



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of January 17 - 23, 2016 ❖ 33rd Sunday after Pentecost
Venerable Father Anthony the Great ❖ Tone 8*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Col. 1:12-18 & Heb. 13:17-21

BRETHREN: To giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

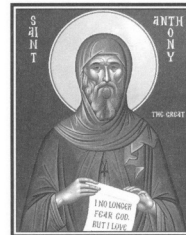
BRETHREN: Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Pray for us; for we are confident that we have a good conscience, in all things desiring to live honorably. But I especially urge you to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18:18-27 & Luke 6:17-23

AT THAT TIME: a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call

Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother.' And he said, "All these things I have kept from my youth." So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. And those who heard it said, "Who then can be saved?" But He said, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

AT THAT TIME: Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all. Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: Blessed are you poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.



DAILY READINGS:

Jan 18th
Heb. 3:5-11, 17-19
Luke 20:27-44
Jan 19th
Heb. 4:1-13
Luke 21:12-19
Jan 20th
Heb. 5:11-6:8
Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24
Jan 21st
Heb. 7:1-6
Luke 21:28-33
Jan 22nd
Heb. 7:18-25
Luke 21:37-22:8
Jan 23rd
Eph. 2:11-13
Luke 13:18-29

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 17th
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour

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

House Blessing: Jan 6 - Jan 22

Saturday, January 23rd
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.
Confession

Sunday, January 24th
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour
Sisterhood & Men's Club
Annual Meetings

Saturday, January 30th
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.
General Confession

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday January 17
Greeter: Paul Salina
Cleaning: G. Labas
Coffee: Kaplan

Sunday January 24
Greeter: Paul Salina
Cleaning: G. Labas
Coffee: Fiedler

Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 4,965
YTD: \$ 7085 [125.1%]
YTD Goal: \$ 5,662.00
(2wks) [\$ 2831.00/wk]

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PLEDGE 2016

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

Potential Pledging Units: 68 = Potential
Pledging people: 85
Pledge forms received: 48 (70.59%)
[Last year 51]
Pledged Income: \$116,425
[Last year \$122,146]
Average pledge: \$2,426
[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 someone to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council of **Warden**. With this we will have a complete slate for 2016. Prayerfully consider your stewardship to our parish and step up when asked to serve.



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

◆ **Annual Parish Meeting:** The annual gathering of the entire parish in council will be held on Sunday, January 31st 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!

◆ **Home Blessing schedule:** Please check the Newsletter, bulletin board or web page which has the 2016 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, email or call 860-573-0013.

"For the sick and suffering"

Megan Bartos
Catherine Szesztakow
Nicholas Hamisevicz

Annette Salina
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. 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)

Eddie 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 Covalesski (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)

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)

Joan Sutyak (hospice - Cousin of Mat. Melanie)

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!

◆ **Coffee Hour:** The NEW 2016 Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board.



◆ **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 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 -**

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Support the Men's Club
Special Projects Fund!!

Sign up today!!!

New numbers start February 5th!!!

◆ **Future Dates:**

Saturday, January 30th: General Confession
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.

Monday, February 29th: Parish Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Meat Fare Brunch: Sunday, March 6, 2016 sponsored by our Sisterhood.

January Finances

Income: \$ 7,620.37

Expense: \$ 8,670.90

Exp/Inc: \$ **-1,050.53**

Year-to-date Finances

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Expense: \$ 8,670.90

Exp/Inc: \$ **-1,050.53**