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***We are each of us angels with only one wing...  
And we can fly embracing each other...***

Luciano DeCrenzenzo

**December 28, 2025** – Sunday after the Nativity of Christ: Commemoration of the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James, Brother of the Lord; Octoechos Tone 4; The Two Thousand Martyrs who were burned in Nicomedia; Blessed Hieromartyr Hryhoriy.

*Intentions this Sunday*

Saturday at 4:15pm: +Elsie Barrett; Sunday at 9:30am: Parishioners; Sunday at 11am: Parishioners.

***First Antiphon***

I will confess You, Lord, with all my heart,\* I will declare all Your wondrous deeds.\* *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.*

In the council of the just and the congregation,\* great are the works of the Lord, conforming to His will in every way. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.*

His work is filled with praise and majesty,\* and His righteousness endures forever. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God,\* O Saviour, save us.*

Glory. Now. Only-begotten Son.

***Third Antiphon***

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord,\* let us acclaim God, our Saviour. *Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

Let us come before His face with praise,\* and acclaim Him in psalms.\* *Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

For God is the great Lord,\* and the great king over all the earth.\* *Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

***Entrance***

Come, let us worship\* and fall down before Christ.\* *Son of God, born of a Virgin, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.*

***Troparia and Kontakia***

*Troparion, Tone 4:* When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel\* the glorious news of the resurrection\* and cast off the ancestral condemnation,\* they proudly told the apostles:\* "Death has been plundered!" Christ our God is risen,\* granting to the world great mercy."

***Перший антифон***

Ісповімся Тобі, Господи, всім серцем моїм,\* розповім про всі чудá Твої.\* *Молитвами Богородиці,\* Спасе, спаси нас.*

На раді праведних і соньмі —\* великі діла Господні, явлені в усіх волях Його.\* *Молитвами Богородиці,\* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Ісповідування і велич — діло Його\* і правда Його перебуває повік віку.\* *Молитвами Богородиці,\* Спасе, спаси нас.*

Слава. І нині. Єдинорідний Сїну.

***Третій антифон***

Прийдіте, возрадуємося Господєві, воскликнім Богу, Спасителеві нашому. *Спасі нас, Сїну Божий,\* що родівся від Дїви, співаємо Тобі: Алілуя.*

Ідім перед лицем Його з ісповіданням, і псалма́ми воскликнім Йому. *Спасі нас, Сїну Божий,\* що родівся від Дїви, співаємо Тобі: Алілуя.*

Бо Бог – великий Господь і цар великий по всій землі. *Спасі нас, Сїну Божий,\* що родівся від Дїви, співаємо Тобі: Алілуя.*

***Вхідне***

Прийдіте поклонімся\* і припадім до Христá.\* *Спасі нас, Сїну Божий,\* що родівся від Дїви, співаємо Тобі: Алілуя.*

***Тропарі й кондаки***

*Тропар воскресний (г. 4):* Світлу́ю воскресіння проповідь від а́нгела взна́вши\* і пра́дідне осудження відкі́нувши,\* Господні учени́ці, хва́лячись, апо́столам мо́вили:\* Пова́лилася сме́рть, воскрєс Христо́с Бог,\* да́руючи світові вели́ку ми́лість.

*Troparion, Tone 4:* Your Nativity, O Christ our God,\* made the light of knowledge dawn on the world:\* through it, those who worshipped the stars were taught by a star\* to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness,\* and to know You, the Dawn from on the high.\* Glory to You, O Lord.

*Troparion, Tone 2:* O Joseph, announce to David, the ancestor of God, the news of the miracle:\* You saw a virgin giving birth.\* With the shepherds, you gave praise and with the Magi you worshipped;\* they too were warned by an angel.\* Pray to Christ our God to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Kontakion, Tone 3:* Today the divine David is filled with gladness;\* Joseph along with James offers praises\* for having received a crown through their kinship with Christ they rejoice\* and sing of the One who inexpressibly was born on earth,\* crying out, "O Gracious One, save those who worship You."

Now and forever and ever. Amen.

