

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Week of December 3 - 9, 2017 ❖ Tone 1 ❖ 26th Sunday after Pentecost

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 5:9-19

BRETHREN: for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Luke 18:18-27

THE LORD SAID: a certain ruler

asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."



DAILY READINGS:

December 4th

1 Tim. 5:1-10

Luke 20:27-44

December 5th

1 Tim. 5:11-21

Luke 21:12-19

December 6th

1 Tim. 5:22-6:11

Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24

December 7th

1 Tim. 6:17-21

Luke 21:28-33

December 8th

2 Tim. 1:1-2, 8-18

Luke 21:37-22:8

December 9th

Gal. 5:22-6:2

Luke 13:18-29

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 3rd
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour

Wednesday, December 6th
Confession 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 7th
Orthodoxy 101 @ 10:30 a.m.

Friday, December 8th
Visitation: Jerome Home 10:30 a.m.
(for communion)

Saturday, December 9th
Confession 4:30 p.m.
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.
Confession

Sunday, December 10th
Church School 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour
Visit of "St. Nicholas"

Tuesday, December 12th
Festal Vespertal Liturgy for St. Herman of Alaska 6:00 p.m. followed by Pot Luck supper

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 3

Greeter: P. Salina

Cleaning: Veek

Coffee: Dresko/Dresko

Sunday December 10

Greeter: P. Salina

Cleaning: Bress/Delaney

Coffee: Visit of "St. Nick"

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 1,998

YTD:\$122,642 **[90.9%]**

YTD Goal:\$134,928.00

(48 wks) [\$ 2811.00/wk]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆**Catch-up Sundays:** We only have 4 weeks remaining in this years to complete our financial commitment. We see that our Pledge/Weekly contributions have dropped to 90.9% of what is hoped for. You can also see that our "cash flow" is behind by \$20k. If you would like to see where you stand verses what you promised please see Nadine Cabrera, our Assistant Treasurer, and she will get you an electronic or printed copy of your statement.

◆**Pre-Christmas Clean-up:** Last year, by necessity, we had our clean-up after coffee hour and we want to give it a shot again this year on Sunday, December 17th. Please bring your "work clothes" to change into and give our parish an hour or so to beautify everything before the Great Feast of our Lord's Nativity!

◆**Visit of "St. Nicholas":** Parents (Grandparents) on Sunday, December 10th during coffee hour we will have our annual visit of "St. Nicholas" for the kids. We will begin the day with Church School at 8:30 a.m.

◆**St. Tikhon's Seminary Mission** 
Choir: Will be visiting our parish NEXT Sunday, December 10th to sing at the Divine Liturgy. If you are so inclined donations will gladly be accepted to assist these seminarians as well as their schoolmates. They will also be bringing the traveling bookstore.

◆**Confession:** We have three weekday times remaining along with before & after Vespers for confession. This is not just a "legal" thing to enable us to vote at parish meetings but an integral part of our Christian life for adults and our children. If we think it's "no big deal" then we should not be upset when we are asked not to "draw near" because we have not prepared ourselves properly.

◆**Cleaners List:** We have a NEW weekly Cleaners List. Please see Nadine Cabrera (or she will find you) to participate as we look toward 2018. This is our church and we need to keep it cleaned!



"For the sick and suffering"

Catherine Szestakow Nicholas Hamisevicz
 Arlene Potter Peter Labas
 Joseph Kowar Diane Polzun
 Archpriest Paul Lazor
 Archpriest Steven Belonick (Father of Dan Belonick)
 Archpriest Peter DiLeo (cancer - St. Spyridon Church, Trujillo Alto, PR)
 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)
 Mat. Anne Hosking (St. Alexis, Clinton, CT)
 Mat. Mara Burns (Three Saints, Ansonia, CT)
 Nona Richards (Mother of Sarah Clark)
 Michael Kokus (Father of Nick Kokus)
 Gregory Shesko (cancer - Maynard, MA)
 Barbara Eastman (surgery/recovery - Grand mother of Megan Bartos Stock)
 John Delaney (Husband of Rosemary Delaney)
 Kathy Collins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
 Ola Ferla (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
 Anne Healey (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
 Peter Doyle (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
 Thomas Kirby (kidney failure - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
 Daniel DeRosa (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
 Catherine Williamson (Daughter of Steve Bradford)
 Thomas Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)
 Peter Lozewski (Friend of Marion Bichun's)

Gerri Lozewski (Friend of Marion Bichun's)
 Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)
 Robert Mix (surgery - in-law of Jennie Everson)
 Ann Ward (chemo - friend of the Polzun's)
 Richard Kusmirek (Friend of the Santoro's)
 Wayne Norman (cancer - Friend of the Santoro's)
 Barbara Davis (surgery - Friend of the Santoro's)
 Daniel Poproski (Nephew of Ellen Santoro)
 Marge Bargielski (cancer - Sister of Potter's Brother-in law)
 John Ludko (Brother of George Ludko)
 Patricia Borick (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
 Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
 Spencer Tracy (cancer - Friend of the Aherns)
 Steven Ball (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
 Cathryn Hatridge (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)

Patricia Ranta (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
 Frank Lozis (Brother-in-law 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)
 Eva Kopcha (Mother of Mat. Melanie)
 Hunter Weitowitz (Leukemia - Student of Chris Dresko)
 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:

Mitred Archpriest Michael Margitich [Nov 11] (Santa Rosa, CA)
 Hortense Kelly [Nov 12] (Grandmother of Chris Adams)
 Valentina Rhodes [Nov 18] (Friend of Frs. David & John, Mat. Elizabeth, etc)
 Erika MacKendrick [Nov 27] (Sister-in-law of the Polzun's)



◆**The December monthly charity collection is for Puerto Rico.** After the devastation of Hurricane Maria the residents of the island are in desperate need of everything. We will be working with the Connecticut Association of Schools who has partnered with many organizations within our state to assist schools and hospitals on the island. One of these partners has agreed to match dollar for dollar each donation. The collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month. Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing and be generous!!

◆**Men's Club Lotto -**

90 Ken Wagner

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

Sign up today!!!

Do you have your number???

◆**Future Dates:**

Thursday, December 21st: Orthodoxy 101 @



10:30 a.m.
 Finance Committee meeting 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 24th: Festal Matins & Divine Liturgy for the НАТІВІТІ УО СНІСТ 10:30

p.m.

Friday, January 5th: Theophany Eve - Festal Great Vespers w/ Litya 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 6th: Great Feast of ТИСОРИАНУ Festal Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water 9:00 a.m.

Monday, January 8th: Parish Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 9th - Wednesday, January 24th: Home Blessing!!!

November Finances

Income: \$ 10,797.33
 Expense: \$ 14,601.29
 Exp/Inc: \$ **-3,803.96**

Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 132,960.53
 Expense: \$ 152,623.19
 Exp/Inc: \$ **-19,662.66**