



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of December 22 - 28, 2013 ❖ 26th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday before the Nativity - Sunday of the Holy Fathers ❖ Tone 6*

## 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 23rd**

1 Tim. 5:1-10

Mark 10:46-52

**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**

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

Mark 12:1-12

**Dec 28th**

Gal. 5:22-6:2

Luke 17:3-10

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 22nd

Church School 8:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour -

Tuesday, December 24th

**EVE OF THE NATIVITY**

Vesperal Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, December 25th

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

Festal Divine Liturgy **9:30 a.m.**

**Fast Free Festal Season**

December 25th - January 4th

Saturday, December 28th

?? Possible Christmas Caroling ??

Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Confession

Sunday, December 29th

Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour -

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 22nd

Greeter: Santoro

Cleaning: E. Santoro/Everson

Coffee: Koles/Everson/Wagner

Sunday December 29th

Greeter: Santoro

Cleaning: **???**

Coffee: Men's Club

## Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 173.00

YTD:\$136,155[94.2%]

YTD Goal:\$144,525.00

(50 wks) [\$ 2890.50/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 first-born Son. And he called His name JESUS.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **Cookie Sale:** Our Sisterhood will hold their Annual Cookie Sale at coffee hour TODAY!

◆ **Three Kings Day collection:** Toys and new clothes for our neighbor children. See flyer or Matushka Melanie to help.



◆ **Coffee Hour:** We have our 2014 list available for your participation. See Phyllis Bartos.

PLEASE sign up today!

◆ **The December monthly charity collection is for St. Spyridon Church, San Juan, Puerto Rico.** St. Spyridon's Orthodox Church is a

## *"For the sick and suffering"*

Eugenia "Jennie" Pich  
 Irene Prigodich  
 Archim. Roman Braga (Rives Junction, MI)  
 Archpriest Paul Lazor  
 Archpriest Emilian Hutnyan (St. Andrew, Maple Heights, Ohio)  
 Archpriest John Duranko (St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport)  
 Archpriest John Pawelchak (chemotherapy)  
 Priest John Eissman (Heart surgery)  
 Mat. Patricia Duranko (St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport)  
 Mat. Susanne Senyo (cancer - Pittsburgh, PA. schoolmate of Fr. David)  
 Khouriya Luanne Barr (Austin, TX - wife of classmate of Fr. David)  
 Mat. Mary Balmer (St Raphael Church, Inverness, FL)  
 Patricia Miniter (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)  
 Jennifer Akerley (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)  
 Leslie Nutthall (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)  
 Helen Skrobat (Mother of John Skrobat)  
 Sonya Bartos (Mother of David Bartos)  
 Cindy Eastman (Sister of Phyllis Bartos)  
 child Dalton Deack (Friend of Ewa Zagorska)  
 Jean O'keefe (Friend of Ewa Zagorska)  
 Faith O'keefe (Friend of Ewa Zagorska)  
 Halina Kretowska (Mother of Ewa Zagorska)  
 child Nathaniel Gardener (Great-grandson of Jean Murr)  
 Charles Casciotta (Friend of the Bichun's)  
 Christine Stoj (Friend of the Bichun's)  
 Thomas Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)  
 child Justin Holmes (Friend of the Bichun's)  
 Lovie (Luba) Kovalesky (cancer - Friend of the Bichun's)  
 Henry Lozewski (cancer - Friend of the Bichun's)

Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)  
 Krista Nordmark (cancer - Friend of Laura Burrill)  
 Lorraine Lynch (Mother-in-law of Peter Anop)  
 Ronald Andrszczkiewicz (heart attack - Brother of Arlene Potter)  
 JoAnn Hensley (stroke - Friend of Jennie Everson)  
 Dorothy Ludko (Friend of Barbara Raymond)  
 Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)  
 Dennis Polzun, Jr. (Nephew of the Polzun's)  
 Ann Ward (Friend of the Polzun's)  
 Louise Shimchick (recovery from surgery - Aunt of Marie Shimchick)  
 Christine Pianpiano (recovery from surgery - Friend of Marie Shimchick)  
 child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)  
 Bruce McCallum (Parkinson's - Father of Rebecca McCallum)  
 George DeMartino (heart surgery - Uncle of Jen Belonick)  
 Steven Belonick (Grandfather of Daniel Belonick)  
 Ann Belonick (Grandmother of Daniel Belonick)  
 Alexandra Hopko (in-operable tumors - Sister of Fr. John Hopko)  
 Tatiana Leardi (Friend of the Koles - Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Terryville)  
 Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Terryville)  
 Donna Kriniske (recovery from brain surgery - Cousin of Matushka Melanie)  
 Jennifer Ganley (MS - Friend of Chris Dresko)  
 Lisa Baker (breast cancer - Wife of Brian Baker)

### Captives:

**Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John** of Aleppo, Syria. **Mother Pelagia**, 11 nuns & orphans of St. Thecla Monastery, Maloula

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

Newly  
 Departed:  
 Douglas Sposato [Nov 15] (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)  
 Olga Kowal [Nov 19] (Koles extended family - Terryville)  
 Robert Martin [Nov 20]  
 Sue Spadjinske [Dec 5] (Colleague of Chris Dresko)  
 Mary Cherpak [Dec 7]  
 Richard Hastings [Dec 11] (Friend of Phillip Cook)



Pan-Orthodox Church. Our multi-ethnic community includes Greeks, Russians, Serbians, Bulgarians, Americans, Moldavians, and Puerto Ricans. Please be generous by using the envelopes provided in our monthly mailing. Collection will be taken NEXT WEEK, the last Sunday of the month.

### ◆ **Men's Club Lotto -**

# 62 Jennifer Wykes

Support the Men's Club  
 Special Projects Fund!!

Sign up today!!!

### ◆ **Future Dates:**

**Sunday, January 5th: Eve of Theophany** - Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water 9:00 a.m.  
 Festal Great Vespers & Litya 6:30 p.m.  
**Monday, January 6th: Feast of Theophany** - Festal Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

### December Finances

Income: \$ 8,436.35  
 Expense: \$ 10,526.85  
 Exp/Inc: \$ -2,090.50

### Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 170,535.73  
 Expense: \$ 175,161.45  
 Exp/Inc: \$ -4,625.72