



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of January 3 - 9, 2016 ❖ 31st Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday before Theophany ❖ Tone 6*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### 2 Timothy 4:5-8

**MY CHILD TIMOTHY:** Be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

### Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My

messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You. The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight." John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



## DAILY READINGS:

### Jan 4th

James 2:14-26

Luke 17:20-25

### Jan 5th

1 Cor. 9:19-27

Luke 3:1-18

### Jan 6th

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Matt. 3:13-17

### Jan 7th

James 4:7-5:9

Luke 18:31-34

### Jan 8th

1 Peter 1:1-2, 10-12, 2:6-10

Luke 19:12-28

### Jan 9th

1 Thess. 5:14-23

Luke 10:19-21

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 3rd  
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour

Tuesday, January 5th  
Festal Vesperal Liturgy & Great  
Blessing of Water 6:10 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6th  
ТИСОРИАНУ / ЄРІРІАНУ  
House Blessing: Jan 6 - Jan 22

Saturday, January 9th  
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.  
Confession

Sunday, January 10th  
Church School 8:30 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour

Saturday, January 16th  
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.  
Confession

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday January 3

Greeter: Paul Salina

Cleaning: G. Labas

Coffee: Beck/Santoro

Sunday January 10

Greeter: Paul Salina

Cleaning: G. Labas

Coffee: ? ? ? ?

## Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 4,120

YTD: \$144,896 [87.7%]

YTD Goal: \$165,125.00

(52wks) [\$ 3175.50/wk]

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### PLEDGE 2016

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

Potential Pledging Units: 70 = Potential  
Pledging people: 91  
Pledge forms received: 37 (52.86%)  
[Last year 51]  
Pledged Income: \$100,544  
[Last year \$122,146]  
Average pledge: \$2,717  
[Last year \$2,395]

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆**Elections:** We are in need of a number of people to fill 3 vacancies on the Parish Council including the Warden, Auditor & Member-at-large, together with the Cemetery Committee Chairman and Diocesan Assembly Representative (Springfield, MA 10/28-29). Prayerfully consider your stewardship to our parish and step up when asked to serve by the Nomination Committee.



◆**Coffee Hour:** The NEW 2016 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board. We have NO ONE for next Sunday!! Also we are in need of someone to be the Coordinator to replace the Bartos'.  
**Can you help!!!!**



◆**Home Blessing schedule:** Please check the Newsletter, bulletin board or web page which has the tentative 2015 Home Blessing schedule. If your name does not appear on the list, and you want your home blessed, talk to Fr. David at coffee hour or call 860-573-0013.

◆**Men's Club & Sisterhood:** The An-

### "For the sick and suffering"

Megan Bartos  
Catherine Szesztakow  
Nicholas Hamisevich

John Steffick  
Alla Hamisevich  
Child Eleanor Parnell

Archpriest Paul Lazor  
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)

Mat. Mara Burns (Ansonia, CT)

Gregory Shesko (cancer - Maynard, MA)

John Delaney (Husband of Rosemary Delaney)

Kathy Collins (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Leslie Nutthall (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Paul Sulich (Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

David Nutthall (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Thomas Kirby (kidney failure - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Edie Simon (cancer - Friend of Rosemary Delaney)

Helen Skrobat (Mother of John Skrobat)

Marie Machado (cancer - rehab)

Cindy Eastman (Sister of Phyllis Bartos)

Polly Gunther (Friend of Phyllis Bartos)

Catherine Williamson (Daughter of Steve Bradford)

Thomas Hricus (Brother of Marion Bichun)

Christine Stoj (Friend of the Bichun's)

Charles Casciotta (Friend of the Bichun's)

Laura Bashar (Friend of the Bichun's)

Justin Holmes (Friend of the Bichun's)

Fran Covaleski (Friend of the Bichun's)

Gerri Harbor (Friend of the Bichun's)

Olga Blasko (Cousin of Antoinette Rudy)  
Janet Roberts (Friend of Barbara Burrill)  
Marc D'Antonio (Brother of Diane Karabin)  
Gregory Savoie (Friend of the Santoro's)  
Richard Kusmirek (Friend of the Santoro's)  
Daniel Poproski (Nephew of Ellen Santoro)  
Stephen Kearing (surgery - Brother of Jillian Wanik)  
Nadia Wall (Sister of Margaret Wagner)  
Mary Presta (Friend of Margaret Wagner)  
Anita Hall (Friend of Margaret Wagner)  
Matthew Murphy (Nephew of Marie Shimchick)  
Camille Fusco (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)  
James Fisher (cancer - Friend of Marie Shimchick)  
William McKinney (cancer - Friend of Diane Dounouk)  
Frank Lozis (Brother-in-law of Diane Dounouk)  
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)  
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!

Annual Meetings for the Sisterhood and Men's Club will be held on Sunday, January 24th following Divine Liturgy.

◆**The January monthly charity collection is Holy Cross Orthodox Mission, High Point, NC.** Our parish was established to be a beacon of Holy Orthodoxy, offering English-language services to all people of all origins in the Piedmont Triad area of North Carolina. God has blessed this mission! In the decade since our founding, we have welcomed dozens of new Orthodox Christians into our midst. We have finally outgrown the temporary home we have been leasing for many years. The time has come to create a home of our own, and we are journeying together on the path to building a new church. RAISING THE CROSS is the campaign to raise funds to build this permanent house of worship.



Visit their website at [www.holycrossoca.org](http://www.holycrossoca.org) for more information.

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

#### ◆Men's Club Lotto -

# 78 Simon Sahin

Support the Men's Club  
Special Projects Fund!!

#### ◆Future Dates:

Monday, January 18th: Parish Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 30th: General Confession Sunday, January 31st:

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday, February 1st: Festal Vesperal Liturgy & Blessing of Candles for the Great Feast of **THE MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE** 6:10 p.m. Festive Pot Luck supper to follow.

#### December Finances

Income: \$ 14,732.00  
Expense: \$ 14,760.33  
Exp/Inc: \$ -28.33

#### Final Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 154,898.71  
Expense: \$ 162,866.72  
Exp/Inc: \$ -7,968.01