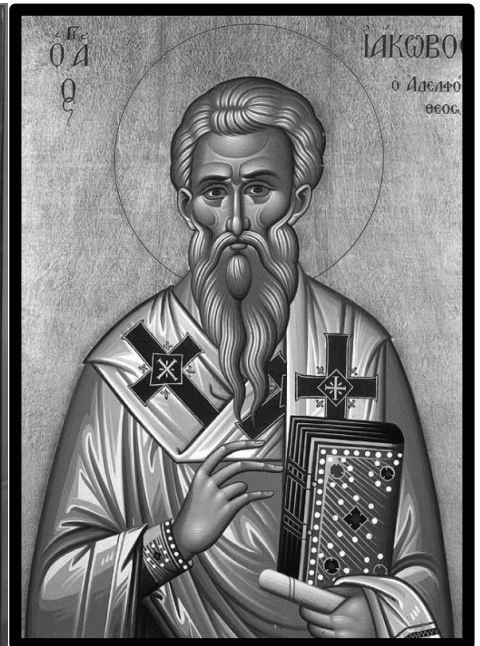


HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, December 29, 2019 – CHRIST IS BORN!

Sunday After the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Saints David the King, Joseph the Betrothed, and James the Brother of the Lord

THANK YOU ...

to all who have made our Nativity Celebration – which is still going on! – so beautiful ...
decorating the church (inside & out), cleaning, cooking,
baking, singing, serving, praying, donating ... may God bless you richly! **Merry Christmas!**

COMING UP IN THE PARISH AND THE DIOCESE...

- **Tuesday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Prayer & Fellowship:** Following Great Vespers & Liturgy which begins at 7PM, please join in for Fellowship downstairs until 10 PM. A dinner entrée will be provided. If you can bring a side or dessert, please sign up today after the Liturgy.
- **Friday, Jan. 3, 6:00 – 10:00 PM: Teen Girls Outing** - Pizza And A Movie, with Mat. Tamara & Julie Charlanow. Sign up with Mat. Tamara in person; by phone 732-3980 or email tamarancowan@hotmail.com
- **Starting Monday, Jan. 6, After the Divine Liturgy, Home Blessings Begin!** Please contact Fr. David to schedule your home blessing, or be ready to set a date when Father contacts you. For more details, see the back page of the Bulletin.
- **Friday – Sunday, May 15-17, Diocesan Altar Server Retreat,** at St. Basil Academy in Garrison NY. It'll be here before you know it, so families, please mark your calendars!

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Today

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Christmas Pot Luck

Tuesday, December 31

7:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya, Feasts of the Circumcision of the Lord and St. Basil the Great; Followed By New Year's Eve Fellowship Downstairs – Sign up today after Liturgy to bring a dish if you can!

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!

9:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the Feasts of the Circumcision of the Lord and St. Basil the Great

Friday, January 3

6:00 – 10:00 PM Girls' Outing with Mat. Tamara & Julie Charlanow. For details see the front page.

Saturday, January 4

5:00 PM Great Vespers, followed by Choir Rehearsal – Private Confession Available After Vespers

Sunday, January 5 –Eve of the Great Feast of the Theophany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour

6:00 PM Vigil (Compline & Blessing of Water) for the Great Feast of Theophany

Monday, January 6 – Great Feast of the Theophany (Baptism) of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

9:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Homes Begins On Theophany

EPISTLE Galatians 1:11-19 Brethren: I make known to you that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother.

GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-23 At that time, when Jesus and Joseph and Mary had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him." When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more." Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child's life are dead." Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

Read the Scriptures appointed for each day at www.oca.org/readings

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS

"A person can become a saint anywhere. He can become a saint in Omonia Square*, if he wants. At your work, whatever it may be, you can become a saint through meekness, patience, and love.

Make a new start every day, with new resolution,

with enthusiasm and love, prayer and silence — not with anxiety so that you get a pain in the chest."

– St. Porphyrios of Mt. Athos (**Omonia Square was a place in Athens associated with vice and sin.*)

Prayer List

Memory Eternal: The child Ephrem; Amelia; Frank; Taisia; George; Jack; Brian; Dn. Gregory Jewett; all the departed named David, Joseph and James.

For Health: Archpriest Jason, Archpriest Herman, Archpriest John, Archpriest Ken James, Dn. John Holoduek, Sdn. Thomas, Rdr. Thomas, Rdr. William, Presbytera 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, children Lydia, Natalie & Gabriel, 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:** Anthony, Catherine, 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.

Birthday: Ronnie Pearce (Fr. David's godmother, 1/1); **Name Days:** Anysia Lyon (12/30, St. Anysia of Thessalonica), Melania Cheplick (12/31 St. Melania of Rome), Rdr. William Haluszczak (1/1, St. Basil the Great), Emilia Karney (1/1, St. Emilia, Mother of St. Basil)

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. 29th	<i>Christmas Potluck</i>	Dec. 28th & 29th:	Carol Haluszczak
Jan 5th	Dudek and Payzant	Jan. 4th, 5th, 6th	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

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

Saturday, January 4, After Vespers

Sunday, January 26, After the Divine Liturgy

RE-CLAIMING OUR HOMES FOR CHRIST: A NOTE ON HOUSE BLESSINGS

When our houses or apartments are blessed, we reclaim our homes, and everyone and everything in them, for Christ: our wives, our husbands, our marriages... our children... our working and studying... our worrying and our struggling... our decisions and our dilemmas... our successes and our rejoicing: we reclaim all of our lives for Christ, by inviting Him into our inner sanctum.



The custom of blessing homes during the Theophany season is of special beauty and significance. We show the Lord – and the devil – that we wish for God to physically expel every trace of sin, anger, bitterness, and worry that has invaded our homes and our families over the past year!

Plan your home blessing at a time when **all family members can be present**, if at all possible.

When Father comes to bless the home, these things should be prepared:

- A lit candle, an icon, and a wide bowl for Holy Water should be on the table.
- All present in the house should participate. If kids are present, an icon for each child to carry (who is big enough to carry one) should also be on the table.
- All radios, televisions, etc. should be turned off.
- Lists of Departed and Living family members and loved ones to be prayed for.

NATIVITY REMEMBRANCE DONATIONS ...

Denis Kingsley - In Memory of Daniel and Clara Kingsley

Valerie Angelo - In Memory of Peter and Stella Terpack

Alex Charlanow - In Memory of newly departed wife, Margarete

Marilyn and Robert Cusick –

In Memory of Walter and Vera Michalko & William and Irene Cusick

Maria Turic - In Memory of Alexander, Sean, Mary and Wasel

Paul and Mildred Urda

Nadia Melnik

Stephen and Mary Susch

THANK YOU!