



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of December 20 - 26, 2015 ❖ 29th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday before the Nativity - Sunday of the Holy Fathers ❖ Tone 4*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

BRETHREN: By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was *[OVER]*

DAILY READINGS:

Dec 21st
Heb. 8:7-13
Mark 9:42-10:1
Dec 22nd
Heb. 9:8-10, 15-23
Mark 10:2-12
Dec 23rd
Heb. 10:1-18
Mark 10:11-16
Dec 24th
Heb. 1:1-12
Luke 2:1-20
Dec 25th
Gal. 4:4-7
Matt. 2:1-12
Dec 26th
1 Tim. 6:11-16
Matt. 2:13-23

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 20th
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
 Coffee Hour

Tuesday, December 22nd
 Confession 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24th
Festal Matins & Divine Liturgy 11:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25th
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Fast Free Festal Season
 December 25th - January 4th

Saturday, December 26th
 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.
 Confession

Sunday, December 27th
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
 Coffee Hour

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 20
 Greeter: Mat. Melanie
 Cleaning: Veek
 Coffee: Bartos

Sunday December 27
 Greeter: Mat. Melanie
 Cleaning: Veek
 Coffee: Koles

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 2,822
 YTD:\$138,356 **[87.0%]**
 YTD Goal:\$158,775.00
 (50wks) [\$ 3175.50/wk]

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spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆Friday, December 25th: Nativity of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ
Christmas Matins & Divine Liturgy 11:00 p.m.

◆Catch-up Sundays & 2016 Pledge:
We have only 2 weeks remaining to completed our financial commitment in 2015. We see that our Pledge/Weekly contributions are only at 87.0% of what is hoped for. Our Finance Committee had requested everyone to return their 2016 Pledge Form by **Sunday, December 6th**. As of now we have received 33 of a possible 69 forms, around 48%.

[a reminder: in order to vote at the Annual Meeting a pledge form must be received]



◆Elections: We are in need of a number of people to fill 3 vacancies on the Parish Council including the Warden, Auditor & Member-at-large, together with the Cemetery Committee Chairman and Diocesan Assembly Representative (Springfield, MA 10/28-29). Prayerfully consider your stewardship to our parish and step up when asked to serve by the Nomination Committee.

◆Coffee Hour: The NEW 2016 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board. Also we are in need of someone to be the Coordinator to replace the Bartos'.
Can you help??!



"For the sick and suffering"

Megan Bartos
Catherine Szeztakow
Child Eleanor Parnell

John Steffick
Alla Hamisevich

Archpriest Paul Lazor
Priest Michael Shuster (Holy Trinity Church, Spring Hill, FL)
Mat. Susanne Senyo (cancer - Pittsburgh, PA. schoolmate of Fr. David)

Mat. Mary Balmer (St Raphael Church, Inverness, FL)

Mat. Elizabeth Bacon (Chelsea, MA)
Mat. Mara Burns (Ansonia, CT)
Gregory Shesko (cancer - Maynard, MA)
John Delaney (Husband of Rosemary Delaney)
Kathy Collins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Leslie Nutthall (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Paul Sulich (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

David Nutthall (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Thomas Kirby (kidney failure - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Eddie Simon (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Helen Skrobat (Mother of John Skrobat)
Marie Machado (cancer - rehab)
Cindy Eastman (Sister of Phyllis Bartos)
Polly Gunther (Friend of Phyllis Bartos)
Catherine Williamson (Daughter of Steve Bradford)

Thomas Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)
Christine Stoj (Friend of the Bichun's)
Charles Casciotta (Friend of the Bichun's)
Laura Bashar (Friend of the Bichun's)
Justin Holmes (Friend of the Bichun's)
Fran Covaleski (Friend of the Bichun's)

..... and all those shut-in and in Nursing Homes!

Newly Departed: Virginia [Molchan] Friedle [Nov 22]

ВЪЧНАА ПАМАТЬ

◆Men's Club Lotto -

33 Rebecca Ahern

Support the Men's Club
Special Projects Fund!!

◆The December monthly charity collection is for St. Juvenaly Church, Wasilla, Alaska.

On July 29th, 2012 the service Founding of a New Church was celebrated. We are the new Orthodox church in Wasilla Alaska. The church is now established and we are committed to bringing the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all here in the Valley. Construction of the church is finally nearing completion and we are now working on collecting funds for our church dome. Any assistance in beautifying our church would be greatly appreciated!



Visit their website at:
www.stjuvenalywasilla.org

Or their "Go Fund Me" page at:
www.gofundme.com/qf62kphk

The collection will be taken NEXT week, the last Sunday of the month. Please use the envelope

Gerri Harbor (Friend of the Bichun's)
Olga Blasko (Cousin of Antoinette Rudy)
Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)
Marc D'Antonio (Brother of Diane Karabin)
Gregory Savoie (Friend of the Santoro's)
Richard Kusmirek (Friend of the Santoro's)
Daniel Poproski (Nephew of Ellen Santoro)
Stephen Kearing (surgery - Brother of Jillian Wanik)
Mary Presta (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
Matthew Murphy (Nephew of Marie Shimchick)
Camille Fusco (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
James Fisher (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
Frank Lozis (Brother-in-law of Diane Dounouk)
child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)
Bruce McCallum (Parkinson's - Father of Rebecca McCallum)
Gloria DeMartino (Grandmother of Jen Belonick)
Steven Belonick (Grandfather of Daniel Belonick)
Andrew Veek (Grandfather of Brian Veek)
Alexandra Hopko (in-operable tumors - Sister of Fr. John Hopko)
Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Terryville)
Jennifer Ganley (MS - Friend of Chris Dresko)

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo, Syria.

provided in your monthly mailing and be generous!!

◆Future Dates:

Wednesday, January 6th: Epiphany / Theophany of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ Festal Vespertal Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water Tuesday, January 5th 6:10 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6th - Friday, January 22nd: Home Blessing!!!

Monday, January 18th: Parish Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 30th: General Confession
Sunday, January 31st:

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday, February 1st: Festal Vespertal Liturgy & Blessing of Candles for the Great Feast of

December Finances

Income: \$ 8,072.00
Expense: \$ 8,476.66
Exp/Inc: \$ -404.66

Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 148,238.71
Expense: \$ 156,583.05
Exp/Inc: \$ -8,344.34