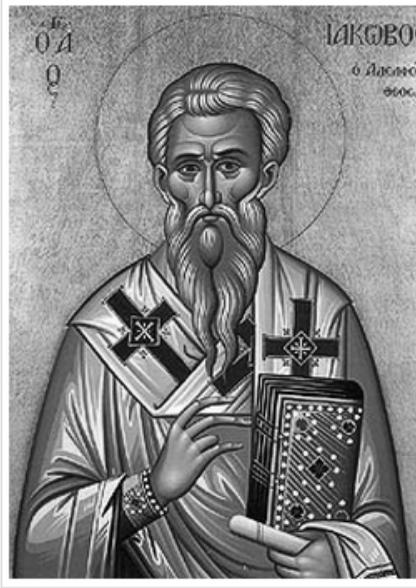


SAINT JAMES, THE HOLY APOSTLE AND BROTHER OF OUR LORD

The Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord, was the eldest son of Joseph the Betrothed from his first marriage with Solomonia. The Apostle James is remembered after the Feast of the Nativity of Christ together with his father Joseph and the Prophet-King David, since he accompanied his family on the Flight into Egypt and lived there with the Infant Jesus, the Mother of God and Joseph. Later, he returned to Israel with them.

After the Ascension of the Lord, St James was the first Bishop of Jerusalem, gaining the great esteem not only of Christians, but also of Jews. He was thrown from the roof of the Jerusalem Temple because he had publicly preached to the people about the God-manhood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Apostle James is also commemorated on October 23.



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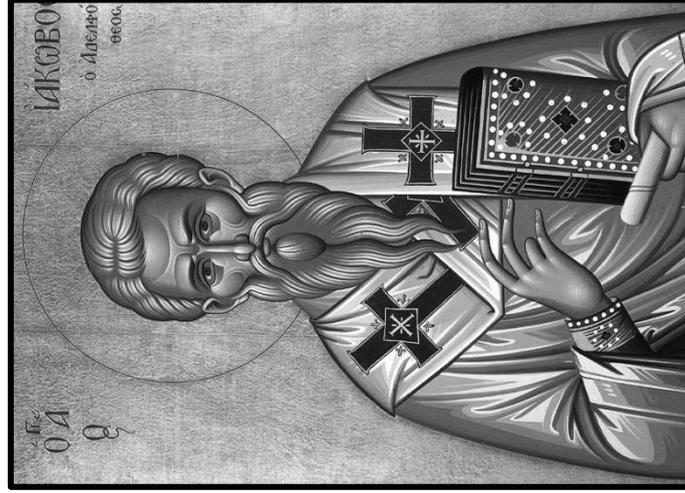
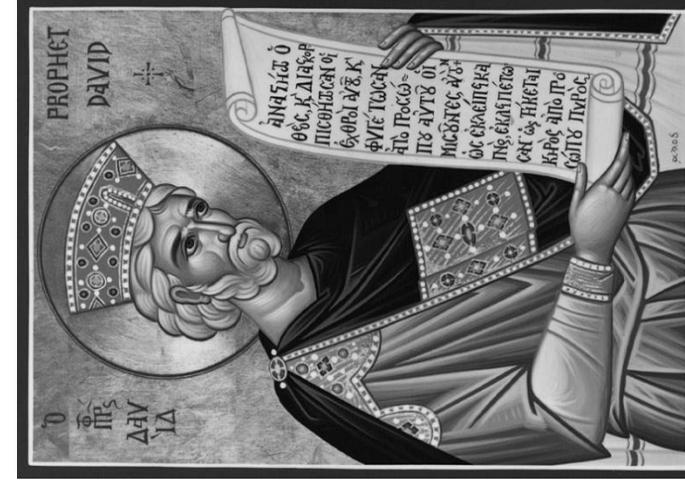
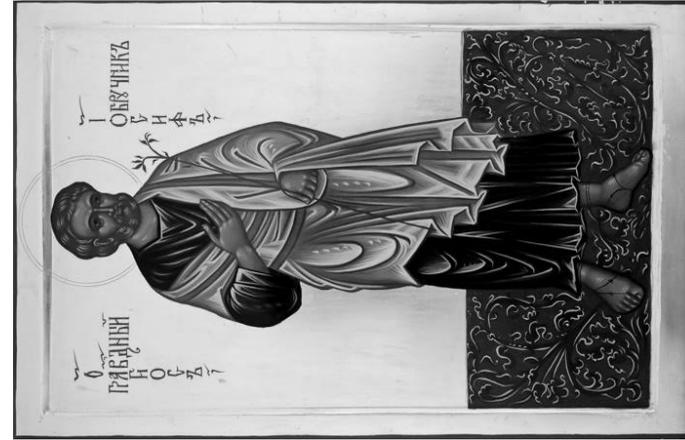


