



December 27, 2009

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 4
THIRD DAY OF THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY—Sunday After the Nativity
The Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King and James the Brother of the Lord
Holy Protomartyr and Archdeacon Stephen**

Ven. Theodore Graptus the Confessor and brother of St. Theophanes the Hymnographer; St. Theodore, Archbishop of Constantinople

Epistles: Galatians 1:11-19
Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60 (Saint)

Gospels: Matthew 2:13-23
Matthew 21:33-42 (Saint)

The Church in Worship & Study

TODAY 11:00 a.m. *Faith Feedback Session* with Fr. David

Tues, Dec 29 7:00 a.m. Daily Matins

Thurs, Dec 31 6:00 p.m. **THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**
St. Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia (Civil New Year)
Vesperal Liturgy Epistles: Col 2:8-12 (Circumcision) Gospels: Luke 2:20-21, 40-52 (Circumcision)
Heb 7:26-8:2 (St. Basil) Luke 6:17-23 (St. Basil)

Sat, Jan 2 9:30 a.m. **Forefeast of the Theophany—Saturday Before the Theophany**
Hierarchical Liturgy at *SS. Peter & Paul Church* in Jersey City with His Beatitude, Metropolitan JONAH, in honor of the Wonderworking Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God
5:00 p.m. Akathist to the Wonderworking Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God at *St. Vladimir Church* in Jackson
7:00 p.m. Vespers

Sun, Jan 3 9:00 a.m. **30TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—Tone 5**
Sunday Before the Theophany—Forefeast of the Theophany; Holy Prophet Malachi; Martyr Gordius
Divine Liturgy Epistle: 2 Tim 4:5-8 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The Church in Fellowship

There will be **NO Church School** today or next Sunday. All classes will resume on **Sunday, January 10**. Enjoy your Christmas break, kids—from school, **NOT** church!

Have a question about the Faith? The come to Father David's **Faith Feedback Session TODAY**, during Coffee Hour, and get the answer! This is a good forum for education and enlightenment; please take advantage of this opportunity and plan to attend.

Choir Rehearsal will be held in the church on **Tuesday, December 29**, at 7 p.m.

The **Wonderworking Kursk Root Icon of the Mother of God** will visit **SS. Peter & Paul Church** in Jersey City on **Saturday, January 2**. The special help granted by the Holy Theotokos through this icon is associated with important events in Russian history. A Hierarchical Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. with His Beatitude, Metropolitan JONAH, who will be joined by clergy and faithful throughout New Jersey. All are invited! (**NOTES:** *If anyone is interested in carpooling on this day, please get in touch with Fr. David. Also, those who are unable to attend Liturgy may venerate the icon and participate in an Akathist service at 5 p.m. at St.*

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS Thanks to the **Altar Society** and our **“Parish Elves”**—you know who you are—for preparing the church for the holiday by hanging the greens, putting up the tree and decorating with poinsettias. It was a great time to gather together to share the true spirit of the Christmas season—God bless!

BEST WISHES to **Gabriella Kozak** who will be celebrating her 4th birthday this Wednesday. May her future be bright and filled with God’s blessings for many years—Mnogaya Lyeta!

YOUR 2009 ANNUAL PARISH ASSESSMENT of **\$144** should be paid before the end of the year, if at all possible. Thank you!

THE BLESSING OF HOMES It is traditional to have our homes blessed during the season of Theophany, which starts on **January 6**. This is a great celebration that should include the entire family. If your home was not blessed this year and you would like it to be this coming year, contact Fr. David to have your name added to his list. A complete schedule, with starting times and locations, will be printed in next Sunday’s bulletin.

