

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, December 22, 2019

Sunday Before the Nativity of Jesus Christ • Great Martyr Anastasia

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour and Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 23

7:00 PM Panikhida for Reader David Cheplick and Margarete Charlanow (40 Days)

Tuesday, December 24 – Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

8:00 AM Royal Hours

7:00 PM Vigil (Compline & Matins) for the Nativity of Christ

Wednesday, December 25 – Great Feast of the Nativity of Christ – Christmas Day

9:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of the Nativity of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ – CHRIST IS BORN!

Thursday, December 26 – Second Day of Christmas – Synaxis of the Most-Holy Theotokos

9:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Christmas Caroling to Our Homebound Parishioners

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord: Glory to Jesus Christ!

Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for the beautiful gift of icons you so lovingly bestowed on us last Sunday. It is a joy to serve our beautiful community of the Holy Trinity and all of you.

We continue to humbly ask for your prayers and blessings as we continue our journey in Faith.

Again, our sincere thanks and appreciation for your kindness, patience and love.

With love in Christ,

Subdeacon Shawn Michael, Kathryn, and the Karney Family.

TODAY'S EPISTLE Hebrews 11:9-10, 17-23, 32-40 Brethren: By faith Abraham dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel, and gave instructions concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented –of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

TODAY'S GOSPEL Matthew 1:1-25 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her who had been the wife of Uriah. Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa. Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah. Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. Josiah begot Jeconiah and his brothers about the time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were brought to Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel. Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor. Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, and Achim begot Eliud. Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob. And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: Amelia; Frank (Mat. Tamara's godfather, +12/18); Taisia (+12/16); George; Jack; Brian; Dn. Gregory Jewett; Rdr. David Cheplick (11/14); Margarete Charlanow (+11/14); Martha Scigliano (+11/13). All the Departed named for the Great Martyr Anastasia.

For Health: Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James, Dn. John Holoduek, Sdn. Thomas, Rdr. Thomas, Rdr. William, Presbyter Nancy, and Nancy Karney, recovering from surgery; Susan (Kathryn Karney's mother), Fr. Nicholas & Mat. Anastasia (Mat. Tamara's parents), James & Jane Ann (Fr. David's parents), Mat. Anastasia, Chloe, Mary Ann, Helen B. - knee surgery, Nadezhda, Kathleen, Child Hannah, Gregory, Antonina, Ruth, Sarah, Jason, Harriett, Elizabeth, Katherine, Elizabeth, Anastasia, Sierra, Maria, Michael, Kate, Kristen, Julie, Rachel, Julie and the child to be born to her, Vera, Virginia, Ludmilla, Levi, Marilyn. **In the Diocese:** Victoria, Christina, Christopher, Jonathan, Jeff, Robert, Kelly Ann, Sveta, Mary, Kevin, Ron, Michael, Barbara, Kyra, Sanjiv, Mary Jo and her children Nathan, Matthew and Michael. **Birthdays:** Denis Kingsley (12/17); Louis Angelo (12/25); Shirley Kohena (12/27), Jonah Charlanow (12/27). **Name Days:** Nathan Devens (Today, Prophet Nathan of the Holy Forefathers); Steve Cheplick (12/27, Protomartyr Stephen). All those named for the Great Martyr Anastasia.

Parish Children:

Lucia	Hannah	Jeremiah	Andrew	Myra	Anthony	Anysia
Lydia	Natalie	Emilia	Patrick	Sophia	Dmitri	Jonah
Gabriel	Angelina	John	Thomas	Nikolai	Melania	Alexei
Larissa	Julianna	Nadia	Nathan	Justus	Gabriel	

College Students:

Anna McKane – Studying in China Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David or to a Subdeacon or Reader.

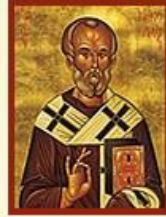
Typically, prayers for Newly Departed and Health

remain on this list for 40 days, unless requested otherwise. Thank you. `

Fellowship Schedule:		Readers Schedule:	
Dec. 22nd Nativity Fast	Karney Family	Dec. 21st & 22nd:	Steve Cheplick
Dec. 29th	<i>Christmas Potluck</i>	Dec. 28th & 29th:	Carol Haluszczak
Jan 5th Fasting Day	Dudek and Payzant	Jan. 4th, 5th, 6th Theophany	Sdcn. Shawn Michael
Jan 12th	Cheplick Family	Jan. 11th & 12th:	Steve Cheplick
Jan. 19th	Urda, Cusick and Speen	Jan. 18th & 19th:	Alexander Charlanow
Jan. 26th	King Family	Jan. 25th & 26th:	Carol Haluszczak
Feb. 2nd	Charlanow Family	Feb. 1st & 2nd:	Sdcn. Shawn Michael
Feb. 9th	Karney Family	Feb. 8th & 9th:	Rdr. William
Feb.16th	Haluszczak Family	Feb 15th &16th:	Alexander Charlanow
Feb. 23rd	Dudek and Payzant	Feb. 22nd & 23rd:	Steve Cheplick



The Nativity Season



Coming Events and Activities ...

- **Nativity Remembrance Donations:** Envelopes are at the candle stand for any special donations you'd like to make for the Nativity Feast, with prayers for loved ones. The donations and the names of those remembered with them will be included in the bulletin between Christmas and Theophany. *Thank you!*
- **Sunday, Dec. 22: Last Day to Bring Your Donations for the Food Bank.** After the Liturgy, we will take a group photo of the kids with the collected items, and pack them into Subdeacon Shawn's vehicle for him to drop at the Foodbank on Monday, December 23rd. In the New Year we will schedule a date for parish youth (and adults) to go and work at the Food Bank ourselves - so we can see what blessings your donations are!
- **Tuesday, Dec. 24, Eve of the Nativity:**
 - 8:00 AM Royal Hours for the Nativity of Christ
 - 6:00 PM Private Confession Available
 - 7:00 PM Vigil (Compline & Matins) for the Nativity of Christ
- **Wednesday, Dec. 25, The Nativity of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**
 - 9:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Thursday, Dec. 26, The Synaxis of the Theotokos - The Feast of the Nativity Continues**
 - 9:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 - After Liturgy - Christmas Caroling to our Homebound Parishioners.**
All are welcome - sing, or shake a jingle bell, or just bring your smile!
- **Sunday, Dec. 29, After the Liturgy: Christmas Potluck!**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 31, Eve of the Feast of Our Lord's Circumcision & St. Basil the Great**
 - 7:00 PM Great Vespers with Litya, Followed by New Year's Eve Fellowship Hour
- **Wednesday, Jan. 1, Feast of Our Lord's Circumcision & St. Basil the Great**
 - 9:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Sunday, Jan. 5, Eve of the Theophany (Baptism) of Our Lord**
 - 6:00 PM Vigil (Compline & the Blessing of Water)
- **Monday, Jan. 6, The Theophany (Baptism) of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ**
 - 9:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy