

Christ is Born!
Христос рождается!

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glorify Him!
Славите!

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Saturday 4 – 4:30 PM
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30, December, 2012: Sunday after Christmas

*Memory of the Holy & Just Joseph, Husband of Mary;
of David, Prophet & King; and of the Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord.*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 29 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil:** *Health of Larry Pfrogner requested by Jim & Mary Ann Kontir (Rescheduled)*

Sun. Dec. 30 **10:30 AM: Sunday after Christmas:** *pro populo*

Sat. Jan. 05 **5:00 PM: Vigil-Divine Liturgy of the Theophany of Our Lord:**
+Richard Spirko requested by Joan & Ed Boytim w/ Mirovanije

Sun. Jan. 06 **10:30 AM: Theophany of Our Lord:** *pro populo w/ Mirovanije*

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Acolytes

Readers

Ushers

Sat. Dec. 29 M. Mihalko D. Cholock J. Kontir, R. Garber

Sun. Dec. 30 R. & E. Hess S. Vacha D. Hess, C. Cianciotti

Sat. Jan. 05 M. Mihalko Hulyk, Maxwell, Kontir J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko

Sun. Jan. 06 R. & E. Hess J. Hess D. Cianciotti, G. Krynicky

Collection: 12/23/12: Adult \$860; Candles \$52; Student \$4; Fuel \$20; Flowers \$30;

Total: \$966 .00. Christmas Eve and Day Collection: \$2937 .00



There is **NO KNEELING, NO FASTING** from Christmas through Theophany!

Theophany – The Baptism of the Lord – 6 January falls on a Sunday in 2013. According to the Metropolia's Typikon, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great is to be celebrated Saturday evening. After the Ambon Prayer and before the dismissal there will be the **Great Blessing of Water** and bread will be blessed. On Sunday morning, the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom will be served. As this is a great feast of the Church, there is no fasting. It is also a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** for Byzantine Catholics!

The **rite of Mirovanije** is being restored to its proper place in the Liturgy as specified in the Metropolia's Typikon: **Ambon prayer, MIROVANJE, Final Blessing, Dismissal**. This means that after having been anointed and partaken of the blessed bread, **RETURN TO YOUR PEW** for the final blessing and dismissal.



The Importance of Sunday: the joint statement recently issued by the North American Orthodox – Catholic Theological Consultation and that was distributed at the Christmas Services offers Christians much food for thought. More than once does it make reference to an *Apostolic Letter* entitled *Dies Domini* –The Lord’s Day written in 1998 by Pope John Paul II. This is a rather lengthy document; a copy of which is available on our parish website if you are interested in the Holy Father’s thoughts in more detail.

TODAY’S COMMEMORATIONS: The Holy Prophet-King David, St Joseph the Betrothed, and St James the Brother of the Lord are commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity. If there is no Sunday between December 25 and January 1, their commemoration is moved to December 26. At an early date, some churches in the East began to commemorate certain important figures of the New Testament at the time of Theophany, and later during the Nativity season. In Syria, for example, St Stephen (December 27), Sts James (April 30) and John (September 26), and Sts Peter and Paul (June 29) were commemorated near the end of December. In Jerusalem, the saints mentioned above were combined with a feast that the Jews of Hebron celebrated on December 25 or 26 in honor of the Old Testament Patriarch Jacob. Later on, the Christians substituted St James (October 23) for Jacob, and then the commemoration of the Brother of the Lord became associated with his ancestor King David. In time, St. Joseph was linked with Sts David and James.



~ Announcements ~

- **Thank you** to all who kindly and generously remembered me with cards, well wishes, home-baked delicacies of all sorts, and gifts during these holy and blessed days of Christmas. May the light of Christmas warm your hearts during this sacred season and throughout the New Year. *Christ is born! Glorify Him!* Father
- The January issue of «**THEOSIS**» has arrived and is in your envelope in the Narthex. Please remember to leave the envelope in the little box.
- **ECF Classes resume on January 20, 2013.**
- **Bingo resumes Friday, January 4th**
- **2012 ENVELOPES!!** Kindly turn in your **2012 offertory envelopes ASAP** so that you may be given credit on your contribution forms. Please make sure that you **ALWAYS** mark your envelope as to the amount of your donation.
- **PLEASE NOTE** that the south parish property line ends at the steps that lead down to Route 981. Anything beyond that is private property; it does not belong to the church. Our neighbors do not wish to be difficult but need that space open for them to be able to back out of their driveway.



- **Handicap Parking at St. Mary Parish:** Unfortunately the only solution to avoid steps at the present time is to park as close to the parish garage as possible, walk behind the rectory, cross the little “bridge”, and enter the church through the acolyte’s sacristy.



- **BCW REMINDER:** for those of you subscribing to the **Byzantine Catholic World**, it is time to once again renew your **subscriptions**. Please turn in your \$12.00 remittance ASAP to the parish office, either cash or check made payable to “St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church.” Please inform us of any corrections that need to be made to the spelling of names and/or changes in address. If you do not presently subscribe to our archeparchy’s newspaper and wish to do so, just follow the above directions.

January Birthday Prayers and Wishes: We wish the following parishioners many blessings on their birthday. Remember them in your prayers on their special day.

01 — Kathy Osif	19 — James Gonofsky	22 — Michael Skapura
06 — Ron Garber	20 — Daniel Hess	22 — Adam Hess
12 — Walter Furwa	21 — Patrick Mott	22 — Edmund Davis
12 — Bob Knouse	21 — John Kernicky	26 — Mary Catherine Ross
13 — Chris Davis	22 — Jennie Gulisek	

