



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of January 7 - 13, 2018 ❖ 31st Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday after the Theophany - Synaxis of St. John the Baptist ❖ Tone 6*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 4:7-13 & Acts 19:1-8

BRETHREN: To each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." (Now this, "He ascended" - what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

IN THOSE DAYS: it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. Now the men were about

twelve in all. And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

Matthew 4:12-17 & John 1:29-34

AT THAT TIME: When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

AT THAT TIME: John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."



DAILY READINGS:

January 8th

James 2:14-26

Mark 9:33-41

January 9th

James 3:1-10

Mark 10:2-12

January 10th

James 3:11-4:6

Mark 10:11-16

January 11th

James 4:7-5:9

Mark 10:17-27

January 12th

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

Mark 10:23-32

January 13th

1 Thess. 5:14-23

Luke 16:10-15

Weekly Calendar

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

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

Tuesday, January 9th
Funeral for Helen Karabin 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 13th
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.
Confession

Sunday, January 14th
CELEBRATION OF THEOPHANY
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour

Saturday, January 20th
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.
Confession

Sunday, January 21st
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour
Annual meeting for the Sisterhood
Annual meeting for the Men's Club
and luncheon

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday January 7

Greeter: Mat. Melanie

Cleaning: Delaney

Coffee: Ahern / Mah

Sunday January 14

Greeter: Mat. Melanie

Cleaning: Bradanini

Coffee: Fiedler

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 3,382

YTD:\$139,051 **[95.1%]**

YTD Goal:\$146,176.00

(53 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: 60 = Potential Pledging people: 81
 Pledge forms received: 41 (75.93%)
 [Last year 54]
 Pledged Income: \$111,558
 [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

◆**Home Blessing:** Please check the bulletin board or monthly Newsletter which has the Home Blessing schedule. Let Fr. David know if there is a conflict. Also, if your name is **not** on the list, and you want it to be, it will be joyfully added.

◆**Annual Meetings:** The Sisterhood and Men's Club will hold their meeting on Sunday, January 21st during coffee hour. The Men's Club will also have their traditional lunch.

◆**Annual Parish Meeting:** The annual gathering of the entire parish in council will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2018 following Divine Liturgy & coffee hour. EVERYONE who is qualified as a "voting member" is asked to make every effort to attend. We have a number of important items to discuss and approve, so everyone's participation is needed!

◆**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 January monthly charity collection** is for "Warm the Children".

"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)
 Courtney Smith (surgery/breast cancer - Friend of Jennifer Bradanini)
 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)
 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:

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)
 Helen Karabin [Jan 3])

ВЪЧНОДА ПАМЯТЬ

Warm The Children is a program whose mission is to provide new warm winter clothing for children of needy families. Please be generous by using the envelopes provided in our monthly mailing. 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 -**

30 Juliana Haskins

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

Sign up today!!!

Do you have your number??!

◆**Future Dates:**

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 Vespers Liturgy and 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: Intercessory 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 & Bread'.

December Finances

Income: \$ 21,353.33
 Expense: \$ 12,116.55
 Inc/Exp: \$ **9,236.78**

Year-to-date Finances

Income: \$ 164,307.86
 Expense: \$ 164,733.42
 Exp/Inc: \$ **-425.56**