WANT TO HELP A STRUGGLING PARISH, MISSION, OR SEMINARIAN WITHIN OUR DIOCESAN FAMILY?

Become a **DISTINGUISHED DIOCESAN BENEFACTOR!**

To see a video "slice of life" of our Diocesan churches, visit www.nynjoca.org/vision_for_future_2012.html ... and scroll down to VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS. Questions? See Fr. David.

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH Yonkers, New York



Sunday, December 28, 2014
29th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday After the Lord's Nativity ~ Saints Joseph, David & James
CHRIST IS BORN! ~ GLORIFY HIM!



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Sunday, December 28, 2014 ~ 29th Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday After the Nativity of Christ ~ Commemoration of the
Righteous Joseph the Betrothed; David the King; and James, Brother of the Lord
 Epistles: Colossians 3:4-11, Galatians 1:11-19; Gospels: Luke 18:35-43, Matthew 2:13-23

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today – Sunday After the Nativity; Saints Joseph, David & James

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

After Coffee Hour: Christmas Caroling Visits to Homebound Parishioners –
 All Are Welcome to Come Along!

Wednesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

6:00 PM *Vespers* *Divine Liturgy* – Circumcision of Our Lord; Feast of
 St. Basil the Great; Thanksgiving for the New Year

Saturday, January 3 – Saturday Before Theophany

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, January 4 – Sunday Before Theophany

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*

Monday, January 5 – Eve of Theophany (Strict Fast Until Sunset)

7:00 PM *Vigil Service with Blessing of Water*

Tuesday, January 6 – Theophany (Epiphany): The Baptism of Christ

9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy with Blessing of Water*

Blessing of Homes Begins January 6 – Contact Fr. David
if you would like him to visit and bless your home.

Call (914) 965-6815; or email frdavidcowan@gmail.com

Wednesday, January 7 – Afterfeast of Theophany;

Synaxis of John the Baptist (Nativity of Our Lord on the Julian Calendar)

10:00 AM *Divine Liturgy* / Божественная литургия

Saturday, January 10 – Saturday After Theophany

5:30 PM Private Confession Available

6:00 PM *Great Vespers*

Sunday, January 11 – Sunday After Theophany

9:30 AM *Divine Liturgy*; Followed by the Christmas Yolka and Luncheon –
 Suggested Donation \$20 for Adults

SAINT DAVID, THE KING, PROPHET, AND PSALM WRITER ~ ANCESTOR OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

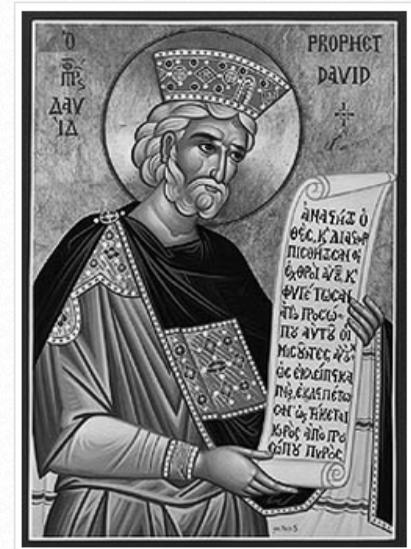
The Holy Prophet-King David was a forefather of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh. The youngest son of Jesse, David shepherded a flock of sheep belonging to his father. He was distinguished by his deep faith, and he zealously fulfilled the will of God.

