

## Sunday after the Nativity: Commemoration of the Holy Righteous David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Brother of the Lord

At an early date, some churches in the East began to commemorate certain important figures of the New Testament at the time of Theophany, and later during the Nativity season.

In Jerusalem, these Saints were combined with a feast that the Jews of Hebron celebrated on December 25 or 26 in honor of the Old Testament Patriarch Jacob. Later on, the Christians substituted Saint James for Jacob, and then the commemoration of the Brother of the Lord became associated with his ancestor King David. In time, Saint Joseph was linked with Saints David and James.

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Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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**Readings**

Epistle

Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

Tone 6 Troparion (Resurrection)

The Angelic Powers were at Thy tomb; the guards became as dead men. Mary stood by Thy grave, seeking Thy most pure body. Thou didst capture hell not being tempted by it. Thou didst come to the Virgin, granting life.// O Lord, Who didst rise from the dead, glory to Thee.

Tone 4 Troparion (for the Feast)

Thy Nativity, O Christ our God, has shone to the world the light of wisdom! For by it, those who worshipped the stars, were taught by a star to adore Thee, the Sun of righteousness, and to know Thee, the Orient from on high.// O Lord, glory to Thee!

Tone 2 Troparion (of the Righteous Ones)

Proclaim the wonder, O Joseph, to David, the ancestor of God; thou hast seen a Virgin great with child; and thou didst give glory with the shepherds; thou didst worship with the Magi, and didst receive the news from the Angel. // Pray to Christ God to save our souls!

Tone 3 Kontakion (of the Righteous Ones)

Today godly David is filled with joy; Joseph and James offer praise. The glorious crown of their kinship with Christ fills them with great joy. They sing praises to the One ineffably born on earth, and they cry out: "O Compassionate One, save those who honor Thee!"

Tone 3 Kontakion of the Feast

Today the Virgin gives birth to the Transcendent One, and the earth offers a cave to the Unapproachable One. Angels with shepherds glorify Him; the Wise Men journey with the star, // since for our sake the eternal God was born as a little Child!



This Week at St. Herman's

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> - *Sunday after Nativity***

- 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy
- Children's and Teenager's class after Liturgy
- Coffee Hour in the parish hall

**Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> - *Venerable Melania of Rome***

- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers for the Circumcision of Christ

**Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> - *Circumcision of Christ***

- 7:00 PM - Great Vespers for St. Seraphim of Sarov

**Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> - *Venerable Seraphim of Serov***

*No Fasting*

- 6:45 AM - Coffee and Books

**Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> - *Prophet Malachi***

- 6:00 PM - Greek Class

**Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> - *Eve of Theophany***

*Strict Fast; Wine & Oil*

- 7:00 PM - Vigil