

# Assumption of the Holy Virgin Orthodox Church

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Call to arrange sacraments, instruction, counseling, home visits, and sick calls.

### Troparion (Tone 4)

When the women Disciples of the Lord learned from the Angel the joyous message of the Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the Apostles: “Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, // granting the world great mercy!”

### Troparion (Tone 4)

Thy 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 Thee, the Sun of righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high. // O Lord, glory to Thee!

### Kontakion (Tone 3)

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!”

## December 28, 2014

29th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 4.

Afterfeast of the Nativity. Sunday after Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord.

### Kontakion (Tone 3)

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!

### Prayers for the Faithful and Departed

**Living:** Brianna Herbert, Simon Herbert, Helen Wanenchak, Bill and Marie Simpson, Patterson family, parishoners, Kavalkovich family. **May God Grant Them Many Years!**

**Departed:** Maryann Sivak, Stephen Bortnick, John Slivka, Micahel Spack, Sr., Helen Glovach, Kevin Sparks. **May Their Memories Be Eternal!**

### Upcoming Services

Saturday Great Vespers, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Reading of the Hours, 9:40 a.m.

Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

*Fellowship and coffee hour follow the Divine Liturgy.*

**Galatians 1:11-19**

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

**Matthew 2:13-23**

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." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, 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." 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. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: 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." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 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." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. 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. 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."

**Weekly Financial Statement (12/21/14)**

Attendance: 34

Money In: \$16096.00

Money Out: -\$1550.05

Net Total: \$14545.95

**Announcements****Theology Course**

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 20, at church at 6:00 p.m. We'll read closely St. Gregory of Nyssa's *The Life of Moses*.

**Bible Study**

The next Bible Study is January 27, at church at 6:00 p.m. We'll read the Gospel of St. John.

**Annual Meeting**

Our parish's annual meeting will be on January 25, 2015. Please look for the budget one week beforehand.

**Coat Drive**

Please remember that we are now collecting new and gently used coats for our annual coat drive to benefit our neighborhood. Please feel free to bring coats to the church's basement.