



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*28th Sunday after Pentecost ❖ Week of December 24 - 30, 2006*  
*Sunday of the Holy Fathers*

## 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

### DAILY READINGS:

**December 25th**

Gal. 4:4-7

Matt. 2:1-12

**December 26th**

Heb. 2:11-18

Matt. 2:13-23

**December 27th**

Heb. 5:11-6:8

Mark 11:23-26

**December 28th**

Heb. 7:1-6

Mark 11:27-33

**December 29th**

Heb. 7:18-25

Mark 12:1-12

**December 30th**

Eph. 2:11-13

Luke 17:3-10

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday December 24th

Divine Liturgy 9:00a.m.

Coffee Hour

**Christmas Vigil 4:00 p.m.**

Monday December 25th

**NAÏVITY OF OUR LORD**

Divine Liturgy 9:00a.m.

Tuesday December 26th

Wednesday December 27th

Thursday December 28th

Friday December 29th

Saturday December 30th

Great Vespers 4:00 p.m.

Confession

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Dec 24th

Greeter: Leah, Rachel  
& Megan

Cleaning: Paul Salina

Coffee: Santoro / Bartos

Sunday Dec 31st

Greeter: Leah, Rachel  
& Megan

Cleaning: Paul Salina

Coffee: **COMMUNITY**

## Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 2171

**YTD: \$109,562 [71.7%]**

**YTD Goal: \$ 152,796**

(51 wks)

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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 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.

*"for unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given."*

*From our family to all the  
faithful of Holy Trinity a  
blessed and joyous feast  
of the  
Nativity of Our Lord.*

**Christ is Born!**  
*Fr. David, Melanie,  
Juliana & Irene*

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

Nina Molchan Olga Skotnicki  
Mary Glowacki Mary Roman  
Alexei Rudy Anthony Bichum

— in need of our prayers:

Lydia Dorsey  
Peter Roshak (son of Fr. Michael Roshak  
Three Saints, Ansonia)

Priest John, Matushka Clara &  
Christopher Eissman (Bethany, CT)

Archpriest Nicholas Timpko  
(knee surgery)

Archpriest William DuBovik  
(All Saints, Hartford)

Archpriest Michael Mihalick (MS -  
Johnstown, PA)

Priest Matthew Jackson (rheumatoid  
arthritis - McComb, Mississippi)

Priest Robert McMeekin (Parkinson's -  
St. Croix Falls, WI)

Archdeacon Roman Skvarnavicius  
(tumor - HTC Boston)

Mother Susanna (Abbess, Santa Rosa CA)

Matushka Karen Mahaffey (cancer -  
Old Forge, PA)

Pani Patricia Duranko (heart aneurism -  
St. John the Baptist, Bridgeport, CT)

Daria Gerrety (cancer - daughter of Fr.  
John & Pani Pat Duranko)

Irene Hetman (Sister of Anna Makula)

Caroline Skerpan (Mother of  
Carol Skerpan)

Ruth Matyschysk (Wife of Leo)  
Mary Lucyk (Sister of  
Katherine Szestakow)

Nicholas Selivonik (Friend of  
Tania Bouteneff)

Tatiana Selivonik (Friend of  
Tania Bouteneff)

Louise Bechum (Sister of Matczyks')

Shirley Lucas (Daughter of Ruth)  
Elizabeth Novosett (Cousin of  
Nadine Cabrera)

child Justin Holmes (Infant friend of  
the Bichums)

John Guba (friend of the Bichums;  
HTC Bridgeport)

Wayne Demske (Cousin of  
Rosemary Delaney)

Tatiana Kokotiuk (Mother of  
Raisa Shafran)

Catherine Sokoloff (Niece of  
Tania Bouteneff)

Maria Napolitano (MS- mother of a  
classmate of Irene Koles)

Frank Guba (MS- SS C&M, Terryville)

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

**NEWLY  
DEPARTED:**

Vera Matyczzyk Funk (11/21) [ Matyczzyk's sister ]  
Milenty Stregotsky (12/5)  
John M. Labas (12/18)



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

◆ **The December monthly charity** is the "Warm the Children". The collection is taken on the last Sunday of the month. You may donate early by using the envelope provided in your monthly mailing.

◆ **Greeters and cleaners:** Sign-up sheets for Greeters and Cleaners for 2007 are on the bulletin board. Please sign-up today to help next year. Your stewardship of time and effort is greatly appreciated.

◆ **Men's Club Lotto -**  
#51 Barbara Burrill  
Support the Men's Club Church  
Improvement Fund!!  
Sign up for your 2007 numbers!!

◆ **Future Dates to remember:**  
Jan 5th Vigil & Great Blessing of  
Water 6:30 p.m.  
Jan 6th Feast of Theophany - Divine  
Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Jan 6 - 14 HOME BLESSING  
Jan 7th OCF Coffee Hour  
Jan 13th FOS Members Meet &  
Greet after vespers.  
Jan 14th Parish FOS Presentation  
during coffee hour