



# Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church

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December 26, 2021

## Second Day of the Feast of the Nativity Sunday After the Nativity

Troparion tone 2 (Righteous Ones)

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph,  
to David, the ancestor of God;  
thou hast seen a Virgin great with child;  
and thou didst give glory with the shepherds;  
thou didst worship with the Magi,  
and didst receive the news from the Angel.//  
Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

**Birthdays**-Carol Bodwalk-December 29  
Barbara Silvetti-December 30

**Remember in your Prayers:** Bishop Herman,  
Priest Emilian, Priest John, Priest Nicholas, Priest  
James, Priest John, Kathryn, Lorraine, Jennifer,  
Rose, Effie, Christina, John, Christine, Ivy  
Elizabeth, Yvette, John, Tyler, David, Jenny, Paul,  
Paul, Annie, Erin, Clare, Dianne, Joe, Bryce, Luke,  
Melanie, Amailia, Stavro, Thomas, Ethan, Emmitt,  
Mary, Jack, James, Alaina, Kyle, William, Ron,  
Christina, Missy, Bob, Carol, Linda, Korey, Cathy,  
Maggie, Mike, Artem, Antonina, Elaine, Cali,  
Mariah, James, John, Barbara, Tom, George, David,  
Charlie, Joseph, Heather, Jean, Nicole, Ally,  
Reagan, Tara, Sam, Ray, Bill, Hannah, Edward,  
Rick, Roy, Mary, Michael, Taylor, Pamela, Jillian,  
Jean, Jesse, Kurt, Nancy, Theodore, John, Finley,  
Paula, Nathan, Noah, Nikki Ann, Matthew, Diane,  
Sarah, Martin, Iva, Stephen, Rory, Peter, Gloria,  
Justina, Jean, Ann, Tom, Beverly, Roy,

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday December 26**-Divine Liturgy 9:30

**Thursday December 31**-Vespertal Liturgy 6pm

**Saturday January 1**-Vespers 6pm

**Sunday January 2**-Divine Liturgy 9:30

### Collection for December 25 and 26

Candles-\$188.00; Loose Money-\$1,087.00; Weekly  
Envelopes-\$1,935.00; Donations-\$3,350.00;  
Christmas-\$2,180.00; End of Month-\$100.00;  
Carolers-\$80.00; Total-\$8,870.00

**King Herod's murder of the innocent children in Bethlehem represents the very worst of humanity. How can we give in to such evil and horror, and yet we see it happen again and again throughout history? It shows what happens when we don't control our passions of pride, lust for power, temporary and earthly desires, and fears. Herod's weakness and unwillingness to fight against his passions led to such depraved darkness. He reminds each one of us, though, to be on guard ourselves against our own passions that try to dominate our hearts and minds. Jesus taught that murder begins with anger in our hearts; adultery begins with lust in our heart. We must struggle daily to cleanse our hearts and control our passions, laying our ego and will, our desires and dreams, over to Jesus Christ and allowing Him to rule in our hearts.—Fr. Luke Veronis**