

**Commemorated on December 28**

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.

**Saint Basil Day and Circucision of our Lord**  
**January 1st after Divine Liturgy**

**Everyone invited to Parish Rectory for Cutting of the Vasolipita and New Year's Celebration**

**Holy Spirit Orthodox Church - Wantage, NJ**

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Joanne Patrick, Choir Director

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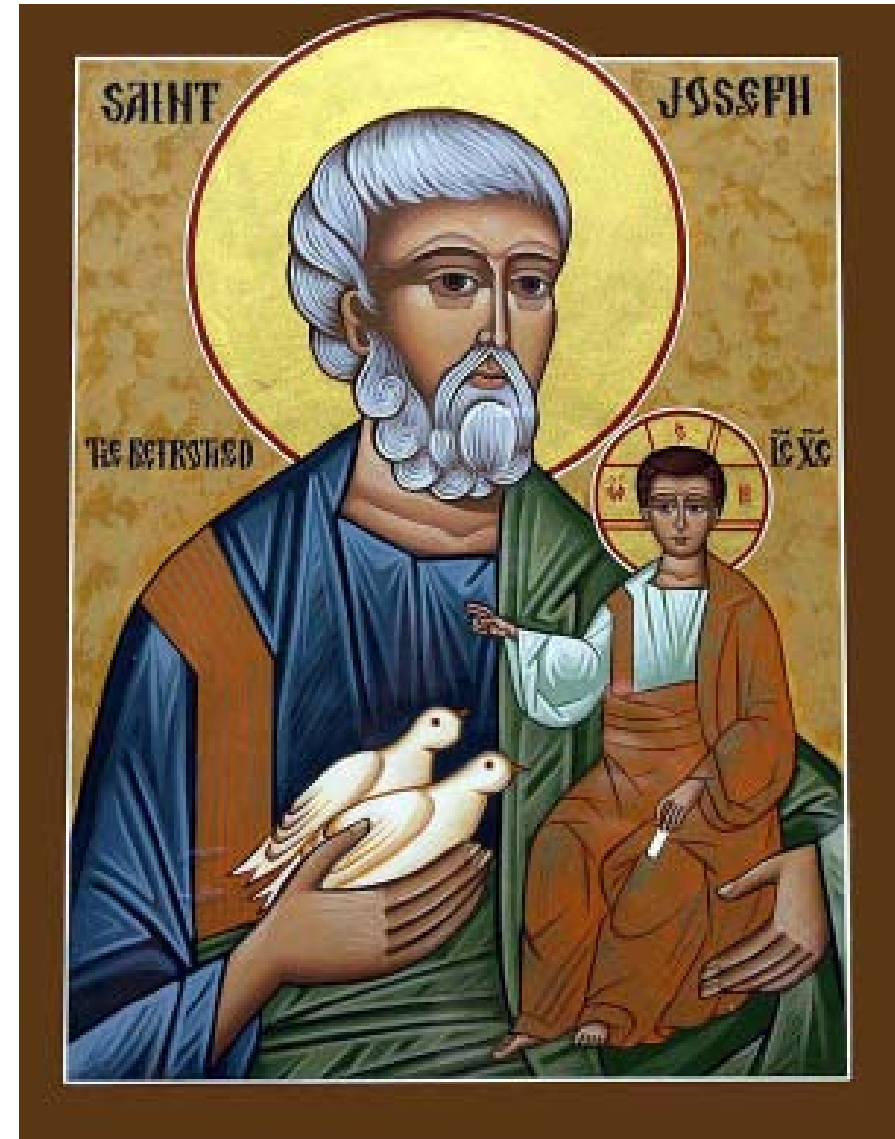
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# Holy Spirit Orthodox Church

Wantage, New Jersey

December 28, 2008



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

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## Sunday, December 28, 2008 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Wed..... 7:00 pm Vespers-Circumcision of our Lord-Feast of St. Basil  
Thurs .....9:35 am Hours, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy - Circumcision and St. Basil  
New Year celebration at Parish Rectory  
Saturday ..... 6:00 P.M. Vespers/Private Confessions  
Sunday .....9:15 am Church School - 9:35 AM Hours, 10 AM Divine Liturgy

**Today's commemorated feasts and saints... 28th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (14th of Luke) — Tone 3. Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ. Sunday After the Nativity. Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord.** The 20,000 Martyrs of Nicomedia, including: Glycerius, Zeno, Theophilus, Dorotheus, Mardonius, Migdonious, Indes, Gorgonius, Peter, Euthymius, and the Virgins: Agape, Domna and Theophila (302). Ven. Ignátii (Ignatius) of Lomsk (Vologdá—1591). Apostle Nicanor the Deacon (38 A.D.). Ven. Simeon the Myrrh-gusher, of Mt. Athos (14th c.).

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

### BULLETIN

**Please keep Father Joseph Chupeck in your prayers. He has been hospitalized in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, NJ.** He was diagnosed with a heart attack and Pneumonia in both lungs.

**Thank you to all who attended our Holy Supper on Nativity Eve.** This is a wonderful tradition that Holy Spirit Church has kept for many years. Let us continue to celebrate together. **Christ is Born!**

**The Sussex Help Center** has started its Christmas food drive for the needy. Please give a food donation & place it in the food basket located in the church entrance. Thank-you, Despena Eptamenitis

**Thank you to The Engelsman Family** who hosted the **Coffee Social** last week. **Valentina Bobrowsky** will host this week. Next week the Coffee Social will be hosted by

**The Kedala Family.** Check the new Coffee Social Assignment Sheet for your assigned Sunday.

**Remember to participate in Nativity Private Confessions. Many of our Community have yet to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Confession. PLEASE DO SO SOON.** It is important for your spiritual life and for your continuance in receiving the Holy Sacraments. Father Samuel will be available after each vespers service to hear Confessions. Please call Father Samuel to arrange a different time for him to be available for you. Please do not plan on Confessions on Sunday Mornings.

**THANK YOU TO Peter, Joanne and Alexis Horvath** for their generosity in purchasing the Yearly Calendars for our community. May God Grant them Many, Many Years! Take one calendar per family as you leave Church today

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

Please **keep the following people in your prayers:** Catherine Schwed, Thelma Macheska, Alyssa Karakos, Mary Kwak, Corinne Matthews, child Nicholai, Dan Taylor, Stephen Kachur, Pighi Mardaloescu, Archimandrite Joachim (Parr), Frank Higginbotham, Joanne Patrick, Feodora Apanasow, Alexander, the infant Logan Eugene, Matushka Vera Yuschak, Jean Holowach, Louis Vagias, Mike Flood, child Ella Jane, Archpriest Joseph Chupeck, Ana Tienken, Mary Itzla, Linda Braxton, Al Wetmore, Lynne Goodwin, Virginia Goodwin, Inga Urotadze and her soon to be born child.

### Seven Day Vigil Candles

By **the Kedala Family** for the Health and Salvation of **Archpriest Jopseph Chupeck**

**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. If you would like something in the monthly bulletin have it e-mailed or brought to Fr. Samuel two weeks prior to the first of the month it is to be published in.