



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of December 18 - 24, 2011 ❖ 27th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday before the Nativity - Sunday of the Holy Fathers ❖ Tone 2*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40

BRETHREN: By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented - of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all

these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Matthew 1:1-25

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, *[OVER]*

DAILY READINGS:

Dec 19th
2 Tim. 2:20-26
Mark 9:42-10:1

Dec 20th
2 Tim. 3:16-4:4
Mark 10:2-12

Dec 21st
2 Tim. 4:9-22
Mark 10:11-16

Dec 22nd
Titus 1:5-2:1
Mark 10:17-27

Dec 23rd
Titus 1:15-2:10
Mark 10:23-32

Dec 24th
Heb. 1:1-12
Luke 2:1-20

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 18th
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal -
Coffee Hour - Study Group

Tuesday, December 20th
Confession 3:00 p.m.

Friday, December 23rd
Vespers & Compline 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 24th
Divine Liturgy & Vespers
9:00 a.m.

Compline & Matins **4:00 p.m.**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 18th
Greeter: Diane Dounouk
Cleaning: Clark
Coffee: Sarah/Rachel/Phil/Meg

Sunday December 25th
Greeter: Diane Dounouk
Cleaning: Clark

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 1,927
YTD:\$118,300 [82.5%]
YTD Goal:\$143,387.50
(50 wk) [\$ 2867.75/wk]

◆Men's Club Lotto -

39 Dan Telychka
Support the Men's Club
Special Projects Fund!!
There are open numbers!!!

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and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins. So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her first-born Son. And he called His name JESUS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆**Catch-up Sundays:** With only 2 weeks remaining in 2011, it is time to look at our pledge and make sure we are close to 100%. Everyone has received your 2012 pledge form. We are still collecting pledge forms. Please fill it out and return it to Fr. David or Mark Myszka.

◆**Sisterhood Christmas Cookie Sale: TODAY!** Come downstairs and pick-up some wonderful home made Christmas Cookies!!!

◆**Study Group:** Today after coffee hour. Everyone is invited to join the discussion.

"For the sick and suffering"

Vladimir Jim' Dounouk Karen Murphy
Megan Bartos Stella Tynik
Alla Hamisevich Paul Sachok

Bishop NIKON (chemo & radiation)
Archpriest Michael Mihalick (MS - All Saints,
Johnstown, PA)

Archpriest William DuBovik (All Saints,
Hartford)

child Timothy Armstrong Jr. (Great-nephew
of Ann Myszka)

Michael Myszka (recovering from surgery -
Brother of Mark Myszka)

Vincent MacKenzie (cancer - Friend of
Rosemary Delaney)

Robin Prince (Cousin of John Delaney)

Helen Skrobat (Mother of John Skrobat)

Sonya Bartos (Mother of David Bartos)

James Brennan (Friend of Margaret Wagner)

Jean O'keefe (Friend of Ewa Zagorska)

Shirley Lucas (Daughter of Ruth Lucas)

child Justin Holmes (Friend of the Bichun's)

Sawa Kokotiuk (Father of Raisa Shafran)

Laura Iles (Friend of Diane Polzun)

Krista Nordmark (cancer - Friend of
Laura Burrill)

Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)

child Isabelle Negron (Friend of
Larissa Rembisz)

Marcia Marsted (Friend of the Bradanini's)

Raymond Bargielski (cancer - Friend of
Nelson & Arlene Potter)

David Hull (cancer - Physician of
Arlene Potter)
Lorraine Lynch (Mother-in-law of Peter Anop)
child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of
Diane Dounouk)

JoAnn Hensley (stroke - Friend of
Jennie Everson)

Dorothy Ludko (Friend of Barbara Raymond)

Roy Fongemie (cancer - Friend of
Barbara Raymond)

Patricia Heinze (cancer - Friend of
Barbara Raymond)

Avril LaCouer (cancer - Friend of
Marie Shimchick)

Bruce McCallum (Parkinson's - Father of
Rebecca McCallum)

Ann Belonick (Grandmother of
Daniel Belonick)

James Bell (lymphoma - Friend of
Dan Telychka)

Seth Bannon (recovery from surgery -
cousin of Tim Bannon)

Alexandra Hopko (in-operable tumors -
Sister of Fr. John Hopko)

Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril &
Methodius, Terryville)

Donna Kriniske (recovery from brain surgery -
Cousin of Matushka Melanie)
in need of our prayers:

Lydia Dorsey

David Woolwine (US Army /Deploying to
Afghanistan - Friend of the Bichun's)

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

Newly Departed: Eugenia "Jean" Prusik [Dec 1]
Nicholas Zamayduk [Dec 6]

ΕΒΨΥΝΩΑ ΠΑΜΑΤΪ

◆**Coffee Hour:** The NEW 2012 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is being passed around by Phyllis Bartos. PLEASE put your name on the list!!!

◆**Greeters & Cleaners:** The list for Cleaners, by weeks, for December, January & February is posted on the bulletin board. PLEASE sign-up today!! Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to beautify OUR church!

◆**Home Blessing:** The tentative home blessing schedule is posted downstairs. Please check it out and let Fr. David know if there is a conflict. Also, if your name is not on the list, and you want it added, it will be joyfully added.

◆**The December monthly charity collection** is for "St. Nicholas Church, Pittsfield, MA Building Fund". Ninety-four years ago, a handful of immigrants from different parts of Europe came together to establish an Orthodox church in

the Berkshires. Now it is our turn to pass that flame on to the next generation. The collection will be taken **NEXT Sunday!** Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing and be generous!!

◆Future Dates:

Theophany/Epiphany Services: Thursday, January 5, 2012 - Festal Vespertal Liturgy & Great Blessing of Waters 6:00 p.m.; Friday, January 6, 2012 - Great Feast of Theophany: beginning of House Blessing.

Monday, January 9th, 7:00 p.m. - Parish Council meeting.

Sunday, January 22, 2012 - Men's Club Annual Meeting & luncheon following coffee hour.

Sunday, January 22, 2012 - Sisterhood Annual Meeting following coffee hour.

Sunday, January 29, 2012 - Annual Parish Meeting following Divine Liturgy and extended coffee hour.