

Commemorated on December 30

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1, 2008

OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY AFTER DIVINE LITURGY
Cutting of the Vasilopita
followed by reception

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church - Wantage, NJ
Archpriest Samuel Kedala, Rector

Joanne Patrick, Choir Director
Parish Council

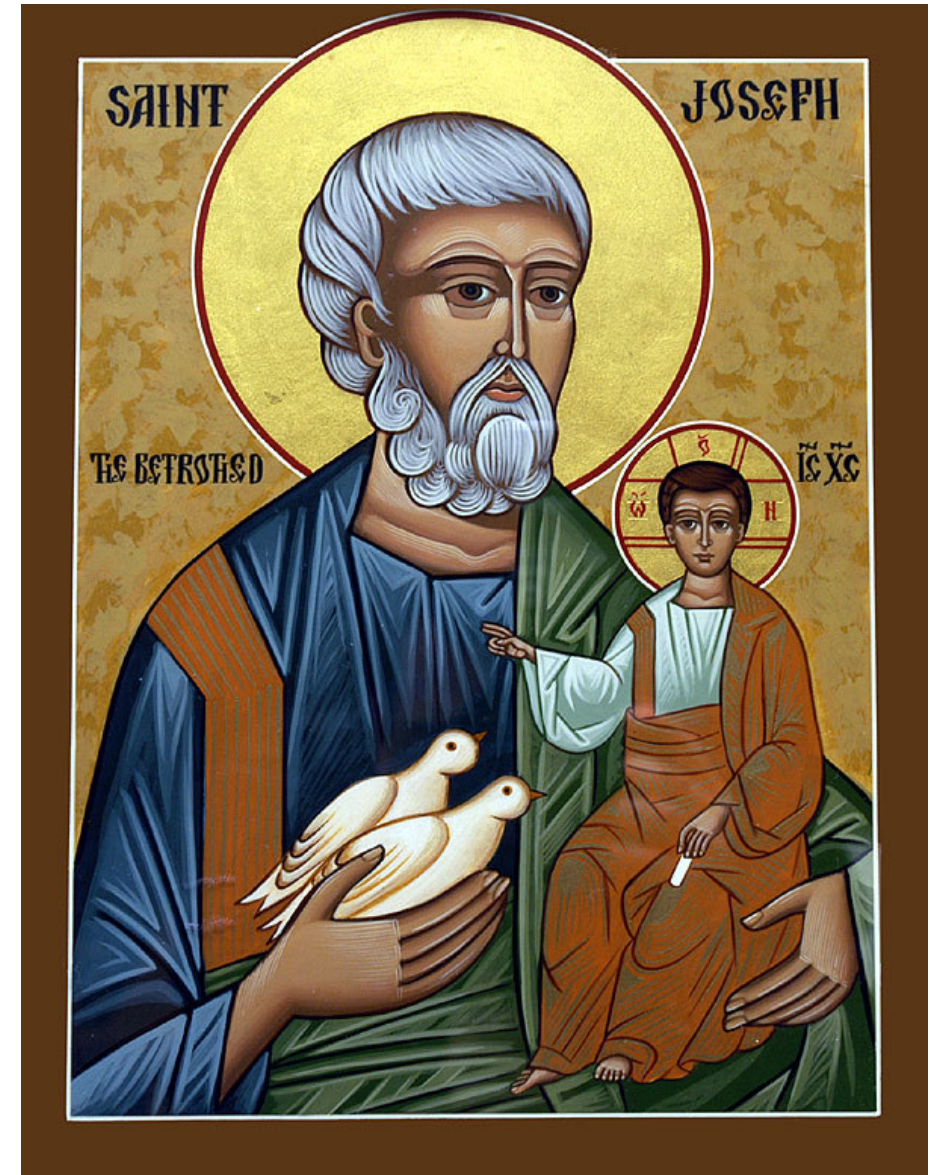
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Wantage, New Jersey
December 30, 2007



**Joseph the Betrothed, David the King
and James the Brother of the Lord**

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Sunday, December 30, 2007

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

- Monday, Dec. 31** 7:00 p.m. Vespers for the the Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord and the Feast of St. Basil the Great
- Tuesday, January 1, 2008**, **CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD –St. Basil the Great**
9:35 Hours-10:00 am–Divine Liturgy–
Followed by New Years reception at Parish Rectory–*Everyone* is invited
- Saturday, Jan. 5, .. 9:00 A.M.** Vespereal Divine Liturgy–6:00 p.m. Vespers of Theophany and the Great Blessing of Waters
- Sunday, Jan. 6** **THEOPHANY** 9:35 a.m. Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy
Great Blessing of Waters
- Monday, Jan. 7** 7:35 a.m. Hours 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy–
the Synaxis of St. John the Baptist and Old Calendar Nativity

Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 31st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 6.

