



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Ukrainian Catholic Church  
(St. Mary's)**

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**Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m.**

**Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin**

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 27, 2020**

**Sunday, December 27, 2020 Sunday after Christmas**

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

In memory of +William Troy from daughter Helen Troy & +Helen Berezuk

from children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

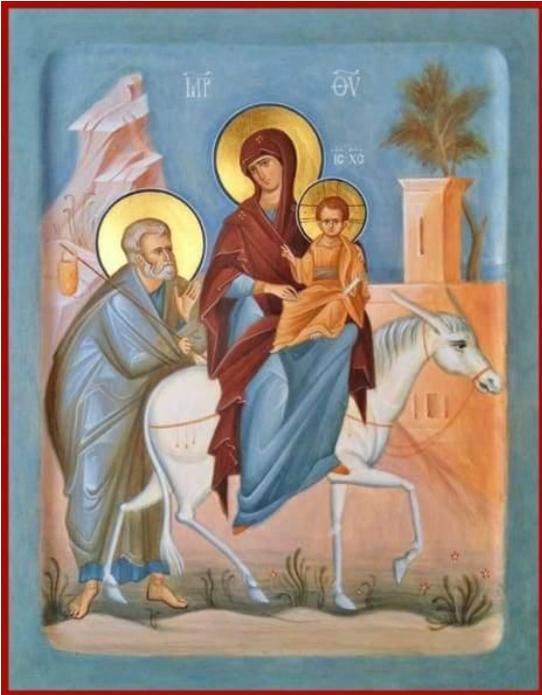
**Sunday, January 05, 2021 Sunday before Theophany**

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

In memory of +Mary Stine from Martha & John Stine

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**Sunday after the Nativity**



On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the twenty-sixth of this month, we make commemoration of Saints Joseph, the Betrothed of the Virgin; David, the Prophet and King; and James, the Brother of God. When there is no Sunday within this period, we celebrate this commemoration on the 26th.

Saint Joseph (whose name means "one who increases") was the son of Jacob, and the son-in-law - and hence, as it were, the son - of Eli (who was also called Eliakim or Joachim), who was the father of Mary the Virgin (Matt. 1:16; Luke 3:23). He was of the tribe of Judah, of the family of David, an inhabitant of Nazareth, a carpenter by Trade, and

advanced in age when, by God's good will, he was betrothed to the Virgin, that he might minister to the great mystery of God's dispensation in the flesh by protecting her, providing for her, and being known as her husband so that she, being a virgin, would not suffer reproach when she was found to be with child. Joseph had been married before his betrothal to our Lady; they who are called Jesus' "brethren and sisters" (Matt. 13:55-56) are the children of Joseph by his first marriage. From Scripture, we know that Saint Joseph lived

at least until the Twelfth year after the birth of Christ (Luke 2:41-52); according to the tradition of the Fathers, he reposed before the beginning of the public ministry of Christ.

The child of God and ancestor of God, David, the great Prophet after Moses, sprang from the tribe of Judah. He was the son of Jesse, and was born in Bethlehem (whence it is called the City of David), in the year 1085 before Christ. While yet a youth, at the command of God he was anointed secretly by the Prophet Samuel to be the second King of the Israelites, while Saul - who had already been deprived of divine grace - was yet living. In the thirtieth year of his life, when Saul had been slain in battle, David was raised to the dignity of King, first, by his own tribe, and then by all the Israelite people, and he reigned for forty years. Having lived seventy years, he reposed in 1015 before Christ, having proclaimed beforehand that his son Solomon was to be the successor to the throne.

The sacred history has recorded not only the grace of the Spirit that dwelt in him from his youth, his heroic exploits in war, and his great piety towards God, but also his transgressions and failings as a man. Yet his repentance was greater than his transgressions, and his love for God fervent and exemplary; so highly did God honour this man, that when his son Solomon sinned, the Lord told him that He would not rend the kingdom in his lifetime "for David thy father's sake" (III Kings 12:12). Of The Kings of Israel, Jesus the Son of Sirach testifies, "All, except David and Hezekias and Josias, were defective" (Ecclus. 49:4). The name David means "beloved."

