



**After-feast of and Sunday
after the Nativity of Christ**

December 29, 2019

SAINTS OF THE DAY:

Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed,
David the Prophet and King, and James, the Brother-of-our-Lord

****Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom****

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

I will confess Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Thy wonders. In the council of the upright, and in the congregation, great are the works of the Lord.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

They are sought out in all the things that He hath willed. Confession and majesty are His work, and His righteousness abideth unto ages of ages. (*Refrain*)

Glory...Both now...(Refrain)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; in His commandments shall he greatly delight. His seed shall be mighty upon the earth. The generation of the upright shall be blessed.

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

Glory and riches shall be in his house, and His righteousness abideth unto ages of ages. (*Refrain*)

There hath risen up in darkness a light for the upright; he is merciful and compassionate and righteous. (*Refrain*)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord said unto my Lord: sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. The Lord shall send Thee a rod of strength out of Zion. With Thee is dominion in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of Thy saints.

✦ *During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of the Nativity of Christ. Then, the following:*

THE ENTRANCE HYMN OF REGULAR SUDAYS

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, **Who art risen from the dead**, for now we sing unto Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✦ *After the Entrance, sing the hymns in the following order below:*

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy!

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!

APOLYTIKION OF SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY IN TONE TWO

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!

APOLYTIKION FOR 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 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."

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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."

Schedule of Liturgical Services & Activities

Friday, January 3	Royal Hours (Theophany)	10:00a
Saturday, January 4	Great Vespers	6:00p
Sunday, January 5	Festal Matins	9:00a
(Theophany)	Festal Liturgy & Blessing of Water	10:00a
	followed by Fellowship Hour	
	Blessing of the Wabash River	1:00p

2020 Holy Oblation and Fellowship Hour Hosting: Contact the Church Office to sign-up for dates in 2020 and participate in this parish ministry. We encourage those hosting Coffee (Fellowship) Hour to offer a meal so that our parishioners will have the opportunity to interact more often in fellowship.

Many thanks—contributions for Christmas decorations:

Joanna Dailey, in memory of Dailey family members

Michael & Nancy Ellis, for the health of the Ellis Family and in memory of Hazel & Carl Ellis, Samuel & Loretta Moneyham, and Martha Maloof

Russell Leo, in memory of John, Jane, Leo, Pete, Dorothy, and Nelle

Eileen Prose, for the health of Kitsa & Sam Wiersteiner and in memory of Ted Prose

STEWARDSHIP & PARISH LIFE — 2020

We ask that you please complete your Membership & Pledge Commitment form for 2020 by **January 13, 2020** (previously mailed to you; copies available at Church) and send to our church office, to ensure the success of the programs undertaken for the spiritual needs of the families entrusted to our care. Remember that your Stewardship provides the foundation for our Parish Ministries and our efforts in meeting the challenge of spreading Christ's Word and our Orthodox Faith.

Stewardship is an opportunity to examine our priorities and values, to express our thankfulness, to give of ourselves, and to grow in grace. It allows us to participate in the work of God. **Giving is not a substitute for commitment—it is an expression of our commitment!**



"The rich man is not the one who has much, but the one who gives much. For what one gives away, he keeps for all eternity."

- St. John Chrysostom

HOLY OBLATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR

TODAY—December 29, 2019

Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hour sponsored by Tony Tanoos for the health and well-being of his family and on the occasion of Gabriella's birthday.

January 5, 2019

Holy Oblation & Fellowship Hour sponsored by Mary Ann Tanoos for the health and well-being of her family.

January 12, 2019

IN NEED OF SPONSOR

SUMMARY—DECEMBER 22, 2019

WEEKLY INCOME

Pledges & Assessments	\$ 1,238.00
Candles/Cash	\$ 169.00
Christmas Decorations	\$ 110.00
Refunds	\$ 42.20
Memorials	\$ 25.00
Donations	\$ 600.00
Total	\$ 2,184.20

Divine Liturgy Attendance: **85**

HAPPY DECEMBER/JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

CHRISTY ROSE ELLIS	DEC 31
JONAH JABBOUR	JAN 1
JENNIFR TURNER	JAN 1
BEVERLY SHAHADEY	JAN 1
MICHAEL C. ELLIS	JAN 3
JIM TANOOS	JAN 4



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Upcoming Parish Events — Mark Your Calendars:

Great Feast of Theophany & Blessing

of the Wabash River (Sunday, January 5)

WEEKLY Bible Study (resumes Tuesday, January 14)

Adult Education Class (3rd Sunday of the Month—Jan 19)

General Parish Assembly (Sunday, January 26)