



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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Sunday, December 30, 2018

Sunday after the Nativity of Christ: Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, Brother of the Lord; the Holy Martyr Anyisia (286-305); Holy Martyr and Presbyter, Zoticus, Protector of Orphans (4th c.)

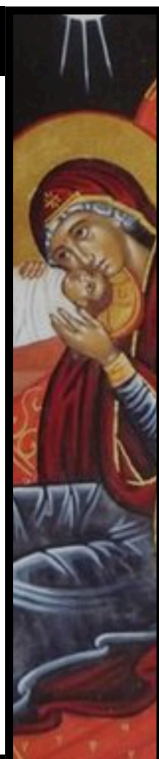
CHRIST IS BORN! - LET US GLORIFY HIM!
Христос Раждається! - Славім Його!
and (soon) Happy New Year!

We welcome Fr. Peter Brezden (one of our former pastors) back to our parish to celebrate Divine Liturgy with us today.

Our prayers go to you Joanna, Katherine and Sophie Vizza who all will receive (or complete receiving) the three Sacraments of Initiation on New year's Day. Please send me a group family photo and I will include it into next week's bulletin.

What's left of our Christmas Schedule:

Feast	Date	Service	Time
St. Basil's / Circumsion / New Year's	Tue, Jan. 1	Liturgy with Baptism of Baby Vizza & Chrismations of Joanna & Katharine Vizza (with Fr. Danylo Kuc)	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
Theophany Eve	Sat, Jan. 5	Complines & Liturgy	7pm
Theophany Day	Sun, Jan. 6	Great Blessing of Water	9:15 am
		Festal Divine Liturgy with Baptism of Shiela (with Bishop, Fr. Stephen Wojcichowski & Fr. Bo)	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm
Parish "Kutia"	Sun, Jan. 13	Sunday Liturgy with Baptism of Tamara Ruff, followed by the traditional Parish Christmas Meal: "Kutia"	10 am
		Melkite service	2 pm



Saints of the Day for Sunday, Dec. 30: (texts from the OCA website)



Sunday after the Nativity: Commemoration of the Holy Righteous David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Brother of the Lord

The Holy Prophet-King David, Saint Joseph the Betrothed, and Saint 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, Saint Stephen (December 27), Saints James (April 30) and John (September 26), and Saints 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 honour of the Old Testament Patriarch Jacob. Later on, the Christians substituted Saint James (October 23) for Jacob, and then the commemoration of the Brother of the Lord became associated with his ancestor King David. In time, Saint Joseph was linked with Saints David and James.

Dormition News

- **Please say a prayer for** all the Young Adults (and Fr. Bo) who are on a pilgrimage to the Monastery of Holy Transfiguration (commonly called Mt. Tabour). They left on December 27th, and will return on January 4th.
- We **pray for the health and well-being** of all the servants and handmaidens of God who need our prayers: **Sarah Komar, Marge Woitas, Katie Bunio, Stella Dronyk, John Puto, Ann Horsman, Annie Polack, Louis Pewar & Rosa Maria Santos.** (If you know any other people who should be on this list: please email me.)
- We wish God's blessings and a **happy birthday** to our parishioners: **Irene Pryma, Anne Skwarchuk, Joanna Vizz, and Greg Ostapowich** who all celebrate their birthdays this week. God grant you many years!

If we don't have your birthday, or if we have your birthday info wrong... please send an email (or at least a piece of paper) with the corrected birthdate and your name.
- **Bible Study with an Eastern Twist:** Our next session will resume in the new year with our regular Bible Study on January 9th. The theme for that class will be "Egypt & Exodus" part 1. All are welcome. Free tea.
- It's time for people to consider helping the parish by serving on the **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**. If you would like to serve, please tell Fr. Bo or one of the members on the current PPC. Likely we will be voting in new members on a weekend near the beginning of February.
- **Confessions:** Fr. Bo is always around before services, so please do not hesitate to ask him to hear your confession. If you are planning to make a "longer" confession, he is always available by appointment too.
- **Call for Casino Volunteers.** The dates for our parish casino are **Monday March 18 & Tuesday March 19, 2019** at the Starlight Casino at WEM. We still have a number of volunteer positions to

fill. Our completed application needs to be submitted to AGLC by January 19th.

- Day shifts begin at 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Afternoon shift from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Evening shift from 7:30 pm to 3:15 am (including countroom)





If you are able to help, please see Alex Schabel or Iryna Laschuk to complete the required AGLC volunteer forms in the church office or contact Alex at aschabel@shaw.ca.

- One of our **parish fridges has died**. Funeral plans are being figured out. In the mean time please use the small white fridge or the cooler in the "bar" room.
- *Early in the new year we will be working on several projects:*
 - Moving our "Little Friends of Jesus" classroom upstairs.
 - Working on our Liturgical singing.
 - Getting all of our "Safer Environments" Policy work up to date.
 - Having Fr. Bo grow a better beard.
 - Maybe a fundraiser?
 - Updating our Parish Bylaws including our Parish's Mission Statement. Our current proposal is:
"To joyfully bring all people into the knowledge, love and service of the Holy Trinity who dwells within us."



