



**SUNDAY AFTER
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

DECEMBER 30, 2018

SAINTS OF THE DAY:

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

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: I will make all Thy wonders known.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us. In the company of the upright, in the congregation; great are the works of the Lord. (*Refrain*)

They are studied by all who have pleasure in them. (*Refrain*) His work is glory and beauty, and His righteousness endures forever. (*Refrain*)

Glory to the Father . . .now and ever . . .(*Refrain*)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in His commandments.

Refrain: O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

His descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. (*Refrain*)

Glory and wealth are in His house, and His righteousness endures forever. (*Refrain*)

Light rises in the darkness for the upright; the Lord is merciful, compassionate, and righteous. (*Refrain*)

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." The Lord sends forth from Zion Your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your foes. Authority shall be with you on the day of Your power, among the splendor of Your holy ones!

ENTRANCE HYMN OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

{**Verse**} From the womb before the morning star have I begotten Thee. The Lord hath sworn, and He will not repent; thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

{**Refrain**} Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, born of the Virgin, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

APOLYTIKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE FOUR

Your Nativity O Christ our God, has shown 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 OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm and champion of kings, victorious Great-martyr George, intercede with Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST IN TONE THREE

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 a star, since for our sake the Eternal God is born as a Little Child!

THE ANTI-TRISAGION HYMN

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ: Alleluia. (*three times*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Have put on Christ: Alleluia!

As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ: Alleluia!

THE EPISTLE

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel, which was preached by me, is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

THE GOSPEL

Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew (2:13-23)

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy Him." And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region, who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more.” But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

*Liturgical Response
& Seasonal Greeting:*

***Christ is Born!
GLORIFY HIM!***

PARISH UPDATES

Holy Oblation and Coffee (Fellowship) Hour Hosting:

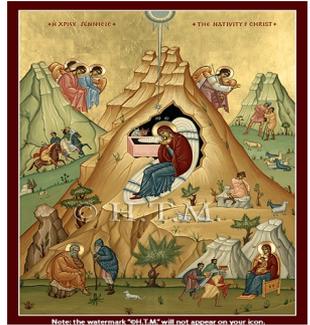
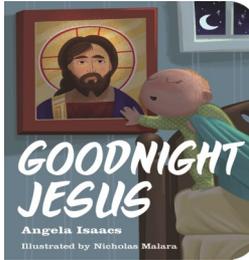
Contact the Church Office for more information and to sign-up for this crucial aspect of participation in the Life of the Church. We strongly encourage those hosting Coffee (Fellowship) Hour to offer a meal so that our parishioners will have the opportunity to interact more often in fellowship. **Sign-up NOW for 2019!**

*There will be **NO classes** during the Christmas break (Today & January 6) for our Church School program.

Parishioner Pledges & Donations (2018 & 2019): Our parish greatly appreciates the financial contributions of parishioners—we ask that ALL please fulfill their commitment for 2018 prior to the calendar year ending! The 2019 Stewardship Packet (including membership & pledge form) will be mailed out to your homes—please prayerfully consider your contribution for 2019 and return the form to our Church Office by January 14, 2019—again, we ask ALL members to fill out their form on a yearly basis!

St. George Parish Bookstore— SHOP LOCAL

Icons of Saints & Feasts of the Church—Orthodox Study Bible
 Children's Books—Greetings Cards—Book of Psalms
 Scented items from an Orthodox Monastery—
 candles, lotions, soaps, & lip balms



HAPPY DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Christy R. Ellis	Dec 31
Jonah Jabbour	Jan 1
Beverly Shahadey	Jan 1
Jennifer Turner	Jan 1
Michael C. Ellis	Jan 3
Jim Tanoos	Jan 4

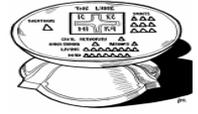


SUMMARY—DECEMBER 23 & 25, 2018

WEEKLY INCOME

Pledges & Assessments	\$ 2,772.00	650.00
Candles/Cash	\$ 119.00	395.00
Donations	\$ 31.00	50.00
Bookstore	\$ 100.00	—
Church Flowers	\$ 70.00	15.00
Total	\$ 3,092.00	1,110.00
Divine Liturgy Attendance:	72	75

HOLY OBLATION



TODAY

Offered by Tony Tanoos, for the health and well-being of his family and on the occasion of Gabriella's birthday.

January 6

Offered by Mary Ann Tanoos, for the health and well-being of her family and on the occasion of the December & January birthdays of her family members.

January 13

Offered by George Ellis, for the health and well-being of his family and in memory of his father, +Charles. There will be a 50-year Memorial for +Charles.

January 20

Offered by Dan Latinovich, for the health and well-being of his family and in memory of his wife, +Carol. There will be a one-year Memorial for +Carol.

COFFEE (FELLOWSHIP) HOUR

TODAY — Hosted by Tony Tanoos

January 6 — Hosted by Mary Ann Tanoos

January 13 — Hosted by George Ellis

January 20 — Hosted by Dan Latinovich

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 2	Vespers	6:00p
Saturday, January 5	Great Vespers	6:00p
Sunday, January 6	Festal Matins	9:00a
(Feast of Theophany)	Festal Liturgy	10:00a
	& Blessing of Water	

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