



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of Dec. 31, 2017 - Jan. 6, 2018 ❖ 30th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday after the Nativity - Holy Righteous Ones ❖ Tone 5*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

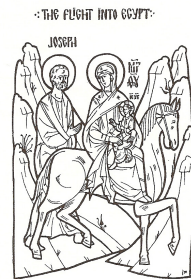
Galatians 1:11-19

BRETHREN: I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

Matt. 2:13-23

When the wise men had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His

mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."



DAILY READINGS:

January 1st
Col. 2:8-12
Luke 2:20-21, 40-52
January 2nd
Heb. 12:25-26, 13:22-25
Mark 8:22-26
January 3rd
James 1:1-18
Mark 8:30-34
January 4th
James 1:19-27
Mark 9:10-16
January 5th
James 2:1-13
Mark 9:33-41
January 6th
1 Cor. 10:1-4
Mark 1:9-11

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, December 31st
CELEBRATING OF THE NATIVITY
Divine Liturgy & Prayers for the New Year 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour

Fast Free Festal Season
December 25th - January 4th

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

Saturday, January 6th
THEOPHANY / BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Festal Divine Liturgy & Great Blessing of Water 9:00 a.m.

Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.
Intercessory Prayer Group

Sunday, January 7th
Church School 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour

Monday, January 8th
Parish Council mtg. 7:00 p.m.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday December 31

Greeter: P. Salina

Cleaning: ? ? ?

Coffee: Megan S/Rachel S

Sunday January 7

Greeter: ? ? ?

Cleaning: ? ? ?

Coffee: Ahern / Mah

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 2,635

YTD:\$135,669 **[94.6%]**

YTD Goal:\$143,416.00

(52 wks) [\$ 2758.00/wk]

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PLEDGE 2018

An up to date accounting of our response to the pledge drive.

Potential Pledging Units: 54 = Potential Pledging people: 71
 Pledge forms received: 40 (74.07%)
 [Last year 54]
 Pledged Income: \$108,858
 [Last year \$128,550]
 Average pledge: \$2,721
 [Last year \$2,426]

REMINDER: A signed pledge form is **required** in order to be a voting member of the parish at our annual or special meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆**Catch-up Sundays:** Today is the last Sunday of the year! 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.



"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)
 Archpriest Dimitiric Vincent (spinal surgery recovery - schoolmate of Fr. David - Michigan)
 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:

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)
 Gerald Mikulske [Dec 28] (Father-in-law of Christopher Truhan)

ВЪЧНА ПАМАТЪ

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

◆**Men's Club Lotto -**

15 Margaret Wagner

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

Sign up today!!!

Do you have your number??!

◆**Future Dates:**

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 Triodion. Fast Free week 28th - 3rd!

Thursday, February 1st: Festal Vespertal Liturgy & Blessing of Candles 6:00 p.m. for the Great Feast of MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE (Feb. 2nd) Festive Pot Luck supper to follow.

Saturday, February 3rd: Interssory Prayer Group following Great Vespers.

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

December Finances

Income: \$ 13,786.33
 Expense: \$ 11,176.50
 Inc/Exp: \$ **2,609.83**

Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 156,858.86
 Expense: \$ 163,793.37
 Exp/Inc: \$ **-6,934.51**