



December 28th, 2025

29th Sunday after Pentecost (14th of Luke) - Tone 4
Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King,
and James the Brother of the Lord

Scripture Readings

Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle 200)

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 (Gospel 4)

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 determined from the wise men. 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."

Many Years!

anniversaries

27th - Larry Don & Lori Meier

birthdays

December 2025

1st - Robert Boyd
 2nd - Pete Pyatt
 2nd - Marah Robinson
 2nd - Meagan Gardner
 6th - Jeanie Mikita
 11th - Anya (Boyd) Gazii
 12th - Mayzie Ann Jackson
 17th - Tatiana Boyd
 20th - Lexi Ann Guy
 29th - Sabrina Lee
 31st - Natalie Hlatki

January 2026

1st - Kelsey Hlatki

Calendar

Dec 31st Moleben New Year
 — Wednesday 6:30p
 — New Years dance to follow!

Jan 3rd Vespers
 — Saturday 6:30p

Jan 4th Divine Liturgy
 — Sunday 9:30a

Jan 19th Continental Divide
 Water Blessing / Fellowship
 — Monday 10:30a

Jan 25th Annual Meeting
 — Following Liturgy

Nativity of Our Lord 2025

Today the Church of Christ rejoices and celebrates the great mystery – our Lord Jesus Christ, “God in the flesh”, is born from the Virgin Mary. The Creator of all that exists, the Maker of all things, the pre-eternal God, comes to be born as a little child, for our sake and for our salvation. “God comes to live with human beings, that we may journey toward God” (St Gregory the Theologian, Or. 38.4) – Christ, the Son of God and our true God, accepts our human nature so that we may come to know the true God, so that we, humans, may recover the purpose of our being – “to receive adoption as sons” (Gal. 4:5), the children of God, the members of his household, the partakers of his divine glory. “The heavenly one is now earthly,” as St Gregory says again, and the womb of the Virgin contains him who cannot be contained – the Author of all creation, Christ, by whom all things were made. Therefore, the holy Church – and indeed, all of creation – makes glad and rejoices, as the festal hymns clearly proclaim, full of thanksgiving and praise for the mystery beyond understanding that unfolded two thousand years ago in a humble Jewish city of Bethlehem.

As we contemplate the incarnation of the Son of God, we clearly see, however, that we were not deemed worthy to receive this mystery on account of our good deeds or special achievements as a human race. As it sadly is today, so also two thousand years ago humanity was afflicted by sin, corruption, darkness and deceit. We were defeated, we were lost, “having no hope and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12). Humanity transgressed and abandoned God, but God did not deprive his beloved children of his loving care: in the incarnation, “the Creator and Lord himself takes up the struggle for his own creation and becomes its Teacher” (St John of Damascus, Exact Exposition 45). Christ our true God comes to us to lead us himself to the path of salvation, to teach us the truth about himself, about the world, and about us “Now in Christ Jesus you who were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Eph. 2:13). God comes to be near us, so that he may bring us as close as possible to himself, the source of our being, the meaning of our life.

Now, as at the time when Christ was born in Bethlehem, we also see the shadow of sin and death enveloping the humanity that God created. We see the unjust wars in Ukraine, Gaza, and throughout the world that continue to bring grief, suffering, and death, that attempt to destroy mankind created in the image of God. We see violence, deceit, and corruption that afflict human society and set the people against one another. In this world, overshadowed by sin, Christians must proclaim the truth, the good news of the love and mercy of God revealed through the little Child born of Mary. We must behold our Lord Jesus, our newborn King, who is the truth incarnate, who is our peace, who comes to this world to share our burden and to speak to us the word of peace and the new life, if we are ready to hear it. When “we were dead through our sins,” God “made us live in Christ” (Eph. 2:5), and it is in Christ alone who came to us to save us that we can attain the true peace and the fulfillment of our hope.

Brothers and sisters, it is my great honor to address you for the first time as your archpastor, the Bishop of San Francisco and the West. I am deeply grateful to God for the privilege of serving this Diocese and its people, and I thank you for your incessant prayers and support. May you all celebrate the great and luminous feast of the Nativity of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ with profound thanksgiving and joy. May Christ who comes to be born in the cave in Bethlehem, take his dwelling in our hearts and souls to make us into his vessels, those who hear his words and do his will.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him! In the new-born Child, ✠ Vasily | Bishop of San Francisco and the West

Troparion | Tone 4 (Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy 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 (Feast)

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!

Troparion | Tone 2 (Righteous Ones)

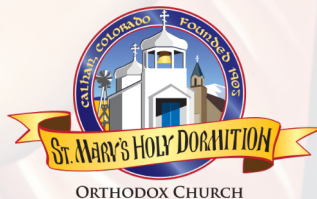
Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, to David, the ancestor of God; thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; and thou didst give glory with the shepherds; thou didst worship with the Magi, and didst receive the news from the Angel. Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Kontakion | Tone 3 (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!”

Kontakion | Tone 3 (Feast)

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!



Prayer List

living

Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana, Combs Family

Dee, Harold, Libbie and the Infant Lawrence, Toni Dell, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Tony, Diane, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard ✠ Meryl, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Infant Dominic, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael.

Departed: Gavin

Those with child: Mka. Lindsey

Those who are confined: Basil, Hannah, Theodore

Commemorations

Holy Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, Holy Righteous David the King, Righteous James the Brother of the Lord, Afterfeast of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, Venerable Ignatius of Loma and Yaroslav, Apostle Nicanor the Deacon of the Seventy, Venerable Simon the Myrrh-gusher of Mount Athos, Hieromartyr Nikodēmos, Bishop of Belgorod

Coffee Hour

Today's coffee hour will be a general potluck with youth activity in the hall. Looking forward to next year, coffee hour will be restructured into Fellowship Teams. The Fellowship Teams and schedule are posted in the hall. Please see Carrie Guy if you need to make any changes.

Annual Meeting

Our parish annual meeting is scheduled for January 25th. Several positions are up for election. This is a voting meeting, please plan on attending.

Pledge Forms

Please get your 2026 Pledge amounts to Carrie by the end of the year so she can get the budget together.