



# Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church

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December 22, 2019

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Sunday after the Nativity of Christ**  
**Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord/Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ**  
**Sunday before the Theophany**

**Kontakion tone 3 (of the Righteous Ones)**

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 Thee!"

**BIRTHDAYS:** Carol Bodwalk-December-29

Barbara Silvetti-December-29

Michael Petak-January 1

JoAnn Hanna-January 4

**Anniversaries:** Joshua & Heather Hottenstein-Dec.29

**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, Marie, Jenny, Paul, Paul, Annie, Erin, Clare, Dianne, Joe, Bryce, Luke, Melanie, Amailia, Stavro, Thomas, Ethan, Emmitt, Mary, Jack, James, Alaina, Kyle, William, Ron, Elizabeth, Christina, Missy, Bob, Carol, Linda, Korey, Cathy, Maggie, Tom, 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, Michael, Paula, Nathan, Noah, Nikki Ann, Matthew, Diane, Sarah, Martin, Iva, Stephen, Rory, Paul, Gloria, Justina, Jean, Keegan, Jimmy, Michael, Ann

## SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday December 29-** Divine Liturgy 9:30am followed by fellowship.

**Tuesday December 31-** Vespereal Liturgy for the Feasts of the Circumcision of our Lord and St. Basil the Great. 6pm

**Saturday January 4-**Vespers and confession 6pm

**Sunday January 5-** Church School 8:25 Divine Liturgy 9:30 am followed by fellowship Holy Theophany Vespers with the Great Blessing of Water 1:00 pm

Great Compline & Litiya (Theophany) 6:30 pm

**Monday January 6-Theophany** Divine Liturgy 9:30 am

### Collection for December 22

Candles-\$79.00; Donations-\$150.00; Loose Money-\$212.00; Weekly Envelopes-\$815.00; Pierogie sale-\$21.00; Chrstmas Env.-\$510.00; Total-\$1,787.00

**The feast of Christmas is not simply about a little baby being born in a manger surrounded by animals and visited by shepherds and wise men. Sometimes in the retelling of this story we forget, or lose, the radical and earth-shattering nature of this event! Imagine, the Creator of the world and the Ultimate Source of Love Himself decided at a particular moment in the world's billion years of history, to enter into His creation and become a human being. It's unthinkable that God would become a man! Now, no matter how good any of us may think we are, from the time that Jesus entered the world we now have a new standard by which we judge ourselves – Jesus Christ.**