



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
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**Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m. Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin**

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**DECEMBER 30, 2018 – JANUARY 06, 2019**

**Sunday, December 30 Sunday after Christmas**

**EPISTLE HEB. 11:9-10&32-40; GOSPEL:MT.1:1-25 TONE 7**

8:00 a.m. – Confession 8:30 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

& in particular for +Helen Berezuk by Children, Grandchildren & Greatgrandchildren)

**Sunday, January 06 Theophany of Our Lord**

**EPISTLE TITUS 2:11-14&3:4-7; GOSPEL:MT.3:13-17 TONE FESTAL**

8:00 a.m. – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular for Diane Langan (healing)

from Martha & John Stine

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**Sunday after the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**



On this Sunday our Holy Church commemorates three people who were close to Our Lord Jesus Christ. First of all, His ancestor, the holy King and Prophet David, who foresaw the Coming of Christ in his Psalms. Secondly, we recall the Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, who protected the Mother of God and her Child before, during and after His birth. Thirdly, we remember the son of Joseph, James, who accompanied the Mother of God, Christ and Joseph on the flight into Egypt, and later became one of the Apostles and indeed was martyred as James the Righteous, the first

Bishop of Jerusalem. It is interesting to recall to Non-Believers the words of the Gospel regarding this Flight into Egypt, and how Joseph was commanded to “take the young child and his mother into Egypt”. We note how the Scriptures clearly do not call Christ, “Joseph’s son”, or his mother, “your wife”. Again the Scriptures say that all this was to fulfill the words of the Scriptures: “Out of Egypt have I called my son”, and not, “out of Egypt have I called Joseph’s son”. As we see in Holy Scripture Joseph is bewildered both by the message of the Angel and by what is happening; bewildered - at time in wonder, and at time in doubt. Isn’t this an image of many of us? But how did he face his doubt and still remain in wonder? Because he believed; because he accepted the fact that there are many things which cannot be understood with the intellect, but can be perceived, which can be experienced. And he did, indeed, experienced what was going on. He saw the Virgin birth, he saw the presence of the God Who have become man. And what is our way, how can we find our way towards God? On this Sunday let us think of Righteous Joseph between wonder and doubt; and when we are in the same position, let us not only concentrate on our doubt, but look with wonder at the impossible, unthinkable that is God’s way in our midst.

