

Bulletin sponsors this week are for the:**Health of:**

All members of our parish, for good health and happiness in the New Year.

Readings:

Galatians 1:11-19 (*Sunday after Nativity.*)

Matthew 2:13-23 (*Sunday after Nativity*)

BRETHREN, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by 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 were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene." .

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM	Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month	
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy, 3 rd Sunday of each month	

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee Hour.

Sunday school classes meet every Sunday.

Please see your child's teacher for meeting times.

Announcements:

- The **Sisterhood** of the Protection of the Mother of God will have a **meeting** next **Sunday, January 4th**, after coffee hour.
- The next meeting of the **Parish Council** will be on **Sunday, January 11th**, after coffee hour.
- **On Sunday February 8th**, we will have our **Annual Parish Meeting after Divine Liturgy**. The annual meeting of the parishioners is for the election of the Parish Council and its officers, reports by the Rector and Council members, and for other business.

Reminders:

- The **Parish Council** has created a special fund for a **parish rectory**. Please **mark** any **donations** for this important fund with the designation "**Rectory**".
- **The Sisterhood's food drive is ongoing**. Please be generous with your donations. Collection bins are located both downstairs and in the back of the church. Thank you!
- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers**. And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin should be **submitted by email to: bulletin@churchmotherofgod.org**
- Thank you to everyone who has been donating to our parish. There is a donation basket at the candle stand. Also, a **Venmo** account can be used for donations. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson> .
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 PM downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 PM downstairs in the community room.

Sunday After the Nativity:

*Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One,
and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One!
Angels with shepherds glorify Him!
The Wise Men journey with the star,
since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!*

Kontakion — Tone 3

Holy Righteous Ones:

*Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph,
to David, the ancestor of God;
you have seen a Virgin great with child;
and you gave glory with the shepherds;
you worshipped with the Magi,
and received the news from the Angel.
Pray to Christ God to save our souls!*

Tone 2—Troparion

*Today godly David is filled with joy;
Joseph and James offer praise.
The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy.
They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth,
and they cry out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor You!"*

Kontakion — Tone 3

Instead of "It is truly meet..."

*Magnify, O my soul, the most pure Virgin Theotokos,
more honorable and more glorious than the heavenly hosts.*

*Out of fear, we should choose to love silence, for that is a safer course;
so difficult it is lovingly to compose intricately woven songs to you, O Virgin.
But grant us strength, O Mother, equal to our natural calling.*

Communion Hymn

*Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps. 148:1)
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous; praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/12/28>

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and the website of the Orthodox Church in America: www.oca.org/
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*Christ
is born!*

*Glorify
Him!*

Sunday After the Nativity

*Your Nativity, O Christ our God,
has shone to the world the light of wisdom!
For by it, those who worshipped the stars,
were taught by a star to adore You,
the Sun of Righteousness,
and to know You, the Orient from on high.
O Lord, glory to You!*

Tone 4—Troparion

December 28, 2025

Today the Church remembers:

Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord • Afterfeast of the Nativity • Sunday after Nativity • The 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, including: Glycerius, Zeno, Theophilus, Dorotheus, Mardonius, Migdonious, Indes, Gorgonius, Peter, Euthymius, and the Virgins: Agape, Domna and Theophila (302) • Ven. Ignatii of Lomsk (Vologdá—1591) • Apostle Nicanor the Deacon (38 A.D.) • Ven. Simeon the Myrrhusher, of Mt. Athos (14th c.)

29th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday after Nativity.

Tone 4 of the [Octoechos](#)
Fast free week