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DECEMBER 29 – 27th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – Tone 2

SUNDAY OF THE FOREFATHERS

<u>Scripture Readings</u>	<u>Services</u>
<p>MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 2 Timothy 2:20-26 Mark 12:13-17</p> <p>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 2 Timothy 3:16-4:4 Mark 12:18-27</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 2 Timothy 4:9-22 Mark 12:28-37</p> <p>THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 Titus 1:5-2:1 Mark 12:38-44</p> <p>FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 Titus 1:15-2:10 Mark 13:1-8</p> <p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 1 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Matthew 3:1-11</p>	<p>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve Vigil.....4:00 p.m.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, FEAST OF NATIVITY Festal Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. <i>[No Bible Study]</i></p> <p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.</p> <p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 – 27th Sunday after Pentecost After-feast of the Nativity of Christ Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. “Ask the Priest”</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, HAPPY 2025! <i>[No Bible Study]</i></p> <p>SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m.</p> <p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 – 28th Sunday After Pentecost Eve of Theophany, Sunday before Theophany Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Vespers for Theophany, Great Blessing of Water...10:30 a.m. Yolka.....11:30 a.m.</p> <p>MONDAY, JANUARY 6, Feast of Theophany Festal Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m.</p>
<p><i>All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:</i> https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/</p> <p>Reminder: The schedule of services can be found on the front page of our website, holyyghostbpt.org. The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church’s acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.</p>	

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

After-feast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday after Nativity.

Commemorated on December 29th

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 honor 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.

Saint Joseph had four sons from his previous marriage: James, Judah, Joses, and Simon (or Symeon), and three daughters: Esther, Martha, and Salome, who was the mother of Saint John the Theologian.

Fr Mark will be out of town in Maine with family from the evening of December 29 to January 2. In case of pastoral emergency, please call Richard Kendall at (203) 521-3456.

Galatians 1:11-19 (*Epistle, Sunday After*)

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But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.

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For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.

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And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

Galatians 1:11-19*(Epistle, Sunday After Cont'd.)*

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But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,

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to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,

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nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

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Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.

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But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Matthew 2:13-23*(Gospel, Sunday After)*

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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."

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When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,

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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."

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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.

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Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

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"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."

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Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

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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."

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Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.

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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.

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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."

SPECIAL SERVICE IN NEW HAVEN ON JANUARY 1st ... On January 1 at 9:00AM, His Grace, Bishop Benedict, will be presiding at Hierarchical Liturgy at Holy Transfiguration Church in New Haven, 285 Alden Ave for the Feast of St Basil/Circumcision of Christ. This service will feature the newly-formed Diocesan Choir! Fr Mark encourages everyone to attend if they are able. (Please see **Bishop Benedict's and Metropolitan Tikhon's letters for Nativity**)

CHRISTMAS/END OF YEAR DONATION As we reflect on all the blessings God has given us, especially the gift of His Son Our Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas, consider making a generous gift to Holy Ghost Church. Holy Ghost's divine services, activities and outreach in Bridgeport and beyond—not to mention keeping the lights on! — depends on your joyful, self-giving generosity. Thank you for the rich generosity you have demonstrated all year. May God bless all of us this Christmas season and grant us a healthy and happy New Year.

CANDLE DESK DUTY

December 29 – Dave Lepesko

January 5 – LoveAnn Curran

If you are unable to make your scheduled day, please switch with another member.

NEW: COFFEE HOUR CLEAN-UP ROTA... We have implemented a new system for cleaning up after coffee hour in order to get more folks involved. There are three groups that will rotate from week to week, grouped alphabetically by last name: A-J, K-O, and P-Z. Each group will have a crew chief. There is a checklist downstairs of the tasks that must be done each Sunday. This week is P-Z: **if your last name begins with P-Z, please make sure to help clean up. Daria Ploski-Slavin is today's crew chief.**

DONATIONS / CANDLES

- A \$100 donation to the Myrrh Bearers in loving memory of Nicholas & Helen Glowatsky from their daughter, Natalie Glowatsky Siavrakas and husband, Michael Siavrakas.
- A \$40 donation to the General Fund in loving memory of Mary Kasper from Natalie Pronechen.

YOLKA! SAVE THE DATE, JANUARY 5, 2025 @ 11:30 AM

ASK THE PRIEST TODAY!



Please get your questions ready for Fr Mark for an "Ask the Priest" session which is scheduled for today, **December 29th**.

