

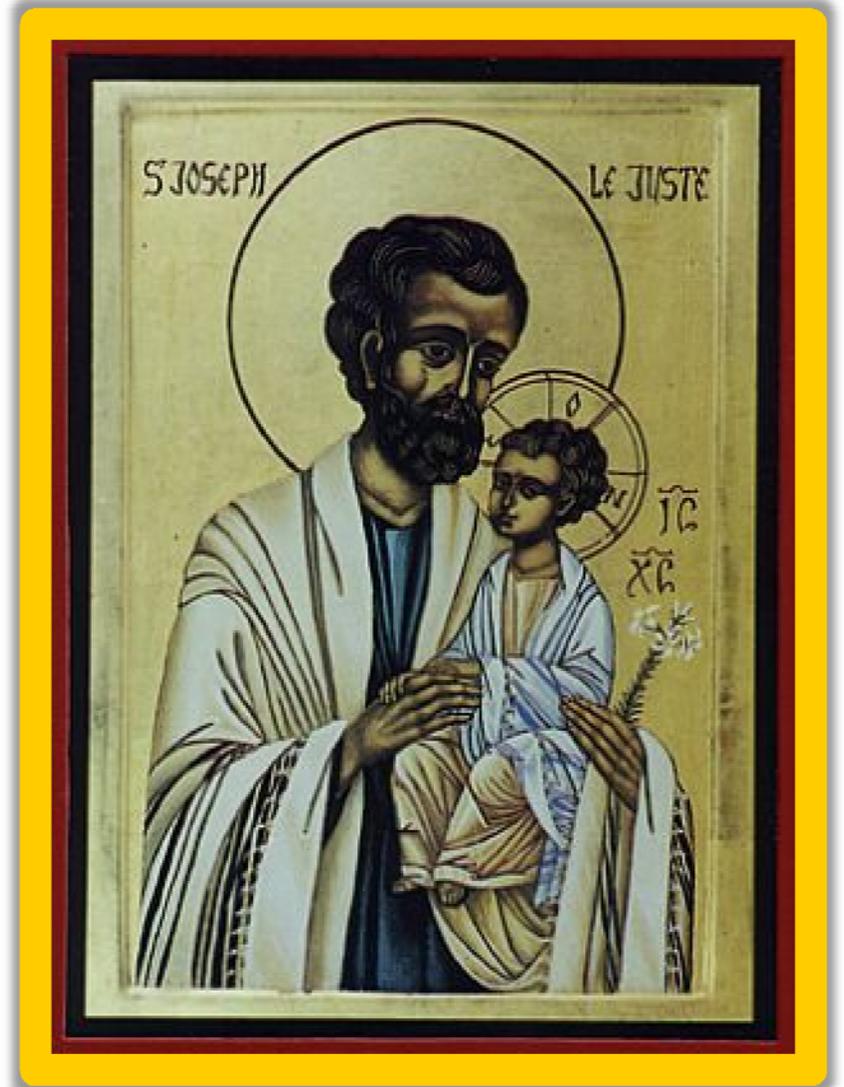
Saintly Notes

St. Joseph the Betrothed (Sunday after the Nativity of Christ, 2008)

St. Joseph the Betrothed was descended from the house of King David. From his first marriage, he had four sons and two daughters. A widower, he lived a life of strict asceticism.

The high priests chose the 80 year old elder to preserve the virginity of the Most-pure Theotokos, who had vowed not to marry. The Angel announced to him that the Son of God would be incarnate of her. St. Joseph was present when the shepherds, and later the Wise Men, came to worship the New-born Divine Infant. At the direction of the Angel, he fled with the Mother of God and with the Divine Infant Jesus, to Egypt, thereby preserving them from King Herod's wrath. In Egypt, he lived with the Virgin Mary and the Divine Infant, supporting them by work as a carpenter.

St. Joseph reposed at the age of about 100.



