



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of December 13 - 19, 2015 ❖ 28th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Forefathers & St. Herman, Wonderworker of Alaska Tone 3*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Col. 3:4-11 & Gal. 5:22-6:2

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.

BRETHREN: the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Luke 14:16-24 & Luke 6:17-23

THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE:

"A man once gave a banquet and invited many, and sent his servant at supper 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.'"

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 14th
Heb. 3:5-11, 17-19
Mark 8:11-21
Dec 15th
Heb. 4:1-13
Mark 8:22-26
Dec 16th
Heb. 5:11-6:8
Mark 8:30-34
Dec 17th
Heb. 7:1-6
Mark 9:10-16
Dec 18th
Heb. 7:18-25
Mark 9:33-41
Dec 19th
Eph. 2:11-13
Luke 14:1-11

Weekly Calendar

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

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

Saturday, December 19th
Pre-Christmas Clean-up 9:00 a.m.
Confession 4-4:30 p.m.
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.
Confession

Sunday, December 20th
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour

Tuesday, December 22nd
Confession 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24th
Festal Matins & Divine Liturgy
11:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25th
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 13

Greeter: P. Salina

Cleaning: Veek

Coffee: Kaplan

Sunday December 20

Greeter: Mat. Melanie

Cleaning: Veek

Coffee: Bartos

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 4,757

YTD: \$135,534 [87.1%]

YTD Goal: \$155,599.50
(49wks) [\$ 3175.50/wk]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ **Welcome:** To Fr. John Bacon who is substituting for Fr. David who will return Monday night.

♦ **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!!

♦ **Catch-up Sundays & 2016 Pledge:** We have only 3 weeks remaining to completed our financial commitment in 2015. We see that our Pledge/Weekly contributions are only at 87.1% of what is hoped for. Our Finance Committee had requested everyone to return their 2016 Pledge Form by **Sunday, December 6th**. As of now we have received 33 of a possible 69 forms, around 48%.
[a reminder: in order to vote at the Annual Meeting a pledge form must be received]



♦ **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 established and we are committed to bringing the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all



"For the sick and suffering"

Megan Bartos
Catherine Szeszakow
Child Eleanor Parnell

John Steffick
Alla Hamisevich

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 failure - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Edie Simon (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)

Fran Covalesski (Friend of the Bichun's)

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

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

ВЪЧНАА ПАМАТЬ

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

Or their "Go Fund Me" page at:

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 -**

4 Matushka Melanie

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.**

Wednesday, January 6th: Epiphany /

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)
Daniel Poproski (Nephew of Ellen Santoro)
Stephen Kearing (surgery - Brother of Jillian Wanik)
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.

Theophany of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ Festal Vesperal 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 Vesperal 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.

December Finances

Income: \$ 5,132.00
Expense: \$ 5,818.80
Exp/Inc: \$ **-686.80**

Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 143,336.67
Expense: \$ 152,954.15
Exp/Inc: \$ **-10,617.48**