

Holy Righteous Joseph the Betrothed

Nov 3

Saint Joseph the Betrothed was of the lineage of King David. He 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. After he became a widower, Saint Joseph led a life of strict temperance. He was chosen to be the husband and guardian of the Most Holy Theotokos, who had taken a vow of virginity.



An angel told him of the Incarnation of the Son of God through her. Saint Joseph was present when the shepherds and the Magi worshiped the new-born divine Infant. On the orders of the angel, he fled into Egypt with the Mother of God and the Infant Jesus, saving them from the wrath of King Herod. He lived in Egypt with the Virgin Mary and the divine Child, working as a carpenter. Saint Joseph reputedly died at the age of one hundred.

Saint Joseph is commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity. If there is no Sunday between December 25 and January 1, his Feast is moved to December 26. The Righteous Joseph is also commemorated on the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers.

Troparion — Tone 2: O Joseph, proclaim the wonders to David, the ancestor of God: you have seen a Virgin great with child; you gave glory with the shepherds; you worshipped with the Magi; you received an answer from the Angel. Beseech Christ God to save our souls.

Kontakion — Tone 3: Today the godly David is filled with gladness and Joseph offers praise with James. Having received the crown of their kinship with Christ, they rejoice, praising in song Him Who is inexpressibly born on earth, crying out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor You!"

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



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December 29, 2024

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

COMMEMORATIONS:

14, 000 INFANTS (HOLY INNOCENTS) SLAIN BY
HEROD IN BETHLEHEM, OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER
MARCELLUS, ABBOT OF THE MONASTERY OF THE
UNSLLEEPING ONES, OUR RIGHTEOUS FATHER
THADDEUS THE CONFESSOR, AFTERFEAST OF THE
NATIVITY, GEORGE, BISHOP OF NICOMEDIA, POET OF
ASMATIKONS, KANONS, AND TROPARIA A

Tone 2 - Eothion 5

Orthros Gospel: St. Luke 24:12-35

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 2:13-23

TROPARION OF THE RESURRECTION - 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 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

TODAY:

ORTHROS, 8:00 a.m.

Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY, 9:15 a.m.

Coffee Hour following Liturgy

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week:
COFFEE HOUR:	Left-Over Christmas Treats	Bagels
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Sdn. Justin	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	Chebeleu-Sofia's 22nd Birthday!	Sign Up on the Bulletin Board
USHERS:	Todd M. & Radu C.	Nick M. & Tom A.
CLEANING TEAM:	Kaminsky Family	TBD

Mark Your Calendar:

Theophany
Sunday, January 5:
Theophany Fast
 8:15 am Orthros
 9:30 am Divine Liturgy
 11:15 am: Great Blessing of Water
 6:00 pm: Great Vespers
Monday, January 6:
 8:30 am: Orthros
 9:30 am: Divine Liturgy
 11:00 am: Great Blessing of Water

New Year's Eve Talent Show

Talk to Ambrose Bushelli if you would like to participate in the talent show. Holiday Left-Over Potluck will refresh us after

Please pray for our Patriarch and our Mother Church in Syria.

For statements from the Patriarchate of Antioch regarding Syria visit:
www.antiochian.org/regulararticle/2271

DECEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Christmas Dinner Items

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of the Holy Land and Syria	+Brian-Costantine
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+Marius
Nl. Anna-Grace, Julie Olga, Livia Anne, Michael, David-Michael, Darby-Photini, Easton-Philip.	+Monk Michael
Sergei	(December Parish Diptychs)
Sophia	+Joseph
Doris	+Richard
John	+Mary
James	+Demetrios
Steve	+Katherine
Tatiana	+Nicholas
Elias	+Gabremariam
Paraskevi	+Assaad
Eustathia	+Doris
Ludmilla	+Barbara
Elizabeth	+Andrew
Peter	<u>Catechumens</u>
Mary	Lucretia
John	Andrew
Anna	Ryan
Sophia	Michael
	Kassandra
	Rose
	Jasper
	Bryson
	Catherine
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, & all Missionaries	Matthew
Nathan, John, & all seminarians	Matthew
Those searching for spouses	Mary
Engaged Couples	Carol
Families trying to conceive	Morgan
Expectant mothers	Meghan
New mothers and their babies	John
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	Steven
	Bobby
	Timothy & Kristen and children
	Eliana, Adalyn, Benjamin,
	Joshua
	Liara
	Asher

Stewardship 2025

Your Tithe is beneficial to your soul and our parish. Please make your pledge with the cards in the narthex or online at st-philip.net/stewardship or with the QR code.



This Week:

Mon, Dec 30: - - -

Tues, Dec 31: **Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.**
 Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1 p.m.
Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.
 Talent Show, 7:30 p.m.
 New Year Prayers, 9:30 p.m.

Wed, Jan 1: **Feast of St. Basil & The Circumcision of Our Lord**
 Orthros, 8:30 a.m.
 Divine Liturgy. 9:30 a.m.
 Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.

Thurs, Jan 2: - - -

Fri, Jan 3: Royal Hours, 9:30 a.m.

Sat, Jan 4: Catechumen Class, 4:30 p.m.
Great VESPERS, 6:00 p.m.
 Confessions, 7:30 p.m.

Sun, Jan 5: *Theophany Fast*
ORTHROS & Confession, 8:15 a.m.
Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.
DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 12/21 : 100; Liturgy 12/22: 251
 Vesperal Liturgy 12/24: 66; Nativity: 188; Liturgy 12/26: 35
OFFERINGS 12/22: Candles, \$278. Collections, \$1,522.48. Book Shelf Ministry, \$131. Flowers, \$135. Building Fund, \$20,609.85. Camping, \$56. Christmas Card, \$100. Choir Fund, \$100.00. Needy Fund, \$194.02. Mission Chapel, \$1,505. Pastoral Discretion, \$1,286.52
 Stewardship, \$14,353. Total received, \$40,627.87.