



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of December 11 - 17, 2016 ❖ Tone 8*  
*Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers ❖ 25th Sunday after Pentecost*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### *Colossians 3:4-11*

**BRETHREN:** When Christ, who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

#### *Luke 14:16-24*

**THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE:** "A man once gave a banquet and invited many, and sent his servant at sup-

per time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.' Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"



*How can I begin to repay all the Lord's gifts to me?  
I will raise the cup of salvation and invoke the Lord's name.  
Psalm 116*

### DAILY READINGS:

#### December 12th

1 Tim. 1:1-7

Mark 8:11-21

#### December 13th

1 Tim. 1:8-14

Mark 8:22-26

#### December 14th

1 Tim. 1:18-20, 2:8-15

Mark 8:30-34

#### December 15th

1 Tim. 3:1-13

Mark 9:10-16

#### December 16th

1 Tim. 4:4-8, 16

Mark 9:33-41

#### December 17th

Gal. 3:8-12

Luke 14:1-11

### *Weekly Calendar*

Sunday, December 11th

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

Monday, December 12th

Festal Vespers Liturgy 6:10 p.m.

followed by Pot Luck supper

Tuesday, December 13th

**ST. HERMAN OF ALASKA**

Orthodoxy 101 @ 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 15th

Confession 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 17th

Pre-Christmas Clean-up 8:30 a.m.—??

Confession 4:4:30 p.m.

Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Confession

Sunday, December 18th

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

Wednesday, December 21st

Confession 1:00 p.m.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 11

Greeter: Hromi's

Cleaning: Cleaning Committee

Coffee: Fiedler

Sunday December 18

Greeter: Hromi's

Cleaning: Cleaning Committee

Coffee: Kaplan

### Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 4,382

YTD:\$133,284 **[96.4%]**

YTD Goal:\$138,278.00

(49 wks) [\$ 2822.00/wk]

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆**Pre-Christmas Clean-up:** This Saturday, December 17th beginning at 8:30 a.m. We need help from young and old alike. Wood polishers, brass polishers, cob web cleaners, wax removers, etc. etc. Find your specialty and join in!!!



◆**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. Cookie drop-off Saturday or Sunday, December 17&18. Packing of tins will be on Sunday, December 18th! 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 (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)  
 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 -

# 3 Chris Dresko

**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:

**Saturday, December 24th:** Festal Matins & Divine Liturgy for the **NATIVITY 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 Vesperal Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water 6:10 p.m. for the Great Feast of Theophany.

**Friday, January 6th - Wednesday, January 25th:** Home Blessing!!!

**Monday, January 16th:** Parish Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 29th:** Annual Parish Meeting!

### December Finances

Income: \$ 4,484.00  
 Expense: \$ 7,877.91  
 Exp/Inc: \$ **-3,393.91**

### Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 145,274.17  
 Expense: \$ 149,148.69  
 Exp/Inc: \$ **-3,874.52**