



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Week of December 17 - 23, 2017 ❖ Tone 3

Sunday of the Holy Fore-Fathers ❖ 28th 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 18th

Heb. 3:5-11, 17-19

Mark 9:42-10:1

December 19th

Heb. 4:1-13

Mark 10:2-12

December 20th

Heb. 5:11-6:8

Mark 10:11-16

December 21st

Heb. 7:1-6

Mark 10:17-27

December 22nd

Heb. 7:18-25

Mark 10:23-32

December 23rd

Eph. 2:11-13

Luke 16:10-15

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 17th

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

Pre-Christmas Clean-up

Wednesday, December 20th

Confession 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 21st

Orthodoxy 101 @ 10:30 p.m.

Finance Committee mtg. 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 22nd

Confession 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 23rd

Confession 4:43 p.m.

Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Confession

Sunday, December 24th

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

Festal Matins & Divine

Liturgy 10:30 p.m.

Monday, December 25th

НΑΤΙΥΗΤΥ OF OUR LORD

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 17

Greeter: P. Salina

Cleaning: Everyone

Coffee: Kokus

Sunday December 24

Greeter: P. Salina

Cleaning: Dresko/Fiedler

Coffee: Koles/Haskins

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 3,214

YTD:\$130,718 **[94.8%]**

YTD Goal:\$137,900.00

(50 wks) [\$ 2758.00/wk]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆**Catch-up Sundays:** We only have 3 weeks remaining in this years to complete our financial commitment. We see that our Pledge/Weekly contributions have dropped to **94.8%** 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 TODAY. Please stay, give our parish an hour or so to beautify everything before the Great Feast of our Lord's Nativity!

◆**Confession:** This is the last week before the Feast of the Nativity two 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!



◆**Coffee Hour:** The NEW 2018 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board.

◆**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 part-

"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)



ners 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 -

44 Olivia Salina

Support the Men's Club
 Special Projects Fund!!

Sign up today!!!

Do you have your number????

◆Future Dates:

Friday, January 5th: Theophany Eve - Festal Great Vespers w/ Litya 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, January 6th: Great Feast of THEOPHANY Festal Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water 9:00 a.m.
 Saturday, January 6th: Intercessory Prayer Group following Great Vespers.

Monday, Jan 8th: Parish Council mtg 7:00p.m.
 Tuesday, January 9th - Wednesday, January 24th: Home Blessing!!!
 Sunday, January 21st: Following the Divine Liturgy & Coffee hour the Sisterhood and Men's Club will hold their Annual Meetings. The Men's Club will also have their traditional lunch.
 Saturday, January 27th: General Confession!
 Sunday, January 28th: Annual Parish Meeting following Divine Liturgy and Coffee Hour.
 Thursday, February 1st: Festal Vespers Liturgy 6:00 p.m. for the Great Feast of MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE. Pot Luck supper to follow.

December Finances

Income: \$ 8,312.00
 Expense: \$ 8,092.77
 Inc/Exp: \$ 219.23

Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 141,272.53
 Expense: \$ 160,610.96
 Exp/Inc: \$ -19,338.43