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Sunday after the Nativity of Christ

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December 28, 2008

The Saints Whom We Remember

Commemoration of Joseph the Betrothed,
David the Prophet and King, and James the brother of the Lord

This Week's Schedule

Today: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a Third Hour Prayer; 6:30p Eve. Div. Lit. for St. Basil
Thurs.–Fri. Church Office Closed
Saturday: 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

Third Antiphon

Resurrection Troparion—Tone 2

Verse: The Lord said unto my Lord: sit Thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool. The Lord shall send Thee a rod of strength out of Zion. With Thee is dominion in the day of Thy power, in the beauties of Thy saints.

Troparion of the Nativity: Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, hath given rise to the light of knowledge in the world; for they that worshipped the stars did learn there from to worship Thee, O Sun of justice, and to know that from the east of the Highest Thou didst come, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Troparion

of the Resurrection—Tone 3

Let the Heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down Death by death, and became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

Troparion

of the Nativity—Tone 4

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Troparion

for Sunday after the Nativity Tone 2

Proclaim, O Joseph, to David, the grandparent of God, the amazing wonders; for thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; for with the shepherds thou didst give glory, with the Magi thou didst worship, and by the angel it was revealed to thee. Wherefore, plead thou with Christ God to save our souls.

Troparion

for All Saints—Tone 4

As with fine porphyry and royal purple Thy Church has been adorned with Thy martyr's blood shed throughout all the world. She cries to Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy bounties on Thy people, grant peace to Thy habitation and great mercy to our souls.

Kontakion

for Christ's Nativity—Tone 3

Today the Virgin giveth birth to the Transcendent in essence; the earth offereth the cave to the unapproachable One; the angels with the shepherds glorify Him; and the Magi with the star travel on their way; for a new child hath been born for our sakes, God before the ages.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal . . .

Epistle and Gospel

Today and Next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: 2 Tim. 4:5–8

Gospel: Mark. 1:1–8

Alegalynarion

Tone 8

It is truly meet and right to bless thee . . .

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

After Communion

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Steven Wynne, Matthew Wynne, Del Dillard, Noah Keim, Micah Keim, Johannes Kibret, Nicholas Kliewer, Roger Jones.

Special Attention

- **Vote on the New Building Project.** The parish vote last Sunday was almost unanimous (98 For; 3 Against) to build the new church addition. The Parish Council and Fr. Nicholas will now form a building committee to begin the process which should see ground breaking late Fall of 2009.
- **Estimated Giving Forms.** Please complete your **Estimated Giving Form.** *The completed form can be given to Ron Evancho (All Saints Financial Secretary), or to Ray Azrak, or may be left in the weekly offering in an envelope labeled "Estimated Giving Form."*
- **Blessed Bread Bakers Needed.** (Please see insert)
- **Please Note the New Year's Eve Service for St. Basil on Wednesday at 6:30pm.**

Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenion:

God is wondrous in His saints.

Bless God in the congregations.

†**Epistle: Gal. 1:11–19 (RSV)**

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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 Archelaus 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."

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SHEEP rule! GOATS, on the other hand, will apparently be spending some quality time in everlasting punishment.

DON'T BE A *GOAT*!!

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*"[I]nasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."
--Matt. 25:40*

A Parable

"When the SON OF MAN comes in HIS glory, and all the holy angels with HIM, then HE will sit on the throne of HIS glory. All the nations will be gathered before HIM, and HE will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And HE will set the **SHEEP** on HIS right hand, but the **GOATS** on the left.

"Then the KING will say to those on HIS right hand, '*Come, you blessed of MY FATHER, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave ME food; I was thirsty and you gave ME drink...*'

"Then the righteous will answer HIM, saying, '*LORD, when did we see YOU hungry and feed YOU, or thirsty and give YOU drink?*'

"And the KING will answer and say to them, '*Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these MY brethren, you did it to ME.*'

"Then HE will also say to those on the left hand, '*Depart from ME, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave ME no food; I was thirsty and you gave ME no drink...*'

"Then they also will answer HIM, saying, '*LORD, when did we see YOU hungry or thirsty ... and did not minister to YOU?*'

"Then HE will answer them, saying, '*Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to ME.*' And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

--Matthew 25:31-40