POINSETTIA SALES

Bob Denhup
Barb Dulin

Carole & Frank Kaputa

Elaine Pollock Kusheba
Susan Maugeri
Tim & Jody Savisky

For the Health of
Chris, Rick, Kristi
Alex, David

Carol, Cathy, Denise

Shannon, Dan, Amalia,
Jason, Francia

In Loving Memory of
Mom, Dad, Baba, Dick, Elaine
Eugenia & Constantine
Evelyn & Edward
Nicholas Kaputa
Edward Kotrady
Michael & Sophie Pollock
Nathalie Gwara
William & Nancy Savisky
Mary & Michael Savisky
Mary & Michael Kasper
Joseph Slosar



Plants may be taken home on January 5th. Thanks to all who donated toward / purchased plants.

HOUSE BLESSINGS AFTER THEOPHANY ... Fr Mark will be blessing houses after Theophany this year. Please fill out the sign up sheet in the basement if you would like your home blessed.

DONATIONS REQUESTED... Regular Coffee, Decaf Coffee, and Candle lighters. Thank you!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, FEBRUARY 15, 2025 ... Never experienced a professional hockey game? This could be a great opportunity to meet with other Orthodox folks and have an enjoyable evening. In addition to the hockey game, there will be 2 guest speakers: Bishop John Abdalah and Rev. Peter Orfanakos from St. Barbara's Greek Orthodox Church in Orange.
<https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Faithfamily808>

REMINDER FROM THE TRUSTEES RE KEYS/PASSWORDS ... Ruth Sencio has put together a spread sheet for inventory of keys, passwords, and/or combinations associated with our parish. Please see Ruth Sencio if you are a key holder or have password access to the security system, Facebook, or our website. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY LUNCHEON A SUCCESS! ... Our community Christmas lunch was a brilliant success! About 150 people came through for a hot meal, warm coats and clothes, and a festive time of conversation and fellowship. Most of the people who came live within walking distance from Holy Ghost. A special thanks to Leo and his wife, Yuly, and their family for bringing and cooking food, and to all the many volunteers who made it such a joyful day. Thanks be to God!

*(Any many thanks to the 'photogs' who helped supply photos! –
George Dulin, Cathleen McCormick, & Stephanie Smith)*

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON PHOTOS



PARISH METRICS (DECEMBER 29 THRU JANUARY 4)

BIRTHDAYS

Denis Andrew Quill, December 29th (13 years old)

God Grant him Many Years!.....Многая лета!...

ANNIVERSARIES

None Listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

DECEMBER 29 – Maria Sokolov, 1917 (Infant); Rosalia Sidelnik, 1943 (51); Maxim Radzuk, 1944 (61); Violet Ermolovich, 1993 (68)

DECEMBER 30 – Mary Matylak, 1949 (89); John Ablondi, 1965 (57); Samuel C. (Simeon) Bondaruk, 1969 (70); Steven Burrick, 1980 (73); Andrew Lescheshen, Sr., 1982 (96); John Tabak, 1989 (72); John Hukola, 1991 (73); Roman Trzcinski, 1997 (74); Catherine Horelick Ratushnuk, 2020 (94)

DECEMBER 31 – Claudia Soroka, 1913 (4); Sophia Gribko, 1918 (30); Maria Loziniak, 1940 (72); Michael Guden, 1946 (58); John Yaroschak, 1947 (64); Paul Serogin, 1949 (70); Theophilia Serogin, 1949; Alexandra (Alice) Belush, 1967 (72); Syvester Beloblosky, 1967 (72); Miroslav (Martin) Tymniak, 1973 (54); Mary Chueka, 1975; Jeffrey John Lucarelle, 1989 (30); Eleanor (Pistey) Killianey, 2013 (92)

JANUARY 1 – Michael Makar, 1919 (63); Emil Lemochko, 1955 (71); Stanley LoPata, 1964 (38); George Bochnak, 1967 (62); Helen Supranowich, 1986 (83)

JANUARY 2 – Sophie Borodko Naiden, 1958 (67); John Rukan, 1976 (54); John Kotrady, 1996 (80); Vojin Maric, 2011 (67)

JANUARY 3 – Maria Breyan, 1915; Amelia Fill, 1919 (16); John Simbyl, 1923 (27); Ann Gill, 1995; Nancy Savisky, 2024 (88)

JANUARY 4 – Jacob Antonovich, 1933 (31); Epistimia Hrabovsky, 1955 (80); Dorofey Rabovsky, 1961 (86); Nicholas Molchan, 1961 (77); Julia Soltis Robstock, 1967 (77); Nikofofor (Michael) Homenuk, 1967 (71)

Memory Eternal! Вечная память!

