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Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018 *Sunday after the Nativity- — remembrance of the Holy and Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King and James the brother of the Lord*

Today's readings are:

Galatians 1:11-19, and Saint Matthew 2:13-23

Weekly calendar:

Today				coffee hour
Dec.	31	Mon	**5:00pm**	**Great Vespers and Confessions**
Jan. *New Year's Day*	1	Tue	**9:00am**	**Divine Liturgy- *The Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, remembrance of Saint Basil the Great*** [II Timothy 4:5-8 and Saint Mark 1:1-8 (*Theophany preparation*)] [Colossians 2:8-12 and Saint Luke 2:20-21, 40-52 (*Circumcision*)]
Jan.	2	Wed	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Jan.	3	Thu	5:30pm	Daily Vespers
Jan.	4	Fri	5:30pm	Royal Hours
Jan.	5	Sat		*a one-day strict fast*
			4:30pm	choir rehearsal
			5:00pm	**Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord – with the Great Blessing of Water**
Jan.	6	Sun	**9:00am**	**Divine Liturgy- *Theophany/Epiphany- The Baptism of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ*** [Titus 2:11-14 and Saint Matthew 3:13-17] coffee hour

The 'fast-free' period that began with the Lord's Nativity continues thru this Friday. In preparation for Theophany/Epiphany, Saturday, January 5th, is a one-day strict fast.

There will be a special parish meeting on Sunday, January 20th, for the purpose of approving a settlement agreement for our lawsuit with Woodbridge Roofing and to approve funding for the same.

In preparation for the 2019 annual parish meeting, the names of the nominating committee, the budget committee and the by-laws committee members are posted on the downstairs bulletin board.

Anyone wishing to propose an amendment to the parish by-laws is to submit his/her proposal, in writing, to any member of the by-laws committee by January 7th.

If you would like to serve on the parish council, speak to any member of the nominating committee.

The sign-up sheet for the blessing of homes is at the candle desk. • If your home was blessed last year and you would like it to be blessed this year- you do not need to sign anything. Just check the schedule to know when Father Steven will be in your area. • If your home was blessed last year but you prefer not to have it blessed this year- sign your name in the space provided on the sheet. • If you home was not blessed last year and you would like it to be blessed this year- write your name address and phone number on the sheet and check the schedule to know when Father Michael will be in your area.

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As we look to the beginning of a new year the following words of Father Alexander Schmemann give us much to think about:

"…What then gives meaning to a particular day, to the TODAY we live in? Is it not simply one day out of a long sequence of days that each one of us has to live through? Yet for me, as a Christian, its new and deep meaning comes from the past. It is a day related to Christ's coming into the world, a day AFTER His coming, and thus the Christian is the one who first of all, REMEMBERS. He can forget Christ; he can wake up in the morning and think only of the petty concerns of that particular day, yet, on a deeper level, even these minor concerns become a very different experience if he remembers that he is not simply John Smith who has to do this or that, but the one to whom Christ has come, whose life Christ has assumed and has given new meaning. "Today," however, has a second meaning, because it is also a day BEFORE Christ's return. Thus I am always living between the two comings of Christ: the one in the past, the other in the future. And finally, the meaning of TODAY comes to me from the words of Christ, who says that He is ALWAYS with me. "And lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (Mt 27:20). Past, present, future – we see that the time in which we live is not only the time of the calendar, but the time that is shaped from inside and transformed by faith, by Christian experience. It is related to the coming of Christ in the past, to His coming in the future, and to His presence now…"

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Сегодня- Неделя по Рождестве Христовом- память Иосифа Обручика, Давида царя и Иакова, брата Господьн

[Послание к Галатам 1:11-19 и от Матфея 2:13-23]

Пон.	5:00чд	Великая Вечерня и Исповедь
Втор.	9:00чу	Литургиа- Обрезание Господне / Памят Свят. Василия Великого / Новый Год [Второе Послание к Тимофею 4:5-8 и от Марка 1:1-8 (*пред Богоявлением)*] [Послание к Колоссянам 2:8-12 и от Луки 2:20-21, 40-52 (*Обрезание Господне)*]
Пятн.	5:30чд	Царские Часы
Субб.		*Однодневный пост*
	5:00чд	Всенощни с Великой Освященой Водой
Воск.	9:00чу	Литургиа- Богоявление / Крещение Господне [Послание к Титу 2:11-14, 3:4-7 и от Матфея 3:13-17]

От 25-го Декабря до 4-го Января — сплошные седмицы (нет поста и среду и пятницу).