2010 CHURCH WALL CALENDARS are available at the Candle Desk. Pick up yours today!

OUR THANKS to **Jane Zelasko** for donating the floral arrangement on the center tetrapod for Christmas; it was offered in honor of the birthday of her son, **Edward John**. May God bless her for this loving tribute.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY for the following parishioners, family members and friends this week:

<u>Departed</u>		<u>Sick</u>	<u>Servicemen</u>
Mary Shwahla	Elaine Ashton	Aiden Gowarty	Ivan Shidlovsky
Teddy Bentancort	Irene Boule	Dorothy Swenticky	Lisa Beard
Irene Caryote	Mary Lementowicz	Sara Cseh	Gregory Nosol
Cynthia Leggon	Joseph Casall	Marie Olsen	June Buyofsky-Rittman
Terry Hoak	Victor Mueller	Olga Smith	David T. Floyd
Archbishop JOB (Osacky)	Brahm Dubin	Reginald Thomas	Patrick Lohr
Robert Masarik	William Dilubert	Anthony Garito	Keith Sudder
Raymond Petruska	Nadja Lewis	Ermelinda Faziola	Priest Paul Rivers
Helen Armstrong	Thomas Fackovic	Kirsten Hyland	Andrew Kubik
	David Ogan	John Cameron	Jason Vaughn
	Edward Romanofsky	Vivian Hunkele	Patrick Baldwin
	Harold Symanski	Janet Firestone	Timothy Stepan
	Edwin Paz	Adam Krosnowski	Michael Gregus
	Walentyna Posluszny	Ellie Shipman	Peter Shaw
	Morgan Prittchit	Archpriest Sergei Glagolev	Jacqueline Martinez
	Alan Zenkert	Vera Rosenthal	Robert Mahrer
	Christopher Collins	Edna Maletz	Karen Bonet
	Myron Stepas	Savanna Dore	David Gambert
	Michael Dargento	Dorothy Dabkowski	Gregg Poole
	Virginia Moran	Joan Roshak	Fred Bush
	Daryl Deissinger	Patricia Campbell	
	Cynthia Denlinger	Sarah Hall	
	Constantine Romanofsky	Dotsy Hartman	
	Linda Martinovich	Katherine Tarzewski	
	Josephine Tillison	Paula Hila	
	Mary Lou Goldy	Joseph Posluszny	
	Julia Glazer	Nancy Filak	
	Sonia Fineberg	Stefan Wilczynski	
	Joseph Casale	Anna Durovich	
	Donna Casale	Kira Gregor	
	Dr. Joseph Pastore	Tonya Soto	
	Karen Kennedy	Oleg Burlak	
	Randall Cline	Lisa Muhs	
	Joseph Lynch	Denise Yager	
	Jean Staples	Martha Drobnak	
	Joan Tita	Chrise Murrell	
	Lasha Giorgi Pozidis		

If you have a name you would like included in the bulletin, contact Fr. David or Starosta.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE Because of the New Year holiday, any announcements for next week's bulletin must be submitted to Fr. David or our Starosta/Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by **Wednesday, December 30**. You can reach Father at the rectory or contact Jim by telephone (732-462-3388), fax (732-845-3515) or E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net).



*You are reminded that, in celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord, there is **NO FASTING** (other than before Liturgy) and **NO KNEELING** in prayer through next Monday, January 4. Enjoy this special time...Great Lent will be here before you know it!*



As we stand on the threshold of the **New Year**, many of us tend to make resolutions. Goal-setting for the future is an integral part of this special day.

No one knows what 2010 will bring to us, our family, our friends or this parish. However, if you accept the following four resolutions as your own, the coming year will certainly be more meaningful:

- *I resolve to faithfully fulfill my churchly responsibilities as an Orthodox Christian and will do everything that I can to build up our parish life by my active participation and support.*
- *I resolve to be responsible to others inside and outside the church and will only do things that will improve their lives.*
- *I resolve to invite as many of my friends as possible during the year to witness for themselves the liturgical life of an Orthodox Church, as I experience it in SS. Peter & Paul Church.*
- *I resolve to remain in communion with God and His Church through regular and consistent prayer, worship, fasting, charitable works and financial support.*

May the New Year bring you and your loved ones peace, joy and good health.

Christ is Born!

Glorify Him!