Picture of the Church at Mt. Tabour Monastery.

December 2018 - January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>30 10 am Divine Liturgy with Fr. Peter Brezden no fellowship this day</p> <p>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</p> <p>Mt. Tabor Pilgrimage</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve</p> <p>Mt. Tabor Pilgrimage</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day</p> <p>Mt. Tabor Pilgrimage</p> <p>10 am Liturgy for the Feast of St. Basil with Sacraments of Initiation for the Vizza girls (with Fr. Danylo)</p> <p>2 pm Melkite Liturgy, Hall used by Melkites afterwards</p> <p>Irene Pryma & Anne Skwarchuk's Birthdays</p>	<p>2 Mt. Tabor Pilgrimage</p> <p>NO Prayers or Bible Study</p> <p>Joanna Vizza's Birthday</p>	<p>3 Mt. Tabor Pilgrimage</p> <p>Greg Ostapowich's Birthday</p>	<p>4  ...Fr. Bo & Young Adult pilgrims return from Mt. Tabor</p>	<p>5 Eve of Theophany</p> <p>7 pm Complines followed by Festal Divine Liturgy</p> 
<p>6 The Major Feast of Theophany (Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan River)</p> <p>9:15 am am the Great Blessing of Water</p> <p>10 am Divine Liturgy with the Baptism of Sheila Leiding (with Bishop David & Fr. Stephen Wojcichowski)</p> <p>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</p>	<p>7 Samuel Bryson's Birthday</p> <p>7pm Ruff Baptismal Prep</p>	<p>8 George Laschuk's Birthday</p>	<p>9 6 pm Prayer 7 pm Bible Study with an Eastern Twist: All Welcome</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11 FAST FREE</p> <p>Melkite Bible Study</p> <p>Michael Orysiuk's & Kristofer Workun's Birthdays</p>	<p>12 Preparations for the Parish "Kutia"</p> <p>First Solemn Communion Class for Elizabeth Shakeshaft</p>
<p>13 10 am Divine Liturgy with the Baptism of Tamara Ruff</p> <p>Parish "Kutia" to follow Divine Liturgy</p> <p>2 pm Melkite Liturgy</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 6 pm Prayer 7 pm Bible Study with an Eastern Twist: All Welcome</p> <p>Luba Genyk's Birthday</p> 	<p>17 4 pm Youth Commission Meeting</p>	<p>18 Fr. Bo teaches Lethbridge Icon Workshop</p> <p>Olfa Hapak's Birthday</p>	<p>19 Fr. Bo teaches Lethbridge Icon Workshop</p>



I ate a clock yesterday,
it was very time consuming.

Happy Almost New Year!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 - DIVINE LITURGY CHANGEABLE PARTS

Antiphon 1

I will confess You, Lord, with all my heart,* I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.
In the council of the just and the congregation,* great are the works of the Lord, conforming to His will in every way.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.
His work is filled with praise and majesty,* and His righteousness endures forever.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.
Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...

Antiphon 3

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

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

Priest: Wisdom, Stand aright!

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ.

Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparia and Kontakia

Troparion: By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion: Your Nativity, O Christ our God,* made the light of knowledge dawn on the world:* through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star* to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness,* and to know that You, the Dawn from on the high.* Glory to You, O Lord.

Troparion: O Joseph, announce to David, the ancestor of God, the news of the miracle:* You saw a virgin giving birth.* With the shepherds, you gave praise and with the Magi you worshipped,* they too were warned by an angel.* Pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Kontakion: Today the divine David is filled with gladness;* Joseph along with James offers praises* for having received a

crown through their kinship with Christ they rejoice* and sing of the One who inexpressibly was born on earth,* crying out, "O Gracious One, save those who worship You."

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: The Virgin today gives birth to Him who is above all being;* the earth offers the cave to Him whom no one can approach;* Angel with shepherds give Him glory,* while Magi make their way with a star,* for to us is born a little Child – the pre-eternal God.

Prokeimenon:

God is wonderful in His saints,* the God of Israel.

verse: In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. (Psalm 67:36,27)

Epistle Galatians 1:11-19

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterwards I returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days; but I did not see any other apostle except James the Lord's brother.

Alleluia, Tone 4

verse: Lord, remember David and all his meekness.

verse: How he swore an oath to the Lord, and vowed to the God of Jacob. (Psalm 131:1,2)

Gospel Matthew 2:13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, 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." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through 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 are no more.”

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, 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 there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”

Hymn to the Mother of God and the Irmos:

O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger.

A strange and glorious mystery do I behold:* the cave is heaven;* the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim;* the manger, a dwelling place* in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain.* Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest (Psalm 148:1).

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous (Psalm 32:1).* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of “Blessed is He who comes...” we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Instead of “We have seen the true light...” we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin.

Instead of “May our mouths...” and “Blessed be the Name...” we sing:

All creation is filled with rejoicing today, for Christ is born of a Virgin. (3)