*Kontakion, Tone 3:* The Virgin today gives birth to Him who is above all being;\* the earth offers the cave to Him whom no one can approach;\* Angel with shepherds give Him glory,\* while Magi make their way with a star,\* for to us is born a little Child – the pre-eternal God.

#### **Prokeimenon**

*Tone 4:* How great are Your works, O Lord\* You have made all things in wisdom.

*Repeat:* How great are Your works, O Lord\* You have made all things in wisdom.

*verse:* Bless the Lord, O my soul: O Lord my God, You are exceedingly great.

*Repeat:* How great are Your works, O Lord\* You have made all things in wisdom.

**Epistle** Galatians 1:11-19

#### **Alleluia, Tone 4**

*verse:* Lord, remember David and all his meekness.

*verse:* How he swore an oath to the Lord, and vowed to the God of Jacob.

**Gospel** Matthew 2:13-23

#### **Hymn to the Mother of God, in the place of It is truly right**

O my soul, magnify Christ the King born in a manger.

A strange and glorious mystery do I behold:\* the cave is heaven;\* the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim;\* the manger, a dwelling place\* in which is laid Christ, the God Whom nothing can contain.\* Singing His praises, we magnify Him.

#### **Communion Hymn**

Praise the Lord from the heavens,\* praise Him in the highest.\* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

*Тропар празника (г. 4):* Різдво́ Твоє́, Хрі́сте Бо́же наш,\* засві́тило сві́тові сві́тло розу́міння:\* в ньо́му бо ті, що зві́здам служі́ли, від зві́зди навчи́лися\* покло́нятися То́бі – Со́нцю пра́вди,\* і пізнава́ти Тебе́ – Схі́д з висоти́.\* Го́споди, сла́ва То́бі.

*Тропар свя́тим (г. 2):* Благові́стуй, Йо́сифе, чуде́са Даві́дові, богоо́тцю.\* Ти ба́чив Ді́ву, що роді́ла;\* з па́стирями славосло́вив Ти,\* з волхва́ми поклони́вся Ти, від а́нгела ві́стку при́йнявши.\* Мо́ли Хри́ста Бо́га спа́сти ду́ші на́ші.

Сла́ва Отцю́, і Си́ну, і Свято́му Ду́хові.

*Конда́к свя́тим (г. 3):* Днесь ра́дости сповня́ється божестве́нний Даві́д,\* а Йо́сиф хвалу́ з Я́ковом прино́сить,\* віне́ць бо при́йнявши че́рез спорі́днення з Хри́стом, ра́дуються,\* і несказанно́ на землі́ ро́дженого оспі́вають, і кличу́ть:\* Ще́дрый, спаса́й тих, що Тебе́ почита́ють.

І ні́ні, і повсякча́с, і на ві́ки ві́ків. Амі́нь.

*Конда́к пра́зника (г. 3):* Ді́ва днесь преісто́тного роді́ть\* і землі́ верте́п непристу́пному прино́сить.\* А́нгели з па́стирями славосло́влять,\* а волхві́ зо зві́здю по́дорожую́ть,\* бо ра́ди нас роді́лося дитя́ мале́ – предві́чний Бог.

#### **Прокімен**

*(г. 4):* Які́ вели́чні діла́ Тво́ї, Го́споди, все премудрі́стю сотвори́в Ти.

*Всі:* Які́ вели́чні діла́ Тво́ї, Го́споди, все премудрі́стю сотвори́в Ти.

*Стих:* Благосло́ві, душе́ моя́, Го́спода; Го́споди, Бо́же мій, Ти ве́льми вели́чний.

*Всі:* Які́ вели́чні діла́ Тво́ї, Го́споди, все премудрі́стю сотвори́в Ти.

**Апостол** Гал. 1, 11-19

#### **Алилуя (г. 4)**

*Стих:* Пом'я́ні, Го́споди, Даві́да і всю крото́сть його́.

*Стих:* Бо кля́вся він Господе́ві, оби́цявся Бо́гові Я́кова.

