



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of January 1 - 7, 2017 ❖ 28th Sunday after Pentecost ❖ Tone 3  
Sunday Before Theophany ❖ The Circumcision of the Lord ❖ St. Basil the Great*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### *2 Timothy 4:5-8 & Colossians 2:8-12*

**MY SON TIMOTHY:** Be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**BRETHREN:** Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

### *Mark 1:1-8 & Luke 2:20-21,40-52*

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You." The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.' "John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate

locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

**AT THAT TIME:** the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them. And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

## DAILY READINGS:

### January 2nd

Heb. 3:5-11, 17-19

Mark 12:13-17

### January 3rd

Heb. 4:1-13

Mark 12:18-27

### January 4th

Heb. 5:11-6:8

Mark 12:28-37

### January 5th

Heb. 7:1-6

Mark 12:38-44

### January 6th

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Matt 3:13-17

### January 7th

Eph. 2:11-13

Luke 18:2-8

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, January 1st

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour -

*Fast, Free: Dec 25 - Jan 4*

### Thursday, January 5th

Festal Vesperal Liturgy &

Great Blessing of Water

6:00 p.m.

### Friday, January 6th

**THEOPHANY OF OUR LORD**

Beginning of House Blessing

January 6th - 25th

### Saturday, January 7th

Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Confession

### Sunday, January 8th

Church School 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour -

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday January 1

Greeter: Novikov

Cleaning: Cleaning Committee

Coffee: Koles

Sunday January 8

Greeter: Novikov

Cleaning: Cleaning Committee

Coffee: Belonick

## Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 1,586

YTD:\$143,085 **[97.5%]**

YTD Goal:\$146,753.00

(52 wks) [\$ 2822.00/wk]

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ◆Great Feast of Epiphany /

**Theophany:** Festal Vespertal Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Water, Thursday, January 5th, 6:00 p.m.

◆**Home Blessing:** Please check the bulletin board or monthly Newsletter which has the proposed Home Blessing schedule. Let Fr. David know if there is a conflict. Also, if your name is **not** on the list, and you want it added, it will be joyfully added.

### ◆Elections: We are in need

of a number of people to fill vacancies on the Parish Council such as Asst. Treasurer, Auditor, Diocesan Assembly representative (and especially to take over Financial Secretary & Treasurer in the future). Prayerfully consider your stewardship to our parish and step up when asked to serve by the Nomination Committee.



◆**Coffee Hour:** The NEW 2017 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board.



◆**Greeters:** Greeters List for the first half of 2017 is available for your participation.

### ◆ Three Kings Day

**collection:** See Matushka Melanie if you can help with toys for our neighbor children.



◆**Parish Council:** The last meeting of the 2016 council will be Monday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m.

◆**Annual Meetings:** Both Sisterhood and Men's Club will hold their meetings on Sunday, January 22nd after coffee hour.

## "For the sick and suffering"

Megan Bartos Stock Catherine Szeszakow  
Nicholas Hamisevicz Elizabeth Beck  
Jennie (Eugenia) Pich Child Eleanor Parnell

Archpriest Paul Lazor (recovery - surgery)  
Archpriest Steven Belonick (Holy Ghost Church, Bridgeport, CT)  
Priest Michael Shuster (Holy Trinity Church, Spring Hill, FL)  
Mat. Susanne Senyo (cancer - Pittsburgh, PA. schoolmate of Fr. David)  
Mat. Laryssa Hutnyan (ovarian cancer - Sagamore Hills, Ohio)  
Veronika Dubnansky (recovery: liver transplant - Grand-daughter of Raisa Shafran)  
Gregory Shesko (cancer - Maynard, MA)  
John Delaney (Husband of Rosemary Delaney)  
Kathy Collins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)  
Anne Healey (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)  
Thomas Kirby (kidney failure - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)  
Daniel DeRosa (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)  
John Skrobat (surgery/recovery: Brother-in-law of Rosemary Delaney)  
Cindy Eastman (Sister of Phyllis Bartos)  
Polly Gunther (Friend of Phyllis Bartos)  
Catherine Williamson (Daughter of Steve Bradford)  
Thomas Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)  
Justin Holmes (Friend of the Bichun's)  
child Blake Curtis (Great-great Nephew of Marion Bichun)

Laura Bashar (Friend of the Bichun's)  
Marie Machado (cancer - rehab)  
Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)  
Richard Kusmirek (Friend of the Santoro's)  
Daniel Poproski (Nephew of Ellen Santoro)  
Kevin Ward (Friend of the Polzun's)  
Marge Bargielski (cancer - Sister of Potter's Brother-in law)  
Patricia Borick (Friend of Margaret Wagner)  
Claudia Kehrhan (Friend of Margaret Wagner)  
Tamara West (Niece of Margaret Wagner)  
Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)  
Steven Ball (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)  
Debra Shimchick (Cousin of Marie Shimchick)  
Patricia Ranta (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)  
Rosalie Mastropaolo (surgery - Friend of Marie Shimchick)  
William McKinney (cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)  
Frank Lozis (Brother-in-law of Diane Dounouk)  
Alexandra Lozis (Sister of Diane Dounouk)  
child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)  
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.

..... and all those shut-in at home or in Nursing Homes!

### NEWLY DEPARTED:

Mary Presta [Dec 2] (Friend of Margaret Wagner)

Katherine Kopcha [Dec 3] (Aunt of Mat. Melanie)

Marcia Stewart [Dec 29] (Friend of the Polzun's)

ВЪЧНАА ПАМАТЬ

◆**Annual Parish Meeting:** The annual gathering of the entire parish in council will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2017 following Divine Liturgy & coffee hour. EVERYONE who is qualified as a "voting member" is asked to make every effort to attend. We have a number of important items to discuss and approve, so everyone's participation is needed!

### ◆Men's Club Lotto -

# 28 Larissa Rembisz

Support the Men's Club  
Special Projects Fund!!

Sign up today.

Do you have your number?!?!

### ◆The January monthly charity collection is for "Warm the Children".

Warm The Children is a program whose mission is to provide new warm winter clothing for children



of needy families. Please be generous by using the envelopes provided in our monthly mailing. Collection will be taken the last Sunday of the month.

### ◆Future Dates:

**Saturday, January 28th:** General Confession!

**Wednesday, February 1st:** Festal Vespertal Liturgy 6:00 p.m. for the Great Feast of MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE. Festive Pot Luck supper to follow.

**Sunday, February 5th:** Beginning of the Lenten Triodion. Fast Free week 5th - 11th!  
**Meat Fare Brunch:** Sunday, February 19th sponsored by our Sisterhood.

### December Finances

Income: \$ 14,090.00  
Expense: \$ 13,630.05  
Inc/Exp: \$ 459.95

### Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 154,880.17  
Expense: \$ 154,900.83  
Exp/Inc: \$ -20.66