

Upcoming Events

Tues Jan 4	Office of Readings for Theophany 9:30 am Royal Hours
Wed Jan 5 Thur Jan 6	THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD , <i>Holy-day of Obligation</i> 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy <i>Blessing of Water after both Holy Services. Bring your water.</i>
Tue Feb 1 Wed Feb 2	MEETING OF OUR LORD WITH SIMEON & ANNA Solemn Holy Day 7:00 pm Vesper/Liturgy 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Blessing of Candles (Bring your candles for the blessing)
Sat Feb 18	ALL SOULS SATURDAY 9:30 am Liturgy with the reading of the names of our deceased. You need to submit your list.

OUR TITHING AND GIFTS TO THE LORD'S HOLY TEMPLE

Our Stewardship for December 19 : *20 Souls in Attendance*

Tithes: \$1,012.00, Candles: \$10.00 & Religious Retirement: \$10.00

We depend on you to support our parish. We also need your time and talents to grow as disciples of the Lord and to form a Parish Family for you and your family. Thank you for mailing your tithes to the parish office

Don't forget your special Christmas Gift to the parish. Please be generous, our parish is struggling to pay the bills.

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PHOENIX

subscribes to the

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. The Eparchy, within all its parishes, institutions and programs, is committed to assuring a safe environment in ministry for its children and young people that conforms to the Charter requirements. For information regarding the Eparchial Safe Environment Program, please contact:

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Sunday After Christmas

Tone 6

December 26, 2021

CHRIST IS BORN! GLORIFY HIM!

Sunday After the Christmas

From a Romanian Synaxarion

Holy Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, along with David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord

Saint Joseph the Betrothed was of the lineage of King David. In his first marriage, he had four sons and two daughters. After he became a widower, St Joseph led a life of strict temperance. He was chosen to be the husband and guardian of the Most Holy Theotokos, who had taken a vow of virginity.

An angel told him of the Incarnation of the Son of God through her. St Joseph was present when the shepherds and the Magi worshiped the newborn divine Infant. On the orders of the angel, he fled into Egypt with the Mother of God and the Infant Jesus, saving them from the wrath of King Herod. He lived in Egypt with the Virgin Mary and the divine Child, working as a carpenter. St Joseph reputedly died at the age of one hundred.

St Joseph is commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity. If there is no Sunday between December 25 and January 1, his Feast is moved to December 26. The Righteous Joseph is also commemorated on the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: We join with the Saints in heaven to pray for those in need. Request Prayers: abcc72069@gmail.com
Special Intentions: Fr. James Lane, Daniel Canter, John Phillips, Sylvia Flamburse, Martha Yniquez, Paul Bruckler, Gloria Brissette, Paul Basay, Margaret Geluso, Edward Lopez, Lupe Nevaré, Beatriz Perez.

ANNOUNCEMENTS your Budget Envelope Box Sets are available on the Greeting Table at the Side Entrance to the Church. Be sure to pick one up and be sure to sign your name on the list. Any questions see John Coffman.

DIVINE LITURGIES

FOR THIS WEEK & INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY @ 10 AM & DAILY SERVICES @ 9 AM ARE LIVE
STREAMED**

**FROM ANNUNCIATION IN ANAHEIM ACCESS IT THROUGH
ANNUNCIATIONBYZANTINE.ORG**

CONFESSIONS are heard behind the Altar one half hour before all Divine Liturgies. 9:30 am for Sunday and 9:00 am for Daily Liturgy

25 SATURDAY Christmas Day (No Fasting)

No Divine Liturgy

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Hosea 11: 1-4, 8-11 & Jeremiah 31: 15-20

**26 SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS. MEMORY OF THE HOLY AND
RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH THE BETROTHED, DAVID THE KING AND
THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, THE BROTHER OF GOD AND THE
SYNAXIS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD & TONE 6, p. 152 & 290**

Confession behind the Altar.....9:00 am

Third Hour.....9:40 am

Liturgy for our Parish Family and Friends.....10:00 am

COFFEE SOCIAL in the hall -Come and join us

27 Monday Proto-Martyrs Stephen, Simple Holy Day, p. 298-300

Divine Liturgy Special Intention.....7:00 pm

28 Tuesday Post festive of Christmas, p. 289

Divine Liturgy Special Intention.....9:30 am

29 Wednesday Post festive of Christmas, p. 289

Divine Liturgy Special Intention.....9:30 am

Praying the Holy Rosary.....7:00 pm

30 Thursday, NO LITURGY SCHEDULED

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD & THE FEAST OF SAINT BASIL

THE GREAT, Solemn Holy Day

31 Friday Vigil for the Feast

Vesper/Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great with the blessing of the Litya

Special Intention.....7:00 pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022

1 Saturday FEAST DAY, 305-308

Divine Liturgy.....9:30 am

HEBREW SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY

Isaiah 40: 1-11 & Malachy 3: 1-5

2 SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY & TONE 6, P. 152-153, 309-312

Confession in the Chapel.....9:00 am

The Third Hour9:40 am

Liturgy For our parish family and friends.....10:00 am

COFFEE SOCIAL in the hall

Sunday After Christmas

St. John Chrysostom

"Entering the house the Magi saw the Child and Mary His mother. And prostrating, they adored Him. Then opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What, one wonders, moved them to adore the Child? Outwardly, there was nothing unusual about the Virgin; and the house, too, was far from impressive. In other respects, also, there was nothing to fill them with wonder or impel them to adoration. Nevertheless, they not only adored, but brought out treasures and offered gifts, such gifts as one proffers not to a man but only to God. For frankincense and myrrh are pre-eminently associated with divinity.

What then, inspired their behavior? The same reason that caused them to leave their homes and undertake their hazardous journey, namely, the star and the enlightenment imparted to their hearts by God Himself. And this it was that little by little led them to perfect understanding.

Had it not been so, they would never have paid such high honors, because all that could be seen there appeared very commonplace. What appeared to their senses was of no importance outwardly, the crib, the hut, a poor mother. Now the reason why all this happened as it did, was that you might be struck by the Magi's eminent wisdom and learn that they came not merely to a man but to God, and what is more, to God as man's Benefactor.

Therefore the Wise Men were not offended by outward appearances but worshipped and presented gifts — gifts, I say, that differed greatly from those that others in their grossness were using. They did not immolate a sheep or goat but made a spiritual oblation in harmony with highest ideals. For they offered the Infant their wisdom, their obedience, and their love.

"In a dream they were warned not to return to Herod. Accordingly they went back home by another way." Here observe their great faith. Not only did they take no offense, but they were perfectly calm and obedient, yielding to no confusion of mind or manner. Nor did they complain to one another, saying, for example: "Tell me, is this Child really somebody, and does he have any sort of true power? If so, why this flight, this secret departure? We came openly and trustingly to this great people, and stood before the raging king. Why does the angel send us away now like fugitives?" But they did not think or talk in such a way. And thereby their faith proved itself genuine, since they did not ask a reason for the command but simply obeyed.