



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of December 4 - 10, 2016 ❖ 24th Sunday after Pentecost
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 2:14-22 & Hebrews 13:7-16

Luke 17:12-19 & Luke 12:32-40

BRETHREN: He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

BRETHREN: Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

AT THAT TIME: Jesus entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner? And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

THE LORD SAID: Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those



servants. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

DAILY READINGS:

December 5th

2 Thess. 1:1-10

Luke 20:27-44

December 6th

2 Thess. 1:10-2:2

Luke 21:12-19

December 7th

2 Thess. 2:1-12

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

December 8th

2 Thess. 2:13-3:5

Luke 21:28-33

December 9th

2 Thess. 3:6-18

Luke 21:37-22:8

December 10th

Gal. 1:3-10

Luke 13:18-29

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 4th

**Visit of St. Tikhon's
Mission Choir**

Church School 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

Visit of "St. Nicholas"

Tuesday, December 6th

Confession 4:30 p.m.

CTD Panikhida & Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8th

Visitation: Jerome Home 9:30 a.m.
(for Communion)

Saturday, December 10th

Choir Rehearsal 3:00 p.m.

Confession 4:4:30 p.m.

Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Confession

Sunday, December 11th

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 4

Greeter: M. Wagner

Cleaning: Cleaning Committee

Coffee: Geo L / Geo M

Sunday December 11

Greeter: Hromi's

Cleaning: Cleaning Committee

Coffee: Fiedler

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 1,420

YTD:\$128,902 **[95.2%]**

YTD Goal:\$135,456.00

(48 wks) [\$ 2822.00/wk]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆Visit of St. Tikhon's Mission Choir:

We welcome the seminarians and Dean of St. Tikhon's Seminary who will sing the responses to Divine Liturgy today.



◆Visit of "St. Nicholas": Attention all Church School Parents we will have a special visitor for the kids during coffee hour!!

◆NO BAKE - BAKE SALE: 2nd Annual Holy Trinity Sisterhood Fundraiser. Your support enables the Sisterhood to continue our many outreach programs throughout the year. Donations may be placed in the basket in church or given to Margaret Wagner during coffee hour. Our fundraiser will end on Sunday, December 18, when a small gift will be raffled off for those who have participated. Please be generous as you think about your end-of-year contributions. **THANK YOU!**

◆Christmas Cookies: Our Parish Life Committee together with the Church School Kids will be making their favorite Christmas Cookies for our shut-ins. All parishioners are invited to contribute a dozen of your favorite cookies - enough for the 14 tins to be brought to those in the convalescent or at home residents. Please see Rachel or Ellen Santoro if you can help.

◆The December monthly charity collection is for Boys & Girls Club of

New Britain. The Boys & Girls Club of New Britain has played a leadership role in our community since 1891 - strengthening our families, our neighborhoods, and our city, in good times and bad, by changing lives and caring for young people, one child at a time. Our doors are open 1,967 hours each year for any kid to drop in, including weekends, with current membership covering 330 streets across New Britain.



Visit their web site at <http://www.bgclubnb.org/home.html>

"For the sick and suffering"

Megan Bartos Stock Catherine Szesztakow
 Nicholas Hamisevicz Elizabeth Beck
 Jennie (Eugenia) Pich Arlene Potter
 Marion Bichun 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 (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)
 Marcia Stewart (cancer - Friend of the Polzun's)
 Kevin Ward (Friend of the Polzun's)
 Marge Bargielski (cancer - Sister of Potter's Brother-in law)
 Patricia Borick (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
 Tamara West (Niece of Margaret Wagner)
 Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
 Steven Ball (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
 Kathleen Mendez (surgery - Friend 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)
 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:

Robert McAfee [Nov 6] (Grandfather of Brian Veek)
 Stephen Surgeon [Nov 7] (Brother of Fr. John)
 John W. Crane [Nov 12] (Neighbor of the Bradanini's)
 Mary Presta [Dec 2] (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
 Katherine Kopcha [Dec 3] (Aunt of Mat. Melanie)



Also, we will be collecting new or slightly used board & table games for the kids. A box will be at the bottom of the stairs for your contributions. Please be generous by using the envelopes provided in our monthly mailing. Collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month.

◆Men's Club Lotto -

50 Sarah Clark

Support the Men's Club
 Special Projects Fund!!

Sign up today.

Do you have your number!!!!

◆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.



◆Future Dates:

Monday, December 12th: Festal Vespertal Liturgy for St. Herman of Alaska 6:10 p.m. follow by Pot Luck Supper.

Tuesday, December 13th: Orthodoxy 101 @ 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 17th: Pre-Christmas Clean-up 8:30 a.m. - ??

Saturday, December 24th: Festal Matins & Divine Liturgy for the **NAIVITY OF CHRIST** 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 31st: Great Vespers & Molieben for the New Year at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 5th: Theophany Eve - Festal Vespertal Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water 6:10

November Finances

Income: \$ 8,539.47
 Expense: \$ 12,438.65
 Exp/Inc: \$ **-3,899.18**

Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 140,788.17
 Expense: \$ 140,471.16
 Inc/Exp: \$ **317.01**