



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of December 24 - 30, 2017 ❖ 29th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday before the Nativity - Sunday of the Holy Fathers ❖ Tone 4*

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, 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 *[OVER]*

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. 10:1-18

Mark 11:22-26

December 28th

Heb. 10:35-11:7

Mark 11:27-33

December 29th

Heb. 11:8, 11-16

Mark 12:1-12

December 30th

Eph. 5:1-8

Luke 17:3-10

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 24th
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour

Festal Matins & Divine Liturgy 10:30 p.m.

Monday, December 25th
НАТ'ВИТ'Ь OF OUR LORD

Fast Free Festal Season
December 25th - January 4th

Saturday, December 30th
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31st
ЛЕАВ'ТАРИНГ OF THE НАТ'ВИТ'Ь
Divine Liturgy & Prayers for the New Year 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Friday, January 5th
Festal Great Vespers & Litya 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, January 6th
Т'НСОП'ИАНЬ / ВАР'Т'ЫСМ OF OUR LORD
Festal Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water 9:00 a.m.
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 24

Greeter: P. Salina

Cleaning: Dresko/Fiedler

Coffee: Koles/Haskins

Sunday December 31

Greeter: P. Salina

Cleaning: ? ? ?

Coffee: Megan S/Rachel S

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 2,316

YTD:\$133,034 **[94.6%]**

YTD Goal:\$140,658.00

(51 wks) [\$ 2758.00/wk]

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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

◆**Catch-up Sundays:** We only have 2 weeks remaining in this years to complete our financial commitment. We see that our Pledge/Weekly contributions have dropped to **94.6%** of what is hoped for. You can also see that our "cash flow" is behind by \$20k. If you would like to see where you stand verses what you promised please see Nadine Cabrera, our Assistant Treasurer, and she will get you an electronic or printed copy of your statement.

◆**Cleaners List:** We have a NEW weekly Cleaners List. Please see Nadine Cabrera (or she will find you) to participate as we look toward 2018. This is our church and we need to keep it cleaned!



◆**Coffee Hour:** The NEW 2018 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board.



◆**The December monthly charity collection is for Puerto Rico.** After the devastation of Hurricane Maria the residents of the island are in desperate need of everything. We will be working with the Connecticut Association of Schools who has partnered with many organizations within our state to assist schools and hospitals on the island. One of these partners has agreed to match dollar for dollar each donation.

The collection will be taken NEXT WEEK, the last Sunday of the month. Please use the envelope provided in your monthly mailing and be generous!!



"For the sick and suffering"

Catherine Szestakow Nicholas Hamisevicz
 Arlene Potter Peter Labas
 Joseph Kowar Diane Polzun
 Archpriest Paul Lazor
 Archpriest Steven Belonick (Father of Dan Belonick)
 Archpriest Peter DiLeo (cancer - St. Spyridon Church, Trujillo Alto, PR)
 Priest Michael Shuster (Holy Trinity Church, Spring Hill, FL)
 Mat. Susanne Senyo (cancer - Pittsburgh, PA. schoolmate of Fr. David)
 Mat. Laryssa Hutnyan (ovarian cancer - Sagamore Hills, Ohio)
 Mat. Anne Hosking (St. Alexis, Clinton, CT)
 Mat. Mara Burns (Three Saints, Ansonia, CT)
 Nona Richards (Mother of Sarah Clark)
 Michael Kokus (Father of Nick Kokus)
 Gregory Shesko (cancer - Maynard, MA)
 Barbara Eastman (surgery/recovery - Grand mother of Megan Bartos Stock)
 John Delaney (Husband of Rosemary Delaney)
 Kathy Collins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
 Ola Ferla (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
 Anne Healey (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
 Peter Doyle (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
 Thomas Kirby (kidney failure - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
 Daniel DeRosa (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)
 Catherine Williamson (Daughter of Steve Bradford)
 Thomas Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)
 Peter Lozewski (Friend of Marion Bichun's)

Gerri Lozewski (Friend of Marion Bichun's)
 Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)
 Robert Mix (surgery - in-law of Jennie Everson)
 Ann Ward (chemo - friend of the Polzun's)
 Richard Kusmirek (Friend of the Santoro's)
 Wayne Norman (cancer - Friend of the Santoro's)
 Barbara Davis (surgery - Friend of the Santoro's)
 Daniel Poproski (Nephew of Ellen Santoro)
 Marge Bargielski (cancer - Sister of Potter's Brother-in law)
 John Ludko (Brother of George Ludko)
 Patricia Borick (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
 Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)
 Spencer Tracy (cancer - Friend of the Aherns)
 Steven Ball (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
 Cathryn Hatridge (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
 Patricia Ranta (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)
 Frank Lozis (Brother-in-law of Diane Dounouk)
 child Daniel Hawn (brain cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)
 Steven Belonick (Grandfather of Daniel Belonick)
 Andrew Veek (Grandfather of Brian Veek)
 Alexandra Hopko (in-operable tumors - Sister of Fr. John Hopko)
 Frank Guba (MS - Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Terryville)
 Eva Kopcha (Mother of Mat. Melanie)
 Hunter Weitowitz (Leukemia - Student of Chris Dresko)
 Jennifer Ganley (MS - Friend of Chris Dresko)

Captives:

Metropolitan Paul & Archbishop John of Aleppo, Syria.

.... and all those shut-in at home or in Nursing Homes!

NEWLY DEPARTED:

Valentina Rhodes [Nov 18] (Friend of Frs. David & John, Mat. Elizabeth, etc)
 Erika MacKendrick [Nov 27] (Sister-in-law of the Polzun's)
 John Holowiak [Dec 14] (Father of Mat. Barbara Shimchick)
 Julie Ann Voytovich [Dec 15] (Mother of Fr. Steven Voytovich)



◆**Men's Club Lotto -**

73 Max Everson

**Support the Men's Club
 Special Projects Fund!!**

Sign up today!!!

Do you have your number??!

◆**Future Dates:**

Saturday, January 6th: Intercessory Prayer Group following Great Vespers.
 Monday, Jan 8th: Parish Council mtg.7:00p.m.
 Tuesday, January 9th - Wednesday, January 24th: Home Blessing!!!
 Sunday, January 21st: Following the Divine Liturgy & Coffee hour the Sisterhood and Men's Club will hold their Annual Meetings. The Men's Club will also have their traditional lunch.
 Saturday, January 27th: General Confession!
 Sunday, January 28th: Annual Parish Meeting following Divine Liturgy and Coffee Hour.
 Sunday, January 28th: Beginning of the Lenten Tridion. Fast Free week 28th - 3rd!

Thursday, February 1st: Festal Vesperal Liturgy & Blessing of Candles 6:00 p.m. for the Great Feast of MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE (Feb. 2) Festive Pot Luck supper to follow.
Meat Fare Brunch: Sunday, February 11th sponsored by our Sisterhood.
Sunday, February 18th: Forgiveness Sunday!
February 19th - 22nd: Clean Week: Canon of St. Andrew, Mon, Tues, & Thurs, 6:30 p.m.; Presanctified Liturgy, Wed 6:00 p.m. followed by 'Soup & Bread'.
Holy Week: April 1st - April 7th.
Pascha - April 8th!!
Bright Monday, April 9th: Paschal Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

December Finances

Income: \$ 11,288.00
 Expense: \$ 11,093.33
 Inc/Exp: \$ **194.67**

Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 154,360.53
 Expense: \$ 163,611.63
 Exp/Inc: \$ **-9,251.10**