

HOLY RIGHTEOUS DAVID THE KING

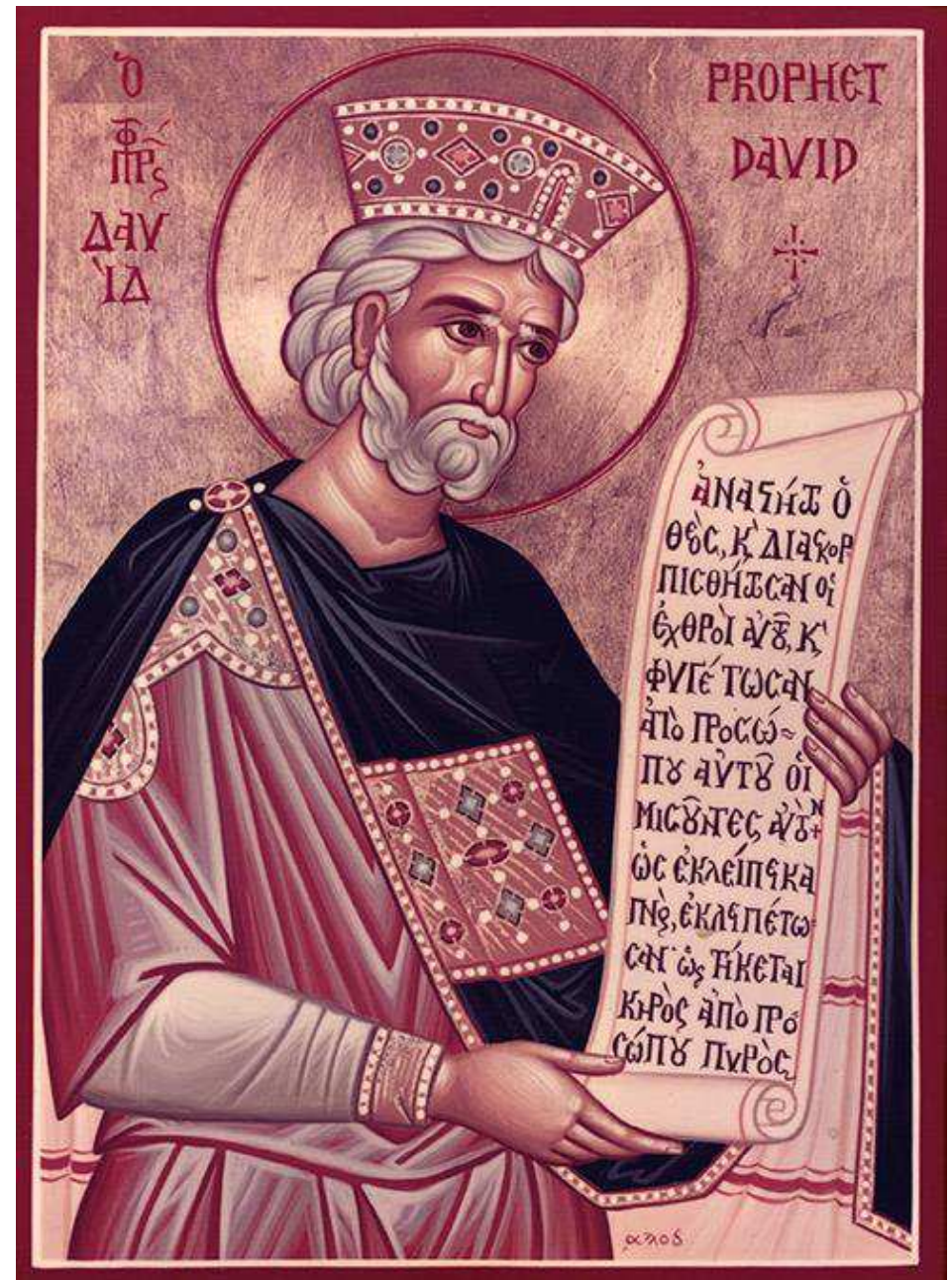
The Holy Prophet-King David was a forefather of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh. The youngest son of Jesse, David shepherded a flock of sheep belonging to his father. He was distinguished by his deep faith, and he zealously fulfilled the will of God.

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. However, 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.)

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DECEMBER 31, 2017

THIRTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday After the Nativity of Christ

*Holy Righteous Ones: Joseph the Betrothed,
David the King, and James the Brother of the Lord*

Ven. Melania the Younger of Rome;

Ven. Chiriacos of Bisericani; Ven. Chiriacos of Tazlu;

New Hieromartyrs Thaddæus, Archbishop of Tver' and Nikolai, Archbishop of Velikii Ustiúg

“You ardently loved the purity of virginity, and with gentle words you convinced your husband to join you in the angelic life. So you both dedicated your wealth to encourage monastic life throughout the world, building monasteries for monks and nuns in many places. Now that you enjoy the eternal monastery in heaven above, O holy mother, Melania, do not forget us here below.”

