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**Schedule for the Week of January 13 - 20, 2008**

Sunday Jan 13	Sunday after Nativity 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия 6:00 PM Vigil
<b>Monday Jan 14</b>	<b>Circumcision of the Lord, St. Basil the Great 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy / Литургия</b>
Tuesday Jan 15	St. Seraphim of Sarov 9:00 AM Service
<b>Friday Jan 18</b>	<b>Forefeast of Theophany 9:00 AM – Royal Hours, Vesperal Liturgy, Blessing of Water 6:30 PM Festal Vigil</b>
<b>Saturday Jan 19</b>	<b>Theophany of the Lord / Крещение Господня 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy &amp; Blessing Of Water</b>
<b>Sunday Jan 20</b>	<b>Afterfeast of Theophany 8:30 AM Nocturns, Confessions 9:00 AM Liturgy / Литургия</b>

**Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos  
(26 Dec/8 Jan.)**

The Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos: On the second day of the feast, the Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos is celebrated. Combining the hymns of the Nativity with those celebrating the Mother of God, the Church points to Mary as the one through whom the Incarnation was made possible. His humanity - concretely and historically - is the humanity He received from Mary. His body is, first of all, her body. His life is her life. This feast, the assembly in honor of the Theotokos, is probably the most ancient feast of Mary in the Christian tradition, the very beginning of her veneration by the Church.

**Holy Righteous Joseph the Betrothed, along with  
David the King, and James the Brother of the  
Lord (Sunday after Nativity)**

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.

**Holy Righteous James the Brother of the Lord,  
along with Joseph the Betrothed, and David the  
King (Sunday after Nativity)**

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.