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*Week of December 21 - 27, 2008 ❖ 27th Sunday after Pentecost
Tone 2 ❖ The Holy Fathers - Sunday before the Nativity*

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 22nd
2Tim. 2:20-26
Mark 9:42-10:1
Dec 23rd
2Tim. 3:16:4:4
Mark 10:2-12
Dec 24th
Heb. 1:1-12
Luke 2:1-20
Dec 25th
Gal. 4:4-7
Matt. 2:1-12
Dec 26th
Heb. 2:11-18
Matt. 2:13-23
Dec 27th
1Tim. 6:11-16
Matt. 12:15-21

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, Dec 21st
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour -
Monday, Dec 22nd
Tuesday, Dec 23rd
Wednesday, Dec 24th
EVE OF THE NATIVITY
Vespers Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Compline & Matins **5:00 p.m.**
Thursday, Dec 25th
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
Festal Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Friday, Dec 26th
Saturday, Dec 27th
Vespers 4:00 p.m. -
Confession

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Dec 21st	Sunday Dec 28th
Greeter: M. Koles	Greeter: M. Koles
Cleaning: ? ? ? ?	Cleaning: ? ? ? ?
Coffee: ? ? ? ?	Coffee: Machado / Delaney / Bartos

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 3,199
YTD: \$ 126,367 [84.3%]
YTD Goal: \$ 149,900
(50 wks) [\$2998/wk]



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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

♦**Cemetery Pricing Schedule:** PLEASE be aware that as of January 1, 2009 the cost of graves at the parish cemetery, along with other related costs, will be going up. Anyone wanting to reserve their place at the cemetery at the current rates see any member of the Cemetery Trustees. You can view the map of plots during Coffee Hour.

♦**Stewardship:** This should be a time of "catching up" in our financial support of HTOC. Please make sure you are up to



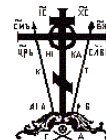
"For the sick and suffering"

Olga Skotnicki Tatiana Kowar
Archpriest William DuBovik
(All Saints, Hartford)
Archpriest Michael Mihalick (MS -
Johnstown, PA)
Protodeacon Simeon Kopcha (Father of
Mat. Melanie Koles)
Donat Martin (Father-in-law
of Nancy Martin)
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)
Dorothy Staschak (Godmother of
Fr. John Dresko)
Stanley Bartos (Father of David Bartos)
Shirley Lucas (Daughter of Ruth Lucas)
Tasha Lucas (Daughter-in-law of
Ruth Lucas)

Lillian Falko (Cousin of the Bichun's
child Justin Holmes (Infant friend of
the Bichun's)
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)
John Anderson (Brother-in-law
of Paul Culton)
Jerrold Everson (Brother-in-law
of Jennie Everson)
Lucille Boynton (Aunt of Maureen
& George Ludko)
Ronald Canciani (cancer - Friend of
Barbara Raymond)
Mary S. Cherpak (Aunt of Evelyn
Cherpak & Beth Bradanini)
Alla Wheeler (cancer - Friend of
Diane Dounouk)
Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril &
Methodius, Terryville)
in need of our prayers:
Peter Roshak (son of Fr. Michael Roshak,
Three Saints, Ansonia)

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

NEWLY DEPARTED: His Holiness Patriarch Alexy II [Dec 5]
Igumen Gregory Woolfenden [Nov 20] (St. Mary's, New Britain)
Martin Staschak [Nov 21] (Godfather of Fr. John Dresko)
Peter Kovalevich [Dec 1]
Elizabeth Coppeler [Dec 13] (Friend of Diane Polzun)



date in your pledge. Soon we will be asked to make our commitment for 2009 by filling out a pledge form.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:34)

♦Greeters, cleaners & coffee hour

hosts: Sign-up sheets for Greeters and Cleaners for 2009 are on the bulletin board. Please sign-up today to help next year. Also, please see Phyllis Bartos to sign up to host coffee hour in 2009. Your stewardship of time and effort is NEEDED and greatly appreciated!!!



♦Men's Club Lotto -

#06 Paul Culton
Support the Men's Club
Church Improvement Fund!!

Do you have a number ?

**Soon it will be time
to pick your 2009 numbers!!
There are open numbers available!!**

♦The December monthly charity is for

"Warm the Children" which provides new winter clothing for the children of needy families. The collection is taken on the last Sunday of the month. You may donate early by using the envelope provided in your monthly mailing.

♦Future Dates:

Wednesday, December 31st 6:00 p.m. - Vespertal Liturgy for the Circumcision of the Lord, St. Basil the Great & Molioben for the New Year.

Monday, January 5th - Eve of Epiphany / Theophany: Festal Vespertal Liturgy with the Great Blessing of Waters 6:00 p.m.

House Blessing - January 6th - 15th. See the bulletin board for tentative schedule. If your name is not on the list PLEASE see Fr. David and you will be added!

Sunday, January 25th - Annual Parish Meeting following Divine Liturgy.

♦**Winter weather:** Watch NBC30 or listen to WTIC-AM1080 for



announcements concerning service cancellations during this winter.