**Євангеліє** Мт. 2, 13-23

#### **Замість Достойно**

Велича́й, душе́ моя́, у верте́пі наро́дженого Царя́ – Хри́ста.

Та́їнство чу́дне ба́чу і пресла́вне:\* не́бо — верте́п, престо́л херуви́мський — Ді́ву,\* я́сла — вмі́стилище,\* в які́х возлі́г невмі́стимий Хри́сто́с Бог.\* Його́, оспі́вуючи, велича́ємо.

#### **Причасний**

Хвалі́те Го́спода з небес́,\* хвалі́те Його́ во ви́шніх.\* Ра́дуйтеся, пра́ведні, у Го́споді,\* пра́вим на́лежить похва́ла.\* Алилу́я, алилу́я,\* алилу́я.

## Liturgical Schedule

### **Monday, Dec 29**

The Holy Children who were killed for Christ in Bethlehem.

Hebrews 8:7-13  
Mark 8:11-21

### **Tuesday, Dec 30**

The Holy Martyr Anyisia

Hebrews 9:8-10,15-23  
Mark 8:22-26

### **Wednesday Dec 31**

Our Venerable Mother Melania the Roman.

Hebrews 10:1-18  
Mark 8:30-34

4pm

Great Vespers

### **Thursday, Jan 1**

The Circumcision of our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ; Our Father Among the Saints Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia.

Colossians 2:8-12  
Luke 2:20-21, 40-52

11am

Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng)

### **Friday, Jan 2**

Our Holy Father Sylvester, Pope of Rome.

Hebrews 11:8,11-16  
Mark 9:33-41

### **Saturday, Jan 3**

Saturday before Theophany

1 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Matthew 3:1-11

4:15pm

Divine Liturgy (English)

Intention: Parishioners

5:30pm

Great Vespers

### **Sunday, Jan 4**

Sunday before Theophany

2 Timothy 4:5-8  
Mark 1:1-8

9:30am

Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)

Intention: Parishioners

11am

Divine Liturgy (English)

Intention: Parishioners

## Other Events This Week

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. We welcome our guests and visitors. Thank you for worshipping with us!
2. JORDAN MEAL: Our annual parish Jordan meal will take place on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> after the Divine Liturgy. If you plan to attend, please let the office know so we can prepare the appropriate amount of food.
3. THANK YOU! To those who stayed after the 11am Liturgy last week to decorate the church for Christmas.
4. FAST-FREE TIME: The time between December 25 and January 4 is fast-free. Enjoy your festive steak or burger on Friday!
5. 2026 Parish Calendars are available now. We are thankful for Cambrian Dental for sponsoring the calendars this year.
6. Thank you to everyone who made a donation towards our Women in Crisis Christmas basket purchases - to Chris Corboy, Michelle Moroz, Jewel Porter and Anna Tarasuk who came out in a snow storm to do the wrapping, Veronica Refcio for writing the cards, and Donna & Frank Caputo for delivering the gift baskets.....Karen

**Outreach to Homebound Parishioners:** Know of someone who might like a priest's visit? Contact the office or Fr. Michael to arrange.

**PRAYER LIST OF SICK, SHUT-INS, AND DEAR ONES FAR AND NEAR:** Lorraine Wilson, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katherine Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Straticuk, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jann, Ron Barsanti, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky, Elizabeth Cepecawer, MaryAnn & Art Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, Mary Romanchuk, McGill Perry, Tammy

Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Irene O, Paul M, June, Bob, Dustin Wenmany, Tracey Burmaster, Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Sylvie B, Bill McConnell, Anastasiia Pavliuk, Wanda Featherston, Roger McMillan, Clark Hutton, Gerry, Moira O'Pallie, Chris Applejohn, Barb and Gerry, Olena Hankivsky, David Bell, Andre Tessier.

*Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen*

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**DONATIONS – December 21, 2025**

Collection: \$615; Building Fund: \$2,255

In memory of Annie Proschuk; \$40

Bread Supplies: \$25.00; Christmas Offering: \$85.00

**THANK YOU!!**

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**“On Call Priest”**

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7 at 705-256-6675.