Sunday After the Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord. Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday Before the Theophany. Virgin Martyr Anysia at Thessalonica (285-305). Martyr Zoticus, Keeper of Orphans (4th c.). Apostle of the Seventy, Timon the Deacon (1st c.). Martyr Philoterus of Nicomedia (311). Ven. Theodora of Caesarea in Cappadocia (8th c.). Ven. Theodora of Constantinople (10th c.). Monk Martyr Gideon of Karakallou (Mt. Athos—1818). St. Makáry, Metropolitan of Moscow and All Russia (1563).

Galatians 1:11-19 (Epistle, Sunday After) – Matthew 2:13-23 (Gospel, Sunday After)

BULLETIN

The 40th day memorial service this morning was offered for His Eminence the Most Reverend **+Archbishop PETER**. May he rest in the bosom of our Lord.

Plan on coming to Divine Liturgy on Tuesday Morning and then you are all invited by Father Samuel and Matushka JoAnne to a New Year's get together at the Parish Rectory. Father Chris Talleos will also be cutting the Vasilopita as has been the tradition in the past. PLEASE COME.

No one hosted the Coffee Social last week. **No one** signed up to host the Social today. **No one** is signed up to host next week. **Please sign-up to host a future social.**

For those of our community who have not yet participated in the Sacrament of Holy

Confession yet, Father Samuel will be available for you. Call for an appointment if you like or before or after Vespers. **We must come to Confession to receive Holy Communion.**

Please place a small donation in the basket at Coffee Social to help pay for the paper products.

A reminder to all who are worshipping at Holy Spirit Church, please turn off your cell phones or leave it in your cars until after Divine Liturgy

PLEASE PURCHASE gift cards for shopping at ShopRite and A & P stores. They are working out wonderfully. Very convenient for shopping. No cash, no checks, just a little card. They are great, and our church benefits by your using them.

WE HAVE SHOP RITE AND A&P GIFT CARDS-STOCK UP ON GIFT CARDS FOR YOUR REGULAR SHOPPING & AS GIFTS TO OTHERS

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Matushka Evelyn Kreta, Christopher, the infant Ella Jane, Corinne Matthews, infant Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Doug Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Valentina Bobrowsky, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Matushka Marie Kreta, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, the infant Logan Eugene, Evanthia, Loren Chwan, Jennifer Matushka Vera Yuschak and Christine Molbury and her children

SEVEN DAY VIGILCANDLES

By **Maria & Frank Higginbothom** for the health, and salvation of **Pighi Mardaloescu**

By **Matushka Elizabeth Kachur** in Blessed memory of her Son
+Mark (Kachur) Birthday–Dec. 30

By **Matushka Elizabeth Kachur** in Blessed memory of her father
+Stephen (Deak)–Birthday Jan.1

By **Matushka Elizabeth Kachur** in Blessed memory of her mother
+Elizabeth (Deak)–2nd Anniversary of her repose

Seven day vigil candles are available for the faithful to sponsor in memory of their departed, the sick, or for the general intentions (anniversaries, birthdays, weddings, baptisms, etc.). They will remain lit on the altar and table of oblation. The suggested donation is \$10.00 each and will burn for seven days. The intentions and those who offered them will be announced in the weekly bulletins. You may purchase your offering at the Parish Council office.

If you would like to have something published in the weekly bulletin, e-mail or bring typed copy to Father Samuel by Wednesday of the week prior to the Sunday you would like it published.

We welcome our guests who are worshipping with us today. Please join us down-stairs for refreshments and fellowship. Please sign our guest book before you leave.

Calendars for the Year 2008 are available downstairs at the Candle Desk.

Please help yourselves to **ONE Calendar per family.** If there are any extras after a month you may help yourselves to more calendars.

**We Thank Peter, Joanne and Alexis Horvath
(Pinkel Funeral Home, Sussex) for their generosity
again this year.**

May our New Born Lord Grant them Many Years and repay them generously.

HOME BLESSINGS

Next Sunday, after Fellowship downstairs Father Samuel will be Blessing th Parish Home with the newly blessed Waters of the Theophany.

You are all welcome to the parish Rectory to participate along with our Family.

**There is a sign-up Sheet downstairs for families who would like their homes blessed.
It is traditional that each family in the Parish have their home Blessed each year.**