



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of December 20 - 26, 2009 ❖ 28th Sunday after Pentecost  
The Holy Fathers - Sunday before the Nativity ❖ Tone 3*

## 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 21st**  
Heb. 3:5-11,17-19  
Mark 9:42-10:1

**Dec 22nd**  
Heb. 4:1-13  
Mark 10:2-12

**Dec 23rd**  
Heb. 5:11-6:8  
Mark 10:11-16

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

**Dec 25th**  
Gal. 4:4-7  
Matt. 2:1-12

**Dec 26th**  
1Tim. 6:11-16  
Matt. 12:15-21

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 20th  
Church School 8:30 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour -

Monday, December 21st  
Visitation: St. Lucian's Home  
(for communion) 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 24th  
**EVE OF THE NATIVITY**  
Vespertal Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Compline & Matins 5:00 p.m.

Friday, December 25th  
**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**  
Festal Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 26th  
Vespers 4:00 p.m. - Confession

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 20th  
Greeter: D. Dounouk  
Cleaning: Bartos  
Coffee: Wanik

Sunday December 27th  
Greeter: D. Dounouk  
Cleaning: Bartos  
Coffee: Bradinini/Cherpak

## Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 2,979  
YTD: \$125,289[85.9%]  
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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

### ◆ Greeters, cleaners and Coffee

Hour hosts: Sign-up sheets for



Greeters and Cleaners for the first half of 2010 are on the bulletin board. Please sign-up today to help next year. See Phyllis

Bartos who will have the 2010 Coffee Hour host sign-up sheet. Your stewardship of time and effort is greatly appreciated.

◆ **The December monthly charity** is for "Warm the Children" which provides new winter clothing

### *"For the sick and suffering"*

John Steffick Leonid Matyschyk  
Archpriest Michael Mihalick (MS -  
Johnstown, PA)  
Archpriest William DuBovik (All Saints,  
Hartford)  
Protodeacon Simeon Kopcha (Father of  
Mat. Melanie Koles)  
child Timothy Armstrong Jr. (Great-  
nephew of Ann Myszka)  
Judy Flood (Sister-in-Law of  
Rosemary Delaney)  
Joan Anderson (Sister-in-Law of  
Rosemary Delaney)  
Justin Waleski (Friend of  
Rosemary Delaney)  
Andrew Eames (Friend of  
Rosemary Delaney)  
Shirley Lucas (Daughter of Ruth Lucas)  
Tasha Lucas (Daughter-in-law of  
Ruth Lucas)  
Stanley Bartos (Father of David Bartos)  
Sonya Bartos (Mother of David Bartos)  
Lillian Falko (Cousin of the Bichun's)  
Janet Gernat (Cousin of the Bichun's)  
child Justin Holmes (Infant friend of  
the Bichun's

Eva Jackson (Friend of Margaret Wagner)  
Sawa Kokotiuk (Father of Raisa Shafran)  
Tatiana Kokotiuk (Mother of  
Raisa Shafran)  
Laura Iles (Friend of Diane Polzun)  
Louise Lefebvre (cancer - Friend of  
Diane Polzun)  
Alla Wheeler (cancer - Friend of  
Diane Dounouk)  
Lawrence Beck (recovery / knee surgery)  
Alex Polzun (recovery / knee surgery)  
child Christopher Elliot (Son of Fr. George  
& Kim Elliot, St. Paul, Las Vegas, NV)  
Resa Ellison (H1N1/pneumonia - Choir  
Director, St. Mary's Cathedral, Minneapolis)  
Denise Negron (H1N1 - Friend of  
Larissa Rembisz)  
child Isabelle Negron (Friend of  
Larissa Rembisz)  
Alexandra Hopko (in-operable tumors -  
Sister of Fr. John Hopko)  
Arlene Osuch (cancer - Ss. Cyril &  
Methodius, Terryville)  
Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril &  
Methodius, Terryville)  
in need of our prayers:  
Lydia Dorsey

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

**NEWLY DEPARTED:** His Holiness, Patriarch Pavle of Serbia [November 15]  
His Eminence, Archbishop Job [December 18] **ВЪЧНОДА ПАМЯТЬ**  
Priest Daniil Sysoyev (Moscow) [November 19]  
Theodore Yacko [December 15] (cousin of Irene Prigodich)

for the children of needy families. The collection will be taken on the last Sunday of the month. You may donate early by using the envelope provided in your monthly mailing.



◆ **Home Blessing schedule:** Please check the bulletin board which has proposed 2010 Home Blessing schedule. If your name does not appear on the list, and you want your home blessed, talk to Fr. David at coffee hour.



◆ **Christmas Caroling:** Our Choir Director will be leading anyone who wishes to go caroling to those members of our parish who are at home or in the nursing homes on Monday, December 28th. All are welcome! Schedule to come.

### ◆ Men's Club Lotto -

# 72 Nadia Delaney  
Support the Men's Club  
Church Improvement Fund!!  
**Soon it will be time  
to pick your 2010 numbers!!**

### ◆ Future Dates:

Thursday, December 31st 6:00 p.m. -  
Vespers Liturgy for Circumcision of  
the Lord / St. Basil the Great &  
Molieben for the New Year.  
Tuesday, January 5th 6:00 p.m. -  
Festal Vespers Liturgy & Great  
Blessing of Water.  
Monday, January 11th 7:00 p.m. -  
Parish Council meeting.  
Saturday, January 23rd - Following  
vespers **SLAVIC FOOD DINNER.**  
Sunday, January 24th - Following coffee  
hour our Annual Parish Meeting.