

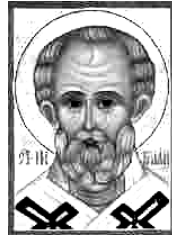
December 27, 2009
St Stephen the Protomartyr

St. Nicholas Orthodox Church

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Sunday After the Nativity of Christ

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

Христос рождается! Славите его!

Schedule of Services and Activities

Wednesday, December 31st – 12:00 Noon

Friday, January 1st – 10:00 AM

St Basil's Day and Civil New Year

Saturday, January 2nd – 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 3rd – 10:00 AM

Service of Thanksgiving (at St Mark's)

Divine Liturgy

Great Vespers

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The 2010 Calendars are now available at the candle kiosk. 2010 Envelopes are also available.

The 2010 donation schedule is available for sign up at the candle kiosk.

The next Church School will be Saturday, January 9th.

Looking ahead: Compline with Litiya for the feast of the Theophany will be held Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM. Festal Divine Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water will be held on Wednesday, January 6th at 9:30 AM.

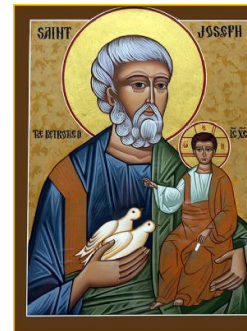
The next Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00 PM. Vespers at 6:30 PM.

All Archdiocesan Youth are invited to a New Year's celebration with His Grace, Bishop Melchisedek next Sunday, January 3rd at the Archdiocesan Center beginning at 3:00 PM. Dinner served at 3:30 PM. RSVP to Patty Lear at pnlear@verizon.net by today.

Vigil Light Donations (Please remember the following people in your prayers) **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, George, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Donya Yewisiak** for the health of Tom Robes, Pete Kerchum and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servants, Mat. Olga and Very Rev. Fr. Vladimir Soroka; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, Peter Kerchum, George Shaytar, Margaret Ruprecht and newborn, Timothy Waller, Jr. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servants, Archbishop Job, (Baba) Katherine Dyczko

and Martin Kowal; for the health of the Wasilko family, Helen Shancey and George Shaytar; Happy Birthday & Many Years to Uncle Joe Dichko & cousin, Michael! **From Marina Petrov** for the health of family~Raisa, Yevgeniy, Vladimir, Roman & Polina; safe travels. **From Doris Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary and Martin Kowal; for the health of the Wasilko family, Carol Kowalcheck and Helen Shancey. **From Carol Kowalcheck** for the departed servant, (grandfather) Andrew Pohopin (12/19). **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health of son, Daniel on his Names Day (12/17) and daughter, Rachel on her Names Day (12/22) and health & salvation of our family. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servants, Archbishop Job, (grandmother) Katherine Dyczko and Marty Kowal; for the health of Helen March Shancey, Joe Hrebenak, Carol Kowalcheck and Tom Robes; Uncle Joe Dichko and cousin, Michael VanGuard on their birthdays. **From Raisa Burd** for all our departed friends and relatives; for the health of Marina, Vladimir, Polina, Roman, Yevgeniy, Lena and all our relatives & friends; safe travels. **From Nancy Shaytar** for the health of husband, George Shaytar.

*While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians
who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting,
non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross
and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.
Please join us downstairs for coffee hour following the Divine Liturgy.*



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 new-born 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.

*Your Kingdom endures forever, O Christ our God.
Your rule is from age to age.
Made flesh by the Holy Spirit, made man of the ever-virgin Mary,
You have filled all creation with joy.
The light of Your coming has shone on us;
every living creature praises You, the Image of the Father's glory.
Light of Light, the radiance of the Father, the same yesterday, today, and forever,
You have shone forth from the Virgin.
O God, have mercy on us!*

