



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of December 21 - 27, 2014 ❖ 28th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday before the Nativity - Sunday of the Holy Fathers ❖ 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 22nd
Heb. 3:5-11, 17-19
Mark 9:42-10:1
Dec 23rd
Heb. 4:1-13
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
Eph. 2:11-13
Luke 16:10-15

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 21st
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
 Coffee Hour

Tuesday, December 23rd
 Confession: 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24th
EVE OF THE NATIVITY
Festal Matins & Divine Liturgy 11:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25th
ΝΑΤΙΥΤΥ OF OUR LORD

Fast Free Festal Season
 December 25th - January 4th

Saturday, December 27th
 Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.
 Confession

Sunday, December 28th
 Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
 Coffee Hour

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 21st
 Greeter: Santoro
 Cleaning: Veek
 Coffee: Cabrera

Sunday December 28th
 Greeter: Santoro
 Cleaning: Veek
 Coffee: Bartos

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 1,853
 YTD: \$129,922 **[87.2%]**
 YTD Goal: \$ 148,975.00
 (50 wks) [\$ 2979.50/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 firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦**Elections:** We are in need of a number of people to fill 6 vacancies on the Parish Council including the Vice Warden, Secretary, Treasurer & Asst. Treasurer, Financial Secretary, At-large position, All American Council & Diocesan Assembly representative. Prayerfully consider your stewardship to our parish and step up when asked to serve by the Nomination Committee.



♦**Catch-up Sundays:** There are only 2 weeks remaining in 2014 and we are behind in our pledge contributions. Last year at this time we were at 94.2!! It is time for us to catch-up and bring our personal pledge up to date as we prayerfully contemplate our 2015 Pledge. If you haven't turned in your 2015 Pledge Forms please

"For the sick and suffering"

Megan Bartos John Steffick
Irene Ferrandino

Archpriest Paul Lazor - recovery from surgery
Archpriest Michael Koblosh (chemotherapy Alexandria, VA)
Priest Michael Shuster (Holy Trinity Church, Spring Hill, FL)
Mat. Susanne Senyo (cancer - Pittsburgh, PA. schoolmate of Fr. David)
Mat. Mary Balmer (St Raphael Church, Inverness, FL)
Mat. Elizabeth Bacon (Chelsea, MA)
Officer Brett Morgan (NBPB)
Patricia Minitier (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Jennifer Akerley (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Luba Martins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Kathy Collins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Leslie Nutthall (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Paul Sulich (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
Helen Skrobat (Mother of John Skrobat)
Cindy Eastman (Sister of Phyllis Bartos)
Francis Myszka (recovery from surgery)
Margaret Myszka (recovery from surgery)
Thomas Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)
Margaret Wallick (Sister of Marion Bichun)
Lovey (Luba) Kovalesky (Friend of the Bichun's)
Justin Holmes (Friend of the Bichun's)
Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)

Adriano Melluzzo (Son-in-law of the Potter's)
Gregory Savoie (Friend of the Santoro's)
JoAnn Hensley (stroke - Friend of Jennie Everson)
Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
Ann Ward (Friend of the Polzun's)
Matthew Murphy (Nephew of Marie Shimchick)
Camille Fusco (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
James Fisher (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)
Bruce McCallum (Parkinson's - Father of Rebecca McCallum)
Gloria DeMartino (Grandmother of Jen Belonick)
Steven Belonick (Grandfather of Daniel Belonick)
Andrew Veek (Grandfather of Brian Veek)
Daniel Sak (recovery from surgery - Godfather of Juliana 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 and in Nursing Homes!

Newly Departed: Albin Kaimer [Nov 19] (Inverness, FL - friend of Margaret Wagner)
Barbara Raymond [Dec 14]
Helen Kochanowski [Dec 14] (Great-Aunt of Daniel Belonick)



do so ASAP so that the Finance Committee & the Parish Council can prepare our 2015 Budget. THANK YOU!

♦**Coffee Hour:** The NEW 2015 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board.



♦**The December monthly charity collection** is for **Operation Fuel, Inc.** which is the only statewide resource helping the working poor in our community pay their energy bills through the cold winter months. Thanks to everyone's generosity, Operation Fuel provided over \$2 million in energy assistance to more than 4,200 households last winter. Visit their web site at www.operationfuel.org Please be generous by using the envelopes provided in our monthly mailing. Collection will be taken NEXT WEEK, the last Sunday of the month.



OPERATION FUEL

♦Men's Club Lotto -

92 Gavin Wykes

Support the Men's Club Special Projects Fund!!

♦Future Dates:

Monday, January 5th: Theophany Eve - Festal Vespertal Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 6th - Friday, January 23rd: Home Blessing!!!
Monday, January 12th: Parish Council meeting 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 25th: Annual Parish meeting.

December Finances

Income: \$ 8,146.00
Expense: \$ 8,966.48
Exp/Inc: \$ -820.48

Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 152,010.61
Expense: \$ 160,808.61
Exp/Inc: \$ -8,798.00