

## CHRISTMAS BIRTH OF OUR LORD

December 25, 2022

**Saturday, December 24th**

**5:00pm Vespers Liturgy CHRISTMAS**

*Intention: Parishioners of Our Lady of Wisdom*

**Sunday, December 25th CHRISTMAS**

**10:10am Third Hour**

**10:30am Divine Liturgy**

*Intention: Parishioners of Our Lady of Wisdom*

**Monday, December 26th**

**6:00am Jesus Prayer**

**8:00am Divine Liturgy SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS**

*Intention: Gary Atkin*

**4:00pm Vespers (for Stephen Protomartyr)**

**Tuesday, December 27th**

**6:00am Jesus Prayer**

**11:00am Divine Liturgy PROTOMARTYR STEPHEN**

*Intention: +Fr. Stephen Casmus*

**Wednesday, December 28th**

**6:00am Jesus Prayer**

**Thursday, December 29th**

**No Service**

**Friday, December 30th**

**No Service**

**Saturday, December 31st**

**5:00pm Vespers Liturgy SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY  
CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**

*Intention: Parishioners of Our Lady of Wisdom*

**Sunday, January 1st SUNDAY BEFORE THEOPHANY  
CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**

**10:10am Third Hour**

**10:30am Divine Liturgy**

*Intention: Parishioners of Our Lady of Wisdom*

**24th – SS. Eugenia**, Venerable Martyr, and her two slaves, **Protus and Hyacinth**, by whom she was converted to Christianity. She was put to death in prison at Rome on Christmas Day A.D. 257, in the reign of Valerian, Emperor.

**25th – The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, or “Christmas Day.”** The Eastern Church accepted this great Feast Day from the Western Church in the 4th century.

**26th – Synaxis of the Most Holy Mother of God and St. Joseph her Spouse.** The flight of the Holy Family into Egypt is commemorated this day. St. Joseph was the Foster-Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Beyond what we learn of him from Holy Scripture, the facts of his life are unknown to us. St. Euthymius, Priest-Martyr, Bishop of Sardis in Lydia. After repeated banishments for his opposition to the Iconoclasts, he was scourged to death A.D. 840, under the Emperor Theophilus.

**27th – St. Stephen**, Protomartyr, Apostle and Archdeacon, was the first of the Seven Deacons, and also the first of the Christian Martyrs. He was stoned to death A.D. 33, by the Jews (Acts 7.58). Our Venerable Father and Confessor, Theodore, brother of St. Theophanes, and composer of the Canons. For his opposition to the Iconoclasts. Theodore was imprisoned where he died, A.D. 842.

**28th – SS. 20,000 Martyrs in Nicomedia**, who were burned to death in church on Christmas Day A.D. 286, during the reign of Diocletian and Maximian, Emperors.

**29th – The Holy Innocents**, 14,000 in number, in Bethlehem and within the borders of Judea, put to death for Jesus Christ by the order of King Herod. Our Venerable Father, Marcellus, HegumenAbbot of the monastic order of the Acoemetes, so named because they recited their Divine Office day and night without interruption. He died about A.D. 485.

**30th – St. Anysia**, a Christian woman, was arrested at Thessalonica when she entered the city to attend the meeting of the Faithful and was put to death A.D. 304, in the reign of the Emperor Maximian Galerius. — Venerable Zoticus, a holy priest of Rome, who went to Constantinople where he established hospitals and havens of refuge for poor A.D. 344.

**ADULT EDUCATION** is held each Sunday morning from 9:30am until 10:10am, we will study the work of St. Ignatius, which teaches us the orthodox approach to theology, Bible Study, and the spiritual life.

**BIBLE STUDY** for women will resume Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 5:00pm in the Parish Hall. **BIBLE STUDY** for men will resume Friday, January 6, 2023 at 6:00pm.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to our parishioners who celebrate birthdays this week: Mary Albert, December 27; Claire Lynott, December 28. *God Grant You Many Happy Blessed Years!*

**SYNAXIS OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS AND HER FLIGHT INTO EGYPT** The Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos is probably the most ancient of Her feasts, dating from the 5th century. It later became the model for other Synaxis. By the Synaxis, or the day following the feast, we honor the person whom God chose to be the means for accomplishing His Plan. The flight to Egypt took place when an Angel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that King Herod was soon going to send soldiers into the district to look for the Christ to kill Him and he urged him to flee.

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