

Christ is Born!
Христос рождается!
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Confessions:
Saturday 4 – 4:30 PM
Sunday 9:30 – 10:00 AM
 or by appointment

Glorify Him!
Славите Его!
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29 December 2013: Sunday after Christmas

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

The Holy Innocents killed by Herod in Bethlehem. Our Venerable Father Marcellus, Hegumen of the Akimetes.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 28 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
 + John Krynicky requested by Friends & Neighbors

Sun. Dec. 29 **10:30 AM: Sunday after Christmas: pro populo**

Sat. Jan. 04 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil** + Michael & Anna Brehun by Mary Lezo

Sun. Jan. 05 **10:30 AM: Sunday before Theophany: pro populo**
 Memorial Service: Peter P. Shultz – 40th day

7:00 PM: Vigil-Divine Liturgy of the Theophany of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ: OBLIGATION w/Mirovanije
 + George & Agnes Rusinko requested by Michael & Aimée Kakos

Mon. Jan. 06 **9:30 AM: Theophany of Our Lord: OBLIGATION:** w/Mirovanije
Health of Jessica & Christopher Davis requested by Mom & Dad

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat. Dec. 28	-----	J. Kontir	R. Garber, J. Snitzer	
Sun. Dec. 29	R. & E. Hess	F. Chappell	G. Krynicky, R. Garber	
Sat. Jan. 04	-----	D. Cholock	J. Kontir, D. Mihalko	
Sun(AM)Jan. 05	R. & E. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, J. Knouse	
Sun(PM) Jan. 05	Any Present	To Be Contacted	---Any 2 Present---	
Mon. Jan. 06	Any Present	M. Hulyk	---Any 2 Present---	
12/22/13 Collection:	Adult \$810; Total: \$883.00.	Student \$11; Christmas: \$3060	Candles \$62;	

FROM CHRISTMAS TO THEOPHANY

WE NEITHER KNEEL DURING PRAYER NOR FAST!

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.

Recipe for a Happy Home and Church in 2014

½ cup thoughtfulness	1 tablespoon spicy determination
½ cup cheerfulness	4 tablespoons each: faith, hope, love
1 cup forgiveness	a pinch of tenderness

Sift away any grains of selfishness. Mix well. Fold in 4 cups of prayer. Pour into daily life. Bake with the warmth of human kindness. Serve with a smile – enough to last a lifetime! Serves: Everyone.

Next Sunday's Readings ~ Sunday before Theophany

Epistle, 2 Timothy 4: 5-8 *Paul's Last Charge to Timothy*

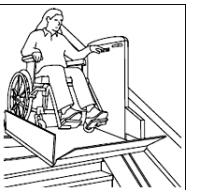
Gospel, Mark 1: 1-8 *The Preaching of John the Baptist*



~ Announcements ~

Спасибо большое to all who so thoughtfully 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 holy season and throughout this New Year. Father Paul-Alexander

- **VOLUNTEERS!!!** A small committee of 3-4 individuals is needed to research the possibility of installing an **OUTDOOR STAIR LIFT** to aid parishioners who have difficulty climbing the steps in front of the Church. Do we want a chair lift only or one that would accommodate a wheel chair? What can we afford? The committee will present their recommendations to Father. If interested in serving, please speak to Father after the Liturgy, call or email the parish office.



- **HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE:** along the same lines as the outdoor stair lift, periodically suggestions have been made to make pew seating more handicap friendly by allowing more space b/w pews so that those with canes, walkers, wheel chairs can maneuver more easily. Many of our churches have a designated area – usually the first pew closest to the Iconostasis – that is so designed. It will also more easily allow the priest to bring Holy Communion to them. What are your thoughts?

- The **Christmas Memory Poinsettias list** is on the table in the Narthex.
- **BINGO** will resume on **January 3, 2014**.
- **ECF CLASSES** begin on **19 January 2014**.
- **2013 ENVELOPES!!** Please turn in your **2013 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.

“Special Thanks” to:

- **Michael & Aimée Rusinko Kakos:** \$3,000 for cemetery maintenance.
- **To All Who Contributed in Any Way to Make Our 2013 Parish Christmas Dinner & Play Such an Enjoyable Occasion!** Chef Dato’s Restaurant prepared a fabulous meal as usual. Our ECF students’ presentation of their poems was a big hit. Parishioners who attended enjoyed the festive atmosphere.

