



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of December 18 - 24, 2016 ❖ 26th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday before the Nativity - Sunday of the Holy Fathers ❖ Tone 1*

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, 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 *[OVER]*

DAILY READINGS:

December 19th

1 Tim. 5:1-10

Mark 9:42-10:1

December 20th

1 Tim. 5:11-21

Mark 10:2-12

December 21st

1 Tim. 5:22-6:11

Mark 10:11-16

December 22nd

1 Tim. 6:17-21

Mark 10:17-27

December 23rd

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

Mark 10:23-32

December 24th

Gal. 3:8-12

Luke 13:18-29

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 18th

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

Thursday, December 22nd

Confession 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 24th

Festal Matins & Divine

Liturgy 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th

НАТЧВТТТ OF OUR LORD

Fast Free Festal Season

December 25th - January 4th

Saturday, December 31st

LEAVETAKING OF

THE НАТЧВТТТ

Great Vespers & Molioben for the
New Year 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 18

Greeter: Hromi's

Cleaning: Cleaning Committee

Coffee: Kaplan

Sunday December 25

Greeter: Hromi's

Cleaning: Cleaning Committee

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 2,416

YTD: \$135,700 **[96.2%]**

YTD Goal: \$141,100.00

(50 wks) [\$ 2822.00/wk]

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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 firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆**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,



"For the sick and suffering"

Megan Bartos Stock Catherine Szeszakow
 Nicholas Hamisevicz Elizabeth Beck
 Jennie (Eugenia) Pich 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:

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)

ВЪЧНАДА ПАМАТЬ

including weekends, with current membership covering 330 streets across New Britain. Visit their web site at <http://www.bgclubnb.org/home.html>

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 TODAY!!

◆**Men's Club Lotto -**
 # 90 Ken Wagner

**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:**

Thursday, January 5th: Theophany Eve - Festal Vespers Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water 6:00 p.m. for the Great Feast of **Theophany**.
Friday, January 6th - Wednesday, January 25th: Home Blessing!!! (see schedule on bulletin board)
Monday, January 16th: Parish Council mtg 7:00
Saturday, January 28th: General Confession!
Sunday, January 29th: Annual Parish Meeting!
Wednesday, February 1st: Festal Vespers Liturgy 6:00 p.m. for the Great Feast of **MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE**. Festive Pot Luck supper to follow.

<u>December Finances</u>	
Income:	\$ 6,911.00
Expense:	\$ 7,877.91
Exp/Inc:	\$ -966.91
<u>Year-to-date Finances</u>	
Income:	\$ 147,701.17
Expense:	\$ 149,148.69
Exp/Inc:	\$ -1,447.52