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**Sunday, December 29, 2024 – Sunday After the
Nativity Commemoration of the Holy Joseph, Spouse of the Mother of God, James & David**

Epistle: Gal 1:11-19 (Nabil Takla) + Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-23

The Divine Liturgy will be offered for the repose of the soul of ✠ Carmen Balesh (Therese Brandano); ✠ Clara Kane (Michel & Hala Hourani) and for the health and salvation of William Coupe, Jr., & Rima Antous (Saint Ann Parish)

The Great Doxology (Liturgy Book p. 1): *Glory to your, O Giver of Life, glory to God in the highest...*

Troparion After the Great Doxology: Today Salvation has come to the World: let us sing to Him Who is risen from the tomb, the Author of Life, for He has crushed death by His death and bestowed upon us victory and abundant mercy.

Special Petitions for the Litany of Peace *After the 5th petition: "For our Most Rev. Father & bishop..."*

6. That the Nativity of Christ may be a realization of the hymn of the Angels, glory to God, peace on earth and joy for mankind, let us pray to the Lord.

7. That Christ may restore us to our Paradise dwelling and grant us the grace of divine adoption, let us pray to the Lord.

8. That through the salvific Nativity of Christ, the world may be enlightened by justice, reconciliation and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

9. That we may advance in age, wisdom and grace; and that the civilization of Christian love may grow in the world, so that we may attain the full stature of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.-

10. For our deliverance from all affliction...

Antiphon Prayer for the Feast: O Christ, Eternal God, by Your birth from the Virgin, You appeared on earth as a man and enlightened the whole Creation. Steady our footsteps in the way of your Commandments. Infuse in our hearts the grace of knowing You and loving You, through the intercession of Your All-pure Mother and Ever-Virgin Mary and all your Saints. For You are our Light and our Redemption, O Christ God, and to You we render glory and to Your Eternal Father and Your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

Antiphon:

1- Blessed is the man who fears the Lord: he will establish himself firmly within his commandments.

O Son of God, who were born of the Virgin, save us who sing to you, Alleluia

2- Powerful on earth shall be his race; the descendants of the righteous ones shall be blessed

O Son of God, who were born of the Virgin, save us who sing to you, Alleluia

3- Glory and wealth shall abide in his house, and his justice shall stand from age to age.

O Son of God, who were born of the Virgin, save us who sing to you, Alleluia

The Incarnational Hymn (Liturgy Book p. 18): *O Only-begotten Son and Word of God...*

Entrance Hymn: "From the womb before the morning star I have begotten you. The Lord has sworn and he will not repent: you are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."

All: O Son of God, Who were born of the Virgin, save us who sing to You Alleluia."

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 7) (Liturgy Book p. 27): You destroyed Death by Your cross...

Troparion of the Nativity (Liturgy Book p. 147): Your Nativity, O Christ our God...

Troparion of Holy Joseph (Hymnal, p. 162): O Joseph, proclaim to David, the ancestor of Christ...

Kontakion of the Nativity of Our Lord (Liturgy Book p. 148): Today the Virgin gives birth...

Instead of the Trisagion (Liturgy Book p. 34): All of you who have been baptized into the Christ...

Prokimenon: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Stichon: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

Epistle: Gal 1:11-19: Brethren, I give you to understand that the Good News that was announced to you by me is not of man. For I did not receive it from man, nor was it taught to me [by man], but I received it by a revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of the way I lived before in Judaism: how I persecuted the Church of God and ravaged it beyond measure. And I advanced in Judaism above many of my contemporaries in my nation, showing much more zeal for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased him who from my mother's womb set me apart and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles, immediately, without taking counsel with flesh and blood and without going up to Jerusalem to those who were appointed apostles before me, I retired into Arabia and again returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went to Jerusalem to see Peter, and I remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles, except James, the Lord's brother.

Alleluia: In you, O Lord, I have hoped: Let me never be put to shame. In your justice, save me and deliver me.

Stichon: Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me.

Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-23: When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying, "Arise, and take the Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and remain there until I tell you. For Herod will seek the Child to destroy Him." So, he arose, and took the Child and His mother by night, and withdrew into Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod; so that what the Lord said through the prophet might be fulfilled, "*Out of Egypt I called My Son.*" Then Herod, seeing that he had been tricked by the Magi, was furious; and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and all its neighborhood who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had carefully ascertained from the Magi. Then was fulfilled what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, "*A voice was heard in Rama, weeping, moaning and a loud complaint; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be comforted, because they are no more.*" But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, and take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." So, he arose and took the Child and His mother, and went into the land of Israel. But hearing that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there; and being warned in a dream he withdrew into the region of Galilee. And he went and settled in a town called Nazareth; that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophets, "*He shall be called a Nazarene.*"

Hirmos (Liturgy Book p. 150): Magnify, O my soul, the Virgin more glorious than the heavenly powers...

Kinonikon: The Lord has sent redemption to His people: He has established His covenant forever. Alleluia.

Post Communion Hymn, Troparion of Nativity (Liturgy Book p. 147): Your Nativity, O Christ our God...

St. Ann Prayer List: *Please remember in your prayers the suffering handmaids and servants of God:* Marilyn Baiad, Anthony Colangelo, Paul Davis, Nicholas & Elsie Fatse, Abraham Fattouh, Karen Fattouh, Michael Haddad; Daniel Jowdy; Madelyn Madkour, George Michael, Jillian Michalenko, Linda Noujaim, Doreen Parrella, Victoria Scalora, Gregory Sideleau, Claire Sirgy, and Alfonso & Laurene de la Vega.

Sunday, January 5, Sunday Before Theophany

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:5-8 + Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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Sunday Collections: Multiple weeks to be reported on January 5, 2025.

12/1/2024	12/8/2024	12/15/2024	12/22/2024
Reg: \$1,027	Reg: \$ 1,163	Reg: \$1,411	Reg: \$1,560
Xmas Flowers: \$10	Xmas Flowers: \$232	Xmas Flowers: \$95	Spec. Proj: \$ 90
Clergy Ret: \$170	Clergy Ret: \$40	Spec. Proj: \$96;	Xmas flowers: \$130
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