During a battle with the Philistines, he vanquished the giant Goliath in single combat, which decided the outcome of the war in favor of the Israelites. He endured many things from King Saul, who saw him as a favorite of the people and his rival. David, however, showed his own decency and magnanimity. Twice, when he had the possibility of killing Saul, he did not do so.

After Saul and his son perished, David was proclaimed king of the southern part of Israel, and after Saul's second son was killed, he became king of all Israel. He built a new capital, Jerusalem ("the City of Peace"), and a new tabernacle. His great wish to build a Temple was not realized. It was foretold to him that his son would build the Temple.

The life of the Prophet David was darkened by a grievous falling: he took Uriah's wife for himself, and sent Uriah to his death in battle. He was also an example of great repentance, humbly and with faith bearing the sorrows sent in punishment for his sins. St David gave a model for repentance in Psalm 50/51. King David died in great old age with steadfast faith in the coming of the promised Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ. His divinely-inspired Psalter is widely used in the divine services and in personal prayers. (See the Books of Kings and Chronicles).

The holy Prophet-King David is invoked by those facing a difficult situation, such as an interview, etc.



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SAINT JOSEPH THE BETROTHED ~ PROTECTOR OF THE VIRGIN MARY and FOSTER FATHER OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST

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.



Troparion & Kontakion

TODAY'S EPISTLE Galatians 1:11-19 Brethren: I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it.¹⁴And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.¹⁵But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace,¹⁶to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood,¹⁷nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.¹⁹But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-23 At that time, when Jesus and Joseph and Mary had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."¹⁴When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,¹⁵and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."¹⁶Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had¹⁷Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:¹⁸A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more."¹⁹Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,²⁰saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead."²¹Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee.²³And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

THANK YOU to all who have made our Nativity Celebration – which is still going on! – so beautiful ... decorating the church (inside & out) and hall, cleaning, cooking, singing, serving, donating ... may God bless you richly! **Merry Christmas!**

HELP NEEDED – NEWLY WIDOWED MOTHER OF A TEEN

There is a newly widowed mother in our neighborhood who just lost her husband to a sudden illness. She has a teenage son. If you would like to provide them with some financial help for Christmas, please contact Fr. David. *Thank you!*

SCHOLARSHIPS SOUGHT FOR ST. ANDREW'S CAMP:

His Grace, Bishop Michael, is appealing to individuals across our Diocese, who realize that they have been blessed by God and are in a position to share in those blessings, to provide a Christmas “gift of Camp for a week” for our young people to attend St. Andrew's Camp, in Jewell, NY, this coming summer.

Your gift would bless a camper who otherwise could not attend St. Andrew’s because of financial constraints. The cost of Camp is \$300 per week per individual – that includes room and board, meals, and all activities, including at least one special excursion each week.

Checks may be made payable to St. Andrew’s Camp Scholarship, and mailed to: Diocesan Chancery, 33 Hewitt Ave., Bronxville, NY 10708.

Visit www.saintandrewscamp.org for more information on the Camp.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

•**Sun., Feb. 15, 5:00 PM: Bishop Michael Hosts the Annual Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors Appreciation Dinner, Here!** All parishioners are invited ... and anyone who could help serve this dinner (which will be catered) would be greatly appreciated! See Matushka Tamara to offer your assistance.

•**Sat., March 21: Lenten Retreat with Abbot Sergius of St. Tikhon’s Monastery.** Details to come after the New Year.

PASTORAL CARE – GENERAL INFORMATION

Emergency Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please call Fr. David’s cell phone, 1-(570) 878-5074, when a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Anointing In Sickness: The Sacrament of Unction is available in Church, the hospital, or your home, for anyone who is sick, however severe. It doesn’t mean “Last Rites!”

