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DECEMBER 27, 2020 – 29th Sunday after Pentecost — Tone 4
Third Day of the Feast of the Nativity. Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen (34).
Sunday after Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the
Brother of the Lord.

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Services are broadcast on Facebook Live:
https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-
681248091936330/

Services can also be accessed live on the phone thru GoToMeeting.
Meetings, coffee hour, church school and Bible study are all online via Go To Meeting.
https://www.gotomeet.me/FrJohnJillions

By phone: +1 (646) 749-3122, Access Code: 323-181-277

Videos of all children's sermons and some past services and events can be found on the Holy
Ghost parish YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbrrRwB0WLkiQMIdEA6xSJQ
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.

Source: www.oca.org

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

11 But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.
12 For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.
13 For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.
14 And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.
15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace,
16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,
17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.
18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.
19 But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord’s brother.
Matthew 2:13-23  

(Epistle, Sunday After)

13 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.”

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

15 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.”

16 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.

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

18 “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.”

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

20 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.”

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

22 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.

23 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.”

MESSAGE FROM FR JOHN: IN-PERSON DIVINE LITURGY TO RESUME SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021 … After consulting with David Lepesko, Mark Curran, and others, and considering that most other Orthodox parishes in the area are open, we will resume in-person Sunday Divine Liturgies, while carefully maintaining all the necessary health precautions: masks, temperature-taking, social distancing, etc. Before coming to church please be sure you have no possible symptoms of COVID. If you have any doubts about this, please protect yourself and everyone else by staying at home. Should the local situation deteriorate we will revisit this decision.

FEAST OF THEOPHANY (JANUARY 6TH) & BLESSING OF WATER … Theophany services will be held online but individual jars of water will be available to take home from Sunday, January 10th. Due to safety precautions, please do not bring your own bottles. Unfortunately, home blessings this year are suspended throughout the Connecticut Deanery.
PLEASE FIND ATTACHED, A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM MET TIKHON

CHURCH CALENDARS FOR 2021 … Pistey Funeral Home once again has graciously sponsored our church calendars. If you are able to safely come to church, you will be able to pick one up beginning Sunday, January 10th. Otherwise, please let Fr John know that you would like to have your calendar mailed to you.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING RESCHEDULED ONLINE JANUARY 17, 2021, 11:00 A.M. At its meeting on December 13th, the Parish Council agreed to hold the annual meeting in an online format. The meeting was originally scheduled for November 1, 2020 but COVID precautions prevented an in-person meeting at that time. Unfortunately, the pandemic continues to prevent in-person meetings (other than Divine Liturgy), so the Council decided that we should have the annual meeting anyway to deal especially with pressing matters like the budget and election of officers.

DONATIONS / CANDLES Donation of $100 to the Myrrh Bearers in memory of beloved father, Nicholas Glowatsky; beloved mother, Helen Serafin Glowatsky; beloved brother, Nicholas Glowatsky, Jr.; and beloved nephew, Nicholas Glowatsky, III from Natalie Glowatsky Siavrakas.

REMINDER OF MEMORIAL CANDLES & DONATIONS … Requests for memorial candles and donations for various funds can be emailed to Sue Maugeri at: suemauger@snet.net or mailed to the church’s PO Box 55339, Bridgeport, CT, 06610. Please note that mail is only picked up once a week at the post office, therefore, please make sure that requests are mailed at least 2 weeks ahead of schedule.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE REMINDER … Please send your weekly envelopes in a timely manner, either by submitting them via US mail to Holy Ghost Orthodox Church, PO Box 55339, Bridgeport, CT, 06610-5339 or the online donation system as follows:

There is a link on the Holy Ghost Website https://holyghostbpt.org/ on the right-hand side of the home page. You can set up a one-time donation or recurring. There is a cost to using this service, which you can cover or charge the church. (It is hoped that you will be able to cover the charges.) Thanks!

Credit/debit card transactions are 2.9% plus $.30 per transaction
ACH/bank account transactions are 1% plus $.30 per transaction


The book is dedicated to Fr John’s and Mat Denise’s grandchildren, Eloise (6) and James (2). It is hoped that children and their parents and grandparents (godparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) will enjoy it. Thank you!

REMINDER… PRAYERS FOR THE SICK … If you have loved ones who are sick or departed and you would like them remembered and included on the list, please send their names to Fr John (you can also indicate if you would prefer someone's name not be published).
PARISH METRICS (DECEMBER 26th THRU JANUARY 1st)

BIRTHDAYS – Denis Andrew Quill, 9 years (December 29th); Basil Maslo (January 1st)

   God Grant them Many Years!

ANNIVERSARIES – None Listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

DECEMBER 26 – Maria Mudri, 1897 (5 hours); Susan Katrenich Constantino, 1956 (63); Jacob Peavin, 1959 (72); Sophie Daniak, 1968 (81); Joseph Hudan, 2006 (84); Anthony Molochko, 2015 (98)

DECEMBER 27 – Nicholas Dimitrieivich, 1917 (30); John Pasiuk, 1949 (61); Mary Cybul Swirida (Swidak), 1951 (63); John Cybul, 1959 (69); Sophie Ulanoff, 1963 (62); Theodore Bychkowski, 1967 (74); Anna Turko, 1972 (81); Julius Halko, 1985 (75); Ann Zakrewski, 2004

DECEMBER 28 – John Yaroschak, 1965 (66); Steven Pribula, 1967 (75); Evmen Savich, 1973 (80); Mary (Hamilla) Oleyar, 1998 (94)

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 Trzinski, 1997 (74)

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); Sylvester 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)

   Memory Eternal!   Вечная память!

Christ is Born!  Glorify Him!