

SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

JOSEPH THE BETROTHED OF THE THEOTOKOS, DAVID THE PROPHET & KING, AND JAMES THE BROTHER OF THE LORD
MARTYR PHILETAIROS; VENERABLE LEON THE ARCHIMANDRITE AND THEODORA OF CAESARIA
NUN-MARTYRS ANYSIA OF THESSALONIKA; MONK-MARTYR GIDEON THE YOUNGER OF TYRNAVO (1818)

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Sermon: Of Angels and Dreams

Orthros

Tone: Six

Ninth Eothinon: John 20:19-31

Divine Liturgy

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19 (pg. 123)

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-33 (pg. 124)

Epistle Reader: Karen Hood

Prophora: St. Katherine Philoptochos/Tony Kostas

Coffee Hour Set-Up: Carolyn Crossley & Bonnie Mitrosilis In January: Helen Anastassiou & Pagona Athanitis

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Carolyn Crossley, Frances Edwards, Elaine Wade

Parish Council: Tony Kostas, Patrick Santy, John Giakouminakis

Memorials: JohnPaul Elie Frangoudis, 40 days; Sam Menzelos, 3 years; John & Hrisanthi Menzelos,
George & Christine Lamas, Theodore Lamas, Despina Androutsos

Altar Boys Team: Five

Next Week's Team: One

Parish Schedule for the Week December 30, 2018

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Sunday, December 30	Orthros Divine Liturgy Sunday School	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM
Monday, December 31	Vespers of St. Basil New Year's Eve Dinner Dance	7:00 PM 8:00 PM
Tuesday, January 1 <i>New Year's Day (Office Closed)</i>	Orthros - Circumcision of the Lord / Feast of Saint Basil Divine Liturgy	9:00 AM 10:00 AM
Wednesday, January 2	YAL Boys Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Thursday, January 3	Girls Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Friday, January 4	Royal Hours for Theophany Hellenic Culture Program (Fotion Fellowship Hall) Greek Language School SKY Night	10:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Saturday, January 5 <i>Eve of Theophany</i>	Greek Language School Orthros Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of the Waters	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM

Resurrection Hymn (Tone Six): Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades, and uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life. And from the dead You arose Lord, we give glory to You.

Stewardship Update – It's Time to Fulfill Your Pledges!

2019 is only days away! Please take a minute to fulfill your 2018 pledge. This is a promise you made to the church and we are counting on it. For those, who have waited until the 11th hour to pledge, we are still running short of our \$515,000 goal, so every dollar helps! If God has blessed you with fortune this year, please consider adding to your existing pledge! And for those of you who are already looking forward to next year, you should have received your pledge card and envelope packets in separate mailings. Please turn in your pledge cards on Stewardship Sunday, January 13 or mail them to the church office! Happy New Year!

2019 Church Calendars available for pick-up today during the coffee hour

Pick up your 2019 calendar at the tables located to the right of the entrance to the community center. Please note, calendar envelopes are in zip code order. Philoptochos members will assist you in finding your envelope.

Hellenic Culture Program – January 4 at 11AM. Join us for Dr. Thalia Dimitri's talk on the Greeks of Egypt

The first SKY Night in 2019 is January 4

Prayer and dinner at 6pm. The Little Lambs & HOPE will remain in the Community Center for a movie and popcorn. The other groups will have off-campus activities. Check with the individual group leaders for details.

Fresh-baked Vasilopita for your New Years celebration – Ready for Pickup TODAY during the coffee Hour

Philoptochos Christmas Outreach

Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Christmas outreach projects to benefit three local charities. The collections of food and warm jackets, blankets, etc. will continue through January.

Philoptochos is selling special "Gold" Vasilopita coins & Cookbooks

For the "do-it-yourself" bakers, Philoptochos is offering keepsake Vasilopita coins for \$12 each, or 2 for \$20. These "gold-plated" coins are engraved with the image of St. Basil. We will also have a limited number of Philoptochos cookbooks available for purchase at \$15 each.

Orthodox Christian Women's Book Club – Inaugural meeting will be on January 17, 2019, 6-8PM!

Join us as we launch our new St. Katherine ministry. A wonderful fellowship of women of all ages interested in deepening their faith and their life in Christ. Join us in the Petrofanis Conference Room (upstairs) an evening each month reading (and discussing) from an incredible selection of fiction and non-fiction works about and by Orthodox Christian women. For more info or to RSVP contact Angelica Sotiriou Rausch at philkoep@aol.com.

Be prepared for the Orthodox Christian Women's Book Club – Books available now in our bookstore

The book club will be reading *The Ascetic Life of Mothers* by Annalisa Boyd and *Growing in Christ, Shaped in His Image* by Mother Raphaela. A limited number of these books are available in the St. Katherine Bookstore.

Foundation News – Notice to all our academic minded students

Scholarship Applications are now available for pick-up in the church office or from Mrs. Dalis or Mrs. Halikis. Be sure to start this process early in order to meet the deadline of *Wednesday, April 10, 2019*. To be considered, high school seniors **must** meet a minimum GPA of 3.5 and undergraduates a 3.4. Graduate students may also apply.

Prescience's "Adventure - Discovering Hellenic Heritage" Summer travel/study program for 2019

This 2-week program is designed to reconnect young Greek-Americans to their roots and strengthen their notion of belonging to something greater, to the uniqueness of being Greek, focusing on philosophy, history and Orthodox faith. Multiple sessions available from June 16 thru July 28. In addition to visiting many mainland sites, the Adventure includes a 4-day Aegean Island Cruise, visiting six breathtaking islands, each with a distinctive history and rich culture. For more information visit www.PrescienceD.com.

Sponsored Coffee Hour – May their memory be eternal

Coffee hour is offered in memory of JohnPaul Elie Frangoudis by the Frangoudis Family, and in memory of Sam and John & Hrisanthi Menzelos, George, Christine & Theodore Lamas, and Despina Androutsos by the Menzelos Family.