



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of December 23 - 29, 2012 ❖ 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, *[OVER]*

## DAILY READINGS:

Dec 24th  
*Heb. 1:1-12*  
*Luke 2:1-20*  
 Dec 25th  
*Gal. 4:4-7*  
*Matt. 2:1-12*  
 Dec 26th  
*Heb. 2:11-18*  
*Matt. 2:13-23*  
 Dec 27th  
*Heb. 10:35-11:7*  
*Mark 11:27-33*  
 Dec 28th  
*Heb. 11:8, 11-16*  
*Mark 12:1-12*  
 Dec 29th  
*Eph. 5:1-8*  
*Luke 17:3-10*

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 23rd  
 Church School 8:30 a.m.  
 Hierarchal Divine Liturgy &  
 Ordination 9:00 a.m.  
 Coffee Hour -

Monday, December 24th  
**EVE OF THE NATIVITY**  
 Vesperal Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
 Compline & Matins **4:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, December 25th  
**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**  
 Festal Divine Liturgy **9:30 a.m.**

**Fast Free Festal Season**  
 December 25th - January 4th

Saturday, December 29th  
 ??Possible Christmas Caroling??  
 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.  
 Confession

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 23rd	Sunday December 30th
Greeter: R. Delaney	Greeter: R. Delaney
Cleaning: ? ? ?	Cleaning: ? ? ?
Coffee: Koles/Everson	Coffee: Kokus

## Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 1,540  
 YTD:\$129,281[85.7%]  
 YTD Goal:\$150,807.00  
 (51 wks) [\$ 2957.00/wk]

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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 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 first-born Son. And he called His name JESUS.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **Cleaners & Greeters:** The Cleaners List for December 2012 - February 2013 is on the bulletin board waiting for you to sign-up to beautify OUR church!

**We need people for December!**  
 Greeters List for the first half of 2013 is also available for your participation.

◆ **Catch-up Sundays:** With only 2 weeks remaining in 2012 it is time to look at our pledge and make sure we are close to 100%. In the November Newsletter our 2013 pledge form is enclosed. It is time to look toward next year and fill out that pledge form.

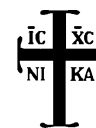
## *"For the sick and suffering"*

Megan Bartos  
 Leonid Matyschysk  
 Archpriest Paul Lazor  
 Archpriest William DuBovik (All Saints, Hartford)  
 Pam (Paraskeva) Parsons (stroke - PC President & Choir Director; Ss P&P, Springfield, MA)  
 child Timothy Armstrong Jr. (Great-nephew of Ann Myszka)  
 Patricia Minter (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)  
 Jennifer Akerley (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)  
 Robin Prince (Cousin of John Delaney)  
 Helen Skrobat (Mother of John Skrobat)  
 Sonya Bartos (Mother of David Bartos)  
 Nancy McGuire (surgery - Sister of Paul Sachok)  
 Jean O'keefe (Friend of Ewa Zagorska)  
 Faith O'keefe (Friend of Ewa Zagorska)  
 child Dalton Deack (Friend of Ewa Zagorska)  
 Halina Kretowska (Mother of Ewa Zagorska)  
 Christine Stoj (Friend of the Bichun's)  
 Thomas Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)  
 child Justin Holmes (Friend of the Bichun's)  
 Haralamvos Vrakas (Husband of Anne-Christine Vrakas)  
 Krista Nordmark (cancer - Friend of Laura Burrill)  
 Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)  
 Lorraine Lynch (Mother-in-law of Peter Anop)

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

## Newly Departed:

His Beatitude, Patriarch Ignatius of Antioch & all the East [Dec 5]  
 Archpriest Michael Mihalick [Dec 10] (Johnstown, PA)  
 Jerrold Everson [Nov 20] (Brother-in-law of Jennie Everson)  
 Julie Marfia [Nov 24] (Friend of Margaret Wagner)  
 Avril LaCouer [Nov 25] (Friend of Marie Shimchick)



◆ **The December monthly charity collection is for the St. Elizabeth the New Martyr Monastery, Minsk, Belarus.**

The main objective of the convent and sisterhood is to provide spiritual and social help to the sick and suffering.



The collection will be taken NEXT Sunday, the last Sunday of the month. You may donate early by using the envelope provided in your monthly mailing. PLEASE be generous!!

◆ **Men's Club Lotto -**

# 38 Adam Salina

**Support the Men's Club Special Projects Fund!!**

Sign up today!!!

child Isabelle Negron (Friend of Larissa Rembisz)  
 Raymond Bargielski (cancer - Friend of Nelson & Arlene Potter)  
 David Hull (cancer - Physician of Arlene Potter)  
 JoAnn Hensley (stroke - Friend of Jennie Everson)  
 Dorothy Ludko (Friend of Barbara Raymond)  
 child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)  
 John Ludko (stroke - Brother of George Ludko)  
 Louise Shimchick (recovery from surgery - Aunt of Marie Shimchick)  
 Bruce McCallum (Parkinson's - Father of Rebecca McCallum)  
 Ronald Schmitt (stroke - Friend of Jennie Everson & Paul Culton)  
 Rose Vukotich (cancer - Grandmother of Dr. Tessa Balach)  
 Steven Belonick (Grandfather of Daniel Belonick)  
 Ann Belonick (Grandmother of Daniel Belonick)  
 Alexandra Hopko (in-operable tumors - Sister of Fr. John Hopko)  
 Tatiana Leardi (Friend of the Koles - Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Terryville)  
 Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Terryville)  
 Donna Kriniske (recovery from brain surgery - Cousin of Matushka Melanie)  
 Sue Spadjinske (lung cancer - Colleague of Chris Dresko)  
 Lisa Baker (breast cancer - Wife of Brian Baker)

◆ **Future Dates:**

**Theophany/Epiphany Services:** Saturday, January 5, 2013 - Festal Great Vespers w/ Litya 5:00 p.m.; Sunday, January 6, 2013 - Festal Divine Liturgy and the Great Blessing of Waters 9:00 a.m.

**Home blessing** January 7 - 16, 2013.

**Parish Council:** Monday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m.

**Men's Club Annual Meeting & Lunch:** Sunday, January 20th following Divine Liturgy & Coffee hour.

**Annual Meeting:** Sunday, January 27th following Divine Liturgy & Coffee hour.

### December Finances

Income: \$10,651.62  
 Expense: \$ 9,612.01  
 Inc/Exp: \$ 1,039.61

### Year to Date

Income: \$ 144,053.33  
 Expense: \$ 167,876.41  
 Exp/Inc: \$ -23,823.08