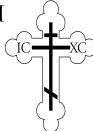


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DECEMBER 31, 2023 - 30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - Tone 5.

Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord.

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Sun: Reading of the Hours 9:45 AM **Divine Liturgy** 10:00 AM
Leavetaking of the Nativity

Thu: Akathist to St. Herman 4:00 PM
Fri.: Theophany Great Compline
Vespers/Matins 4:00 PM
Sat: Theophany Divine Liturgy

Great Vespers

Please join us after Divine Liturgy for Coffee Social -Myrrhbearers Hall.

Please bring in cans of food for the C.C.
Resource Center.

Confessions -Ask Fr. Sergious fo a time

9:00 AM

4:00 PM

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: Genesis 17:1-2; 4-12; 14, Proverbs 8:22-30; 10:31-11:12, John 10:9-16, Colossians 2:8-12, Luke 2:20-21; 40-52; 6:17-23, Hebrews 7:26-8:2, 2 Timothy 4:5-8, Mark 1:1-8

Tue: Solomon 3:1-9; 4:7-15; 5:15-6:3, Matthew 11:27-30, Galatians 5:22-6:2, Luke 6:17-23; 14:25-35, Hebrews 12:25-26; 13:22-25

Wed: James 1:1-18, Luke 15:1-10 Thu: James 1:19-27, Luke 16:1-9

Fri: See Insert

Sat: Mark 1:9-11, Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7, Matthew 3:13-17, Isaiah 12:3-6; 35:1-10; 55:1-13, 1 Corinthians 10:1-4

+EPISTLE+ Sunday After (Galatians 1:11-19) But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

+GOSPEL+ Sunday After (Matthew 2:13-23) Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

THE GIFTS DECEMBER 24,2023

Attendance 33
Regular Offerings 851
Candles 42

Attendance 35
Regular Offerings 463

We sincerely thank and bless Charles and Lou Ellen Davis for their ongoing generous donations.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rodna Donovski - Jan. 2
Marissa-Jan.3/Genevieve-Jan.2
Ellen Pantazis - Jan. 5
Mary Ann Hildebrandt-Jan. 16
Barbara Yacos - Jan. 19
Martin Bane - Jan. 26
Ephraim Jurien St.Day- Jan.28

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY Mary Ann/Wolfgang H.-Jan.19

VIGIL CANDLES - DEC. 24

Nancy Kinley - Health of Bill, Julianna & Fam., Andrew & Fam., Mary Ann H., Linda E., Linda L., Patricia, Yong, Judith, Howard, Constantine.

Barbara Aldunate - Linda / Sandy - Happy. Bob / Barbara – Health.

Happy New Year!