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**Important Notice:**

As of January 1, with the blessing of Bishop Bryan, Fr. Michael's status within the parish will change from full-time to part-time. This will significantly reduce his salary and the burden it places on the parish in these challenging times. It will also mean changes to his availability around the parish, especially during the week, as he will be working outside the parish to support himself and his family. A letter is now available explaining the reasons for the change and some of the consequences of it.

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**On the Sunday after Christmas:**

IN SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY EUROPE devotion to Jesus, Mary and Joseph as “the holy family” became popular. It originated in New France (French territories now in Canada and the U.S.), then spread to Western Europe. It was promoted to give the newly-emerging middle class a model for “Christian family life.”

The Scriptures make a point of teaching that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were not a family in the ordinary sense. Matthew, for example makes a point of the way the angel directs Joseph to “take the young child and his mother into Egypt” (Matthew 2:13). Commentators have noted that he does not say “take your wife and your son.”

In the Christian East a more Scriptural perspective has been maintained: Jesus is the Son of God incarnate and Mary is the Theotokos, she who gave birth to God by the operation of the Holy Spirit. The “family of God” consists of God and His adopted children. As St Paul writes to the Galatians, “you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise” (Galatians 3:26-29).

This Biblical “Holy Family,” then, is not about middle-class family values but about deification, the partaking of all the faithful in the life of God. Because we are united to Christ, we are sharers in His

divine nature, what we might call His spiritual DNA.

### **What About St Joseph?**

In the Byzantine Churches St Joseph is commemorated among those closely related to Christ on the Sunday after Christmas along with King David, the ancestor of Christ. The third figure remembered today is James, whom St Paul calls “the Lord’s brother” (Galatians 1:19).

In the Gospels, Joseph only appears as a character in the narratives of Christ’s conception and infancy. This has led commentators to assume that Joseph had died before Jesus began His public life. Would His neighbors say of Him: “Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary...” (Mark 6:3), if Joseph were still alive?

Otherwise, Joseph is only mentioned in terms of his relationship to Christ. In John’s Gospel, Philip expresses the common perception when he tells Nathaniel, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote — Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph” (John 1:45).

Elsewhere the evangelists are careful to say outright – or at least to infer – that Joseph is not the father of Jesus. In Matthew’s genealogy of Jesus, after listing all His ancestors who begat those who came after them, he is careful to say that Joseph did not beget Jesus. Rather he was described as “the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ” (Matthew 1:16).

Luke begins his genealogy of Jesus by saying that He “...began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph...” (Luke 3:23). Jesus’ contemporaries thought Him to be Joseph’s son (“And they said, ‘Is this not Joseph’s son?’” – Luke 4:22), but the evangelists – and the Church – knew better.

For the complete article, see <https://melkite.org/faith/sunday-after-nativity>

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“GOOD KING WENCESLAS looked out, on the Feast of Stephen”. (December 27th)

Wenceslas wasn’t actually a king; he was a duke of Bohemia. But when the carol mentions him taking food to the hungry and firewood to the cold, it is on spot. That’s exactly the sort of thing the historical Wenceslas did, as a Christian who tried to live the teachings of Jesus. His life was such that he was considered for sainthood immediately after his death.

In the song, Wenceslas looks out from the comfort and security of his castle, sees a poor man gathering firewood in the snow and decides to help. If we have had a good Christmas – whether rich in material goods or in happiness – how better can we show our appreciation than helping someone who has less?

If the song teaches us one thing, it is that our good deeds will have knock-on effects. His page-boy was freezing behind the “king” when he started walking in his master’s footsteps. Miraculously, those footprints contained enough warmth to revitalize the boy.

Your good deed might set an example and warm hearts. Others might be helped because of it. Wenceslas’s footsteps are both well worth following in. As are those of his master.

From: The Friendship Book – A THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY 2020

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Three wise women would have...asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleared the stable, made a casserole, brought practical gifts, and there would be peace on earth.

Dear Friends,

Your Christmas gift this year is me, that’s right! Another year of friendship. Your membership has been renewed.

Wishing everyone a very blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with hope, peace and good health!