



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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*Week of January 31 - February 6, 2016 ❖ 35th Sunday after Pentecost  
New Martyrs & Confessors of Russia ❖ Tone 2*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Col. 3:12-16 & Rom. 8:28-39*

**BRETHREN:** as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**BRETHREN:** we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Matthew 25:14-30*

**THE LORD SPOKE THIS PARABLE:** the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

*& Luke 21:8-19*

## DAILY READINGS:

**Feb 1st**

*Heb. 11:17-23, 27-31*

*Mark 9:42-10:1*

**Feb 2nd**

*Heb. 12:25-26, 13:22-25*

*Mark 10:2-12*

**Feb 3rd**

*James 1:1-18*

*Mark 10:11-16*

**Feb 4th**

*James 1:19-27*

*Mark 10:17-27*

**Feb 5th**

*James 2:1-13*

*Mark 10:23-32*

**Feb 6th**

*Col. 1:3-6*

*Luke 16:10-15*

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 31st  
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Monday, February 1st  
Festal Vesperal Liturgy &  
Blessing of Candles 6:10 p.m.  
Festal Pot Luck supper  
following.

Tuesday, February 2nd  
**MEETING OF OUR LORD  
IN THE TEMPLE**

Saturday, February 6th  
Great Vespers 5:00 p.m.  
General Confession

Sunday, February 7th  
Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.  
Coffee Hour  
Sisterhood & Men's Club  
Annual Meetings

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday January 31

Greeter: Paul Salina

Cleaning: G. Labas

Coffee: **PARISH COUNCIL**

Sunday February 7

Greeter: **???**

Cleaning: **???**

Coffee: Belonick

## Parish Figures

Collection: \$ 957

YTD: \$ 10,877 **[96.1%]**

YTD Goal: \$ 11,324.00

(4wks) [\$ 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: 86  
Pledge forms received: 50 (73.53%)  
[Last year 51]  
Pledged Income: \$124,685  
[Last year \$122,146]  
Average pledge: \$2,494  
[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

◆**Annual Parish Meeting:** The annual gathering of the entire parish in council will be held **TODAY** 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!

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



### "For the sick and suffering"

Megan Bartos Annette Salina  
Catherine Szesztakow Nicholas Hamisevicz  
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)

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 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)  
Philip Everson (surgery - Brother-in-law  
of Jennie Everson)

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 (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)

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!

#### Newly

Joan Sutyak [Jan 17] (Cousin of Mat. Melanie)

Helen Timpko [Jan 20] (Mother of Fr. Nicholas Timpko)

#### Departed:

Joshua Zdinak [Jan 20] (Son of Fr. John Zdinak, Chancellor of the DMW)

Angelo Mancini [Jan 24] (Friend of Everson's & Culton's)

◆**Men's Club & Sisterhood:** The Annual Meetings for the Sisterhood and Men's Club will be held **NEXT** week, Sunday, February 7th following Divine Liturgy.

#### ◆Men's Club Lotto -

# 98 Betty Beck

Support the Men's Club  
Special Projects Fund!!

Sign up today!!!

New numbers start February 5th!!!

#### ◆Coffee Hour: The NEW 2016

Coffee Hour sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin Board. Please consider taking two or three Sundays throughout the year!



◆**Greeters List:** The NEW 2016 Greeters List is posted on the Bulletin Board. Please consider taking a month to greet visitors and parish family members. We have **NO ONE** for February!!

◆**For Sale:** Downstairs please find a collection of Decorative Plates depicting Russian fairytales and legends in the Palekh style. Please see Janice Hromi to purchase.

#### ◆Future Dates:

**Blessing of Newly Elected:** With the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop NIKON we will bless all those elected on Sunday, February 14th.

**Monday, February 28th:** Parish Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

**Forgiveness Vespers:** Sunday, March 13, 2016.

**Great Lent - Pascha:** March 14th - May 1st.

#### January Finances

Income: \$ 18,156.87

Expense: \$ 14,125.78

Inc/Exp: \$ **4,031.09**

#### Year-to-date Finances

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