

**Russian Orthodox Church of the  
Resurrection of Christ**

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**Schedule for the Week of January 10 - 16, 2010**

Sunday Jan 10	Sunday after Nativity Святых Богоотец
Wednesday Jan 13	6:30 PM Vigil
Thursday Jan 14	Church New Year / Circumcision of the Lord 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия 6:30 PM Vigil
Friday Jan 15	St. Seraphim 9:00 AM Service
Saturday Jan 16	Saturday before Theophany 5:30 PM Vigil
Sunday Jan 17	Forefeast of Theophany Предпр. Богоявления 8:30 AM Confessions, Nocturns 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия
Monday Jan 18	6:30 PM Vigil
Tuesday Jan 19	Theophany / Св. Богоявление 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия

**Святой Иосиф обручник**

Иосиф Обручник – обрученный муж Пресвятой Девы Марии. Он по прямой линии происходил из рода царя Давида, но находился в бедности и, проживая в глухом Назарете, занимался плотничеством. О жизни его, кроме обстоятельств рождения Христа, известно мало, хотя апокрифическая, т.е. не принятая Церковью в канон Священного Писания, литература и пытается восполнить этот пробел. По-видимому, он скончался вскоре после посещения Иерусалима с 12-летним Иисусом Христом, так как о нем после того уже не упоминается. Под его именем известно апокрифическое евангелие «История Иосифа плотника».

*Our Sincerest*

***Thank You!***

*To all of you who worked to provide such a beautiful Christmas Celebration this year –*

*The decorators of the church, the singers, the altar services, the sisterhood for their work in preparing the most delicious repast following the service, and for those who loyally remained behind afterward to accomplish the clean-up work.*

*Your efforts are all very much appreciated. Through your efforts and help, may the Lord bless you with a most joyous nativity season, and an upcoming peaceful and prosperous new year!*

*Fr. John and brotherhood*

**Христиане славят Бога Троицу**

«Слава Отцу и Сыну и Святому Духу» -- вот слова, которые постоянно повторяются в Церкви. «Благословенно Царство Отца и Сына и Святого Духа», -- возглашает священнослужитель в начале Божественной Литургии.

В Святой Церкви мы живем в Царстве Пресвятой Троицы. И в Пресвятой Троице – наша жизнь. Поэтому неудивительно, что наша высшая радость, ощущение и сознание полноты жизни выражаются хвалой Прествой Троице.

Если же мы не всегда радуемся, вознося эту хвалу, то потому, что мы далеки от полноты совершенной жизни и недостаточно сознаем, что источник ее есть Пресвятая Троица.  
(*Епископ Александр*)

On the Sunday after the Nativity of Christ we celebrate the Memorial of the Kinsmen of the Lord: The Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, Prophet King David and James, Brother of the Lord.

Righteous Joseph the Betrothed was descended from the lineage of Prophet King David. In his first marriage with Salome (Solomon), he had four sons and two daughters. Having become a widower, Righteous Joseph led a life of strict temperance. As an eighty-year old elder, he was chosen by the high priests to be the protector of the virginity of the All-holy Theotokos, for she had made a vow of virginity. An Angel announced to him the Incarnation through her of the Son of God. Saint Joseph was present during the worship of the newborn Divine-Infant by the shepherds and also by the Magi. On the orders of the Angel, he fled with the Theotokos and the God-Infant Jesus into Egypt, thereby saving them from the wrath of wretched King Herod. In Egypt he lived with the Ever-virgin Mary and the God-Infant, earning his livelihood working as a carpenter. Saint Joseph reposed at about one hundred years old. He is commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity of Christ and also on the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (the Sunday between the 11th and 17th of December).

The Holy Prophet King David was a forefather by flesh of our Lord Jesus Christ. The youngest son of Jesse, in his youth Prophet David shepherded a flock of sheep that belonged to his father. He was distinguished by his deep faith and he zealously fulfilled the will of God. Thus, during the time of an invasion of the Philistines, he vanquished in single combat the giant Goliath, which decided the outcome of the war in favor of the Israelite people. Having endured many wrongs from King Saul, who saw him as a favorite of the people and his rival also, Prophet David displayed his own decency and magnanimity. Twice having had the possibility to kill King Saul, he did not. After King Saul and his son perished, Prophet David was proclaimed the king of the southern part of the Israelite realm, and after the killing of the second son of Saul, he became king of all Israel. He built a new capital,

Jerusalem (“the City of Peace”), and in it, a new tabernacle. His great wish to build together with the tabernacle a temple was not realized. It was predicted to him, that his son would build the temple. The life of Prophet King David was darkened by a grievous falling--he took for himself the wife of Uriah and he sent Uriah to his death in battle. But he also gave example of great repentance, humbly and with faith bearing to the uttermost the sorrows sent in punishment for the sins committed. The Holy Prophet gave a model for repentance in Psalm 50. Prophet King David reposed in extreme old age with steadfast faith of the coming into the world of the promised Divine Redeemer--the Messiah--our Lord Jesus Christ. In Divine Services and personal prayers his Divinely-inspired Psalter or Book of Psalms is widely used. In the Holy Scriptures, the Books of Kings and Chronicles tell about him. The Holy Prophet King David is commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity of Christ and on the Sunday of the Holy Forefathers (the Sunday between the 11th and 17th of December).

The Holy Apostle James, Brother of the Lord, was the eldest son of Joseph the Betrothed from his first marriage with Solomon. The Holy Apostle James is remembered in the holy days after the feast of the Nativity of Christ together with his father, Joseph, and the Prophet King David, since by tradition, he accompanied the Holy Family during the Flight into Egypt. There he dwelt with the God-Infant Jesus, the Theotokos and Joseph, helping them. Afterwards, he returned with them to Israel. After the Ascension of the Lord, the Holy Apostle James was the first bishop of Jerusalem, gaining the great esteem not only of Christians but also among Jews. He accepted a martyr's death for Christ. They threw him off the roof of the Jerusalem Temple since he had publicly preached to the people about the God-manhood of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Apostle James is commemorated on the Sunday after the Nativity of Christ and also on October 23, his primary feast day.

Through the prayers of the Holy Kinsmen of the Lord--the Holy and Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, Prophet King David and James, Brother of the Lord--Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen. (*from the Synaxarion*)