Troparion, Tone VIII

TODAY'S EPISTLE: GALATIANS 1:11-19

TODAY'S GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:13-23

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Monday, January 1	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy— The Circumcision of our Lord
Friday, January 5	6:00 p.m. Vigil of the Theophany
Saturday, January 6	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - HOLY THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD Blessing of Waters
	Noon Baptism of Symeon Joachim, son of Jacob and Angela Oetama-Paul
	5:00 p.m. Great Vespers

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, January 1 (Circumcision)	II Timothy 4:5-8 Colossians 2:8-12	Mark 1:1-8 Luke 2:20-21,40-52
Tuesday, January 2 (St. Seraphim of Sarov)	Hebrews 12:25-26; 13:22-25 Galatians 5:22-6:2	Mark 8:22-26 Luke 6:17-23
Wednesday, January 3	James 1:1-18	Mark 8:30-34
Thursday, January 4	James 1:19-27	Mark 9:10-16
Friday, January 5 (Blessing of Waters)	I Corinthians 9:19-27 I Corinthians 10:1-4	Luke 3:1-18 Mark 1:9-11
Saturday, January 6	Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7	Matthew 3:13-17

ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY:

- 8, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 14, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale
- 21, Sunday 6:00 p.m. Service of Supplication at St. Innocent Church
- 28, Sunday Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

FEBRUARY:

- 1, Thursday 6:30 p.m. IOCC European Wine Tasting

PRAY FOR THE UNBORN:

There will be a Service of Supplication for the unborn on Sunday, January 21, 6:00 p.m., at St. Innocent Church.

DONATION ENVELOPES:

Boxes of Donation Envelopes for 2018 have been labelled with your name and are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up your box.

BOOK CIRCLE:

The St. Elizabeth Book Circle will meet Monday, January 8, at 12:30 p.m. We will complete reading The Winter Pascha by Fr. Thomas Hopko, pages 127-183. All are welcome.

EUROPEAN WINE TASTING:

IOCC Cleveland is hosting a Wine Tasting on Thursday, February 1 at the Copperstone Event Center. Doors open at 6:30; dinner is served at 7:00. There will be live music. Tickets are \$50. All are invited to enjoy a taste of European wine and learn about IOCC's work around the world.

GREETERS NEEDED:

We are looking for new people to become greeters. If you are interested, contact Alex Cundik at 440-877-1980 or email ajcundik@cox.net

HOUSE BLESSINGS:

Father Alexander will be blessing homes during the Epiphany season. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you would like your home blessed; or call the church office at 216-524-4859 and leave your name, address, and phone number. Father will contact you regarding the date and time for your home blessing.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE:

Please keep in mind our monthly fundraising event to aid our General Fund. The next sale will be January 14; plan to donate your specialty homemade goods.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

If you would like to offer Trinitarian covers in 2018, sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$8; \$20 for Pascha, Christmas, or special-order covers.

SAVE THE DATE:

Plan to join your HTOC family on Sunday, Jan. 28, for the Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner.

COFFEE HOUR:

Many thanks to recent donors of refreshments for our weekly Coffee Hour: Mary Ann Moga, Kapitan Family, Griebel Family, Svilar Family, Table of 8, Diane Hastings, Stoyka Family, Table 1, Pauline Smolarchuk, Alex Cundik.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, DECEMBER 24	\$ 3967.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	1065.00
BUILDING FUND	130.00
MORTGAGE FUND	175.00
CANDLES	138.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	81.00
IN MEMORY OF FATHER JOHN KLEMBARA	50.00
IN MEMORY OF JOHN HOLODNAK	10.00
LOCAL CHARITIES	30.00



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2017 NATIVITY MESSAGE OF BISHOP PAUL

Beloved Clergy, Monastics and Faithful of the Diocese of the Midwest,

I am not particularly happy to admit it, but, I love watching TV shows on my computer, usually the three major networks. I recently watched the Christmas episode of the TV show *Bull*, which had the corny plotline of a daughter who wanted to “divorce” her father because he was too busy with his job, and was neglectful. The father had a nanny take care of her, and he would come home at early hours in the morning because of his work. The mother had died several years before. This is why the father immersed himself in his job even more—as way of coping with her death. Well, by the end of the show, the dad became more human, and repented of his poor behavior towards his daughter. They reconciled in a way that was touching, and left me crying. What? A bishop who cries over a corny plotline? What gives? Well, this corny plotline reminded me of some words of St. Gregory the Theologian on the Incarnation:

On the other hand, for us He (the Son of God) later comes into being, that the One Who has given us being might also grant us well-being; or rather that, as we fell from well-being through evil, He might bring us back again to Himself through incarnation.

The story that plays out in the above plotline of *Bull* is the story of many of us. We find ourselves alienated from our Maker, from our loved ones, our friends, our spouses and children and people in general. In our pursuit of the self-centered idols of this world—financial security, wealth, the good life, and worldly knowledge—we have lost sight of what it means to be a human being made in God’s image and called to grow into His likeness. The Incarnation of the Lord, in which God becomes man, is the answer to this alienation and estrangement.

Come to the Cave where Christ is born, and see what it means to be a human being! As we ponder who we are, in coming to know this newborn child, it will teach us something about what we mean to each other. God becomes man to show us the way of self-emptying love that will take Him to a Cross. It is this Cross that will take a heart of stone and make it into heart of flesh. This is what happened to the girl and her father in the corny plotline. May we embrace that corny plotline and see it fulfilled in us as we enter the Cave to ponder this great mystery that is set before us.

Christ is Born! Glorify Him!

With love in Christ, the unworthy

Paul
Bishop of Chicago and the Midwest

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JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 The Circumcision of our Lord 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	2	3	4	5 Eve of Theophany Strict Fast Day 6:00 p.m. Vigil	6 Holy Theophany of our Lord 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy; Blessing / Waters 5:00 Vespers;
7 31st Sunday after Pentecost Synaxis of Forerunner and Baptist John	8 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting	9	10	11	12	13 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
14 32d Sunday after Pentecost Leavetaking Of the Theophany Second Sunday Food Sale	15	16	17	18	19	20 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers
21 33d Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of Zacchæus	22	23	24	25	26	27 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers; Confessions
28 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE	29 T H I S	30 A	31 F	T - F R E E W E E K .		