Marriages and Baptisms require early planning, scheduling, and selection of sponsors (crown bearers or godparents). See Father before booking dates and reception halls!

Funerals are celebrated for practicing Orthodox Christians. Please see Father for details. ***The Church opposes cremation; we cannot celebrate funerals for cremations.***

PRAYER LIST

Above all, we are a praying community. Keep this list in your prayer corner, and in your daily prayers, remember our Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Newly Baptized Anastasia VanLare; Catechumen Mary Ann Paprocki; Adriana Szpynda, recovering from surgery; Paul “PJ” Sulich; Christina McDonald; Mary Smith; Fr. John Tkachuk; the child David; newborn Micah Needham, Elena King; Ludmila Branzow; Katherine & newborn Gabriel Brasowski; Natasha Harris; Nathan Orsini; Olga Ptach; Suzanne Gee; Peter Tymus, Jr.; Matthew & Malek, traveling in the Middle East; Dorothy Vernak; Nikolette Katechis; John Loving; Mat. Leanne Parrott and the child to be born to her; Nicholas Washenko; Maryanne Nolan; His Eminence, Archbishop Seraphim; George Miroshnikov & Madeline Loving, Jason Vitale & Kimberly Ovsag, Paul Stewart & Natalia Maidenco, and all those preparing for marriage; Kevin Kuzmenko; Shawn Malone; Metropolitan Paul and Bishop Gregorios, Vera Bullock; John & Julia Wislocki; Schuyler Perry; Doris Morin; Kelly Ray; Justin Solak; Carmen Fesh; Deborah Chaiko; Anne Kakos, Kay Baker (Anne’s sister); Vitaliy Khutko; Malcolm Kirkpatrick; Inga Serniak; Nikolai & Nadezhda Solidnov; Kathleen Nolan; the priests Frs. Leonid Kishkovsky, John Pawelchak, Herman Schick, Ken James Stavrevsky, Daniel Degyansky, Michael Koblosh, Stephen Mack; PDns. Peter Skoog & Michael Sochka; Alvin; Ann Belchyk; Aleksandra Borzova; Helen Delandri; Helen Dempsey; Olga Jaworski; Olga Juck; Mary Kalakuka; Mary Kantor; Daria Krawchuk; Olga Pavelchak; Stephanie Phillips; Tekla Rzyzyk; Mat. Juliana Schmemann; Zena Weshta; all those confined to hospitals, nursing homes, and their own homes due to illness; for all soldiers, especially Jorge; widows, orphans, prisoners, victims of violence, and refugees, especially in Iraq, Syria, Egypt, and the Ukraine; all those suffering chronic illness, financial hardship, loneliness, addiction, abuse, abandonment and despair; all Orthodox seminarians and their families; all Orthodox monks, nuns and all those considering the monastic life; all Orthodox missionaries and their families; all those named Joseph, David & James on this Feast.

For blessed repose for the souls of: Newly departed Helen Waryha (+12/14); Charles Brown (+12/6); Melinda Butler; the ever-memorable Vladimir & Vira and all those named Joseph, David & James; and all departed this life in hope of the Resurrection.

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, to Protodeacon John, or to an Altar Server. Typically, names remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Those confined to hospitals or homes, or suffering chronic illnesses, remain on the list.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS – our parish sons & daughters, OCF chapter members, AND those at nearby colleges who make HTO their spiritual home away from home!

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| Joe Giamarra | George Miroshnikov | Matt Skalski |
| Megan Jones | Kamille Perry | Alexandra Solak |
| Kaydee Kowalczyk | Schuyler Perry | Nick Thanasias |
| Dan Kozak | Roman Piwinski | Monika Wislocki |
| Peter Kreatsoulas | Amanda Rzyzyk | |

Please tell Fr. David if there are any errors or omissions on this list.