m.,**  
Divine LITURGY 10 am  
Great Blessing of Water  
11:30 am  
Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens  
11:45 am  
Outdoor Blessing of  
Water @ Lenape Park,  
1 pm

### **Pray For:**

Living	Departed
Bp Alexander Newly-Tonsured Reader Luke Newly-Chrismated Rebecca Mary Baby Simeon Child Gregory Caroline & family Zerfenesh & family	Fr. Joseph "Aunt Betty" Eustathios Ayele Sergius Sylvia-Jean
David H Paul (M) James E Lasha B Otari B Daniel H Mebrat Aristidis	<u>St. Nina's List</u> Catechumens Tatiana (Sze), Evan, Tina  New & Ex- pectant Moth- ers & children
Thomas, Elizabeth & all Missionaries	Michael
Suffering Christians in Syria, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Egypt & unstable lands	

**ATTENDANCE:** At Vespers on Dec 22: 65 Divine Services on Dec 23: 235  
**OFFERINGS:** Candles, \$378. Collections, \$1,940. Flowers, \$60. Youth, \$5. Book Shelf, \$41. Building Fund, \$100. Camping Fund, \$124.09. Christmas Card Fund, \$245. IOCC, \$2,640. Land Acquisition, \$1,000. Women's Fund, \$195.50. Stewardship, \$7,884. Total received: \$14,612.59.

**GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!**