His melodious Psalter is the foundation of all the services of the Church; there is not one service that is not filled with Psalms and psalmic verses. It was the means whereby old Israel praised God, and was used by the Apostles and the Lord Himself. It is so imbued with the spirit of prayer that the monastic fathers of all ages have used it as their trainer and teacher for their inner life of converse with God. Besides eloquently portraying every state and emotion of the soul before her Maker, the Psalter is filled with prophecies of the coming of Christ. It foretells His Incarnation, "He bowed the heavens and came down" (Psalm 17:9), His Baptism in the Jordan, "The waters saw Thee, O God, The waters saw Thee and were afraid" (76:15), His Crucifixion in its details, "They have pierced My hands and My feet .... They have parted My garments amongst themselves, and for My vesture have they cast lots" (21:16, 18). "For My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink" (68:26), His descent into Hades, "For Thou wilt not abandon My soul in Hades, nor wilt Thou suffer Thy Holy One to see corruption" (15:10) and Resurrection, "Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered" (67:1). His Ascension, "God is gone up in jubilation" (46:5), and so forth.

*Source: Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America*

**SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Commemoration of the Holy  
and Just Joseph, King David, and James Cousin of our Lord)  
ST. STEPHEN, FIRST-MARTYR**

**First Antiphon:**

I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with all my heart; I will declare all Your wondrous deeds. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

In the company and assembly of the just, great are the works of the Lord.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Majestic and glorious are His works, His justice stands firm forever.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

**Third Antiphon:** Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim God, our Savior.

Son of God, born of a virgin, save us who sing to you Alleluia.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Son of God, born of a virgin, save us who sing to you Alleluia.

For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Son of God, born of a virgin, save us who sing to you Alleluia.

**Entrance Hymn:** Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, born of a virgin, save us who sing to you Alleluia.

**Troparion and Kontakion:**

**Troparion (4):** Your Nativity, O Christ our God, has shed upon the world the light of knowledge; for through it, those who worshiped the stars have learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice, and to recognize You as the Orient From On High. Glory be to You, O Lord!

**Troparion (2):** O Joseph, announce to David, ancestor of Christ, the good news of these wonders you have seen: a virgin giving birth to a child. With the shepherds you have glorified Him; with the wise men you have worshiped Him; and an angel appeared to you. Ask Christ to save our souls.

**Troparion (4):** O first-martyr and apostle of Christ, you fought the good fight. You exposed the perversion of the persecutors; for when you were killed by stoning at the hands of wicked men, you received a crown from the Right Hand on high, while you cried out to God, saying: O Lord, do not charge this sin against them.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Kontakion (3):** Today, David, beloved of God, is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer hymns of praise; their joy is the crown of relationship with Christ. They sing praise to Him Who was wondrously born; and they cry out: O merciful Lord, save those who honor You.

**Prokimenon (5):** You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us from this generation, and for ever. **Verse:** Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

**Prokimenon (4):** God is wondrous in His saints; the God of Israel. **Verse:** In the churches bless God, the Lord from the well-spring of Israel.

**Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (Gal 1,11-19)**  
Brethren: I want you to know that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and

tried to destroy it, and progressed in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my race, since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions. But when [God], who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, rather, I went into Arabia and then returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Kephas and remained with him for fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the apostles, only James the brother of the Lord.

**Alleluia Verses:** Verse: O Lord, remember David and all the hardships he endured. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: The oath he swore to the Lord, his vow to the strong One of Jacob. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Gospel:** (Mt 2,13-23) When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son." When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he became furious. He ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more." When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazorean."

**Instead of It is truly right...** (Or the Hirmos of the Feast): O my soul, extol Christ the King born in a cave. Hirmos: I contemplate a divine and marvelous mystery: heaven has become a cave, the throne of Cherubim - a virgin, and the manger - an honorable place in which lies Christ God, the Incomprehensible. Let us praise and extol Him.

**Communion Verse:** The Lord has sent deliverance to His people. Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

