

**ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**December 23, 2007**

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Sunday, December 23. **30th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (14th of Luke) - Tone 5. Sunday Before the Nativity of Christ. Forefeast of the Nativity of Christ.** Holy Ten Martyrs of Crete: Theodulus, Saturninus, Euporus, Gelasius, Eunician, Zoticus, Pompeius, Agathopus, Basilides, and Evaristus (3rd c.). Repose of St. Theoctist, Archbishop of Novgorod (1310). St. Niphon, Bishop of Cyprus (4th c.). St. Paul, Bishop of Neo-Caesarea (4th c.).

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom , 9:30am.

*Epistle: Heb 11:9-10,17-23,32-40*      *Gospel: Mt:1:1-25.*

Choir Practice, following coffee hour.

Church decoration.

Monday, December 24. **EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST.**

Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 9:30am.

*Epistle: Heb 1:1-12*      *Gospel: Lk 2:1-20.*

Holy Supper, 4:30pm.

Vigil, 6pm.

Tuesday December 25. **THE NATIVITY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.** The Adoration of the Magi: Melchior, Caspar, and Balthasar. Commemoration of the Shepherds in Bethlehem who were watching their flocks, and went to see the Lord.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours, 9:10am.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom , 9:30am.

*Epistle: Gal. 4:4-7*      *Gospel: Mt:2:1-12.*

Saturday, December 29.

Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5pm.

Sunday, December 30. **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).

3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours, 9:10am.

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom , 9:30am.

*Epistle: Gal 1:11-19*      *Gospel: Mt: 2:13-23.*

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**Nativity Preparation and Services**

Choir Practice today following coffee hour.

Church Decoration for our celebration of Nativity also after coffee hour. All, young and old, are invited to stay and help. Contributions of greens, berries and poinsettias are welcome.

Services for the Nativity of our Lord:

Dec	24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	9:30am	Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
			4:30pm	Holy Supper
			6:00pm	Vigil for the Nativity of Christ
Dec	25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	9:30am	Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Holy Supper is a fasting meal featuring traditional Christmas Eve foods with special prayers, written by Archbishop Job of Chicago. This is a wonderful event for the entire family, and for friends! Vigil follows immediately after. Contact Mat. Anna Konkle if you can help out with the meal. Please note that the Supper begins promptly at 4:30pm so those bringing items should have them ready comfortably in advance; each item needs to be brought in 5 serving bowls—one for each table.

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**Important Dates**

- Jan 1    Tuesday      \* Circumcision of our Lord; Commemoration of St. Basil the Great.
- Jan 6    Sunday        \* Feast of The Theophany of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ (and the beginning of House blessing season).
- Wednesdays    \* Dn. John will lead a study on the Lord's prayer in the new year. We will meet Wednesdays Jan 2 – Feb 13 (1/23 excluded) following daily vespers and a light meal.