



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of December 6 - 13, 2015 ❖ 27th Sunday after Pentecost  
St. Nicholas, Wonderworker of Myra in Lycia ❖ Tone 2*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Eph. 5:9-19 & Heb. 13:17-21*

**BRETHREN:** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

**BRETHREN:** Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Luke 17:12-19 & Luke 6:17-23*

**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."

**AT THAT TIME:** Jesus stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

## DAILY READINGS:

Dec 7th  
2 Tim. 2:20-26  
Luke 20:27-44  
Dec 8th  
2 Tim. 3:16-4:4  
Luke 21:12-19  
Dec 9th  
2 Tim. 4:9-22  
Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24  
Dec 10th  
Titus 1:5-2:1  
Luke 21:28-33  
Dec 11th  
Titus 1:15-2:10  
Luke 21:37-22:8  
Dec 12th  
Eph. 1:16-23  
Luke 13:18-29

## *Weekly Calendar*

Sunday, December 6th  
Church School 8:30 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour  
Visit of "St. Nicholas"

Tuesday, December 8th  
Visitation: Jerome Home & Arbor Rose (for Communion)  
9:30 a.m.

**Fr. David away**  
12/10 - 12/14

Saturday, December 12th  
**! NO VESPERS !**

Sunday, December 13th  
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour

Wednesday, December 16th  
Confession 2:00 p.m.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 6

Greeter: Mat. Melanie

Cleaning: Veek

Coffee: George M/George L

Sunday December 13

Greeter: Mat. Melanie

Cleaning: Veek

Coffee: Kaplan

## Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 3,007

YTD:\$130,770 **[85.8%]**

YTD Goal:\$152,424.00

(48wks) [\$ 3175.50/wk]

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ◆Catch-up Sundays & 2016 Pledge:

We have only 4 weeks remaining to completed our financial commitment in 2015. We see that our Pledge/Weekly contributions are only at 85.8% of what is hoped for. If you would like to see where you stand verses what you promised please see Juliana Veek, our Assistant Treasurer, and she will get you an electronic or printed copy of your statement. Also, our Finance Committee needs everyone to return their 2016 Pledge Form by **Sunday, December 6th.**



◆Pre-Christmas clean-up: We will gather on Saturday, December 19th at 9:00 a.m. to thoroughly clean and polish (especially after the renovation work) everything in preparation for the Nativity - Theophany feasts. We can use young and old alike!!

◆In Case of Emergency: Fr. David will be away today till August 7. Fr. Andrii Pokotylo 860-989-5748 or Fr. John Hopko 860-583-3631 are available for "emergency" assistance.

◆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.

◆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



### "For the sick and suffering"

Megan Bartos John Steffick  
Catherine Szeszakow Alla Hamisevich  
Joseph Mabry Child Eleanor Parnell

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 failuer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

EdieSimon (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)

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

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

ВЪЧНДА ПАМАТЬ

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](http://www.stjuvenalywasilla.org)  
Or their "Go Fund Me" page at:  
[www.gofundme.com/qf62kphk](http://www.gofundme.com/qf62kphk)

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 -

# 51 Barbara Burrill

Support the Men's Club  
Special Projects Fund!!

### ◆Future Dates:

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

Fran Covaleski (Friend of the Bichun's)  
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)  
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.

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 THE MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE 6:10 p.m. Festive Pot Luck supper to follow.

#### November Finances

Income: \$ 12,596.61  
Expense: \$ 11,741.33  
Inc/Exp: \$ 855.28

#### Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 143,931.70  
Expense: \$ 147,135.35  
Exp/Inc: \$ -3,203.65