

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

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Today – Sunday, December 19

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour and Nativity Play Practice

Monday, December 20

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting – in the Church

No Tuesday Adult Class this week. Enjoy an extra night of Christmas preparations!

Wednesday, December 22

6:30 PM Neighborhood Christmas Caroling – Meet at the Church

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

8:00 AM Royal Hours for the Eve of the Nativity

5:00 PM Holy Supper at the Rectory – Please tell Matushka Tamara you're coming and we'll set a place for you!

7:00 PM Vigil Service for the Nativity of Our Lord

Saturday, December 25 – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST – *CHRIST IS BORN!*

9:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy – The Nativity of Our Lord – *Christ Is Born! – Glorify Him!*

5:00 PM Great Vespers – Private Confession Available Afterward

Sunday, December 26

8:40 AM Third and Sixth Hours

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Followed by Fellowship Hour – Christmas Pot Luck!

After Coffee Hour: Caroling to the Homebound

MANY, MANY THANKS

to everyone who participated, in any way, in making yesterday's **Bake Sale** a success – and a lot of fun! Smiles were everywhere, from hard-working volunteers who've been at this for weeks, to our many guests who received a warm welcome to our event! *Thank you!*

HOLY SUPPER

Friday, Dec. 24, 5:00 PM at the Rectory

Let Mat. Tamara know you would like to come!

A traditional lenten Christmas Eve meal, it is the last meal of the Advent fast. Fasting foods served can include barley, honey, stewed prunes, pierogi, sauerkraut, potatoes, lima beans, garlic, Lenten bread, or mushroom soup.

A lit candle symbolizes the star of Bethlehem. The bread broken and shared symbolizes Christ at the Last Supper. Foods range from bitter to sweet to remind us of the bitterness of life before Christ's birth and its sweetness after He came. After supper, all attend the Christmas Eve vigil. Hay under the tablecloth recalls the manger where Jesus' Mother placed Him. An extra place is always set -- for Jesus, either in Spirit, or in the form of a traveler or stranger, for none are turned away on this day without a warm invitation to partake!



**ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL VISITING OUR PARISH
SATURDAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 15-16, 2022**

Please mark your calendars and
plan to be here! More details will be announced soon.

SCRIPTURE READINGS – 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.

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: Archpriest Igor Soroka (+12/18); James; Luka, James, Charlotte; Thomas; Walter; Matushka Anne Pawlush; Stella (Anastasia) Michalko; Nadia (Nadezhda) Melnik; Antoinette Terry; Tate, Madisyn, Hana, Justin; Yuliana; Elaine, Yuri, Elizabeth. All those taken from us by the Coronavirus, by sickness, violence, injury and disaster.

For Health: Fr. Jason Kappanadze, Fr. Nicholas Harris, Fr. Daniel & Mat. Myra Kovalak, Fr. Herman & Mat. Cynthia Schick, Fr. Michael Oleksa; Fr. Moses Berry; Fr. Joseph Chupeck; Rdr. Thomas & Mildred, Reader William & Joshua Haluszczak; Donald (Sue Hults's dad); John; Nancy, Belva; children Brooklyn and Brayden; Presbyteria Maria; child Olivia; recovering Altar Servers Thomas, Jeremiah, and John; recovering Deborah, Larissa & Ezekiel, Dominick Dimitry and their families; Andrew; Natalia; Volker; Bridget; Danielle; Marion, Horatio, Gabriella; Judy; Ann; Christa; Ilsa; Scott & Casey, Steven; Juliana, Antonina; Ryan; James, Child Hannah, Joshua, Chloe, Helen, Kathleen, Erica, Sherri, Mary; Ruth, Harriet, Katherine, Kristin, Sierra, Kate, David.

Diocesan Prayer Requests: Archbishop BENJAMIN; Fr. Daniel & Matushka Kathleen Degyansky; Fr. John & Mat. Nancy Hutnyan; Ray, Caleb, Megan; Stephanie; William, Donna, Matthew, Jack; Walter, Nicole, Rachel, Alexis; Mary, Liam & Fiona; Leon; Reader Robert & Janet; Ethan; infant Esther. All the clergy, faithful and their families of the Diocese of New York and New Jersey. All those afflicted with the Coronavirus and those caring for them, those afflicted by sickness, violence, injury, and disaster. **Name Days:** Julianna Cheplick (Martyr St. Juliana, 12/21).

Birthdays: Mary Kelly Randall (12/18), Fr. Joseph Lickwar, Chancellor of our Diocese (12/23), Mary Ann Paprocki (12/23), Louis Angelo (12/25).

Parish Children:

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

College Students: Anna McKane – Duke University •

Katherine McKane – Sarah Lawrence College Year Abroad at Oxford University, England •

Nathan Devens – Elmira College • Larissa Cheplick – Daemen College

Please give prayer requests to Fr. David, Dn. Michael, Subdcn. Walter, or a Reader.

Typically, parish prayer requests remain on this list for 40 days.

READERS' SCHEDULE

Dec. 18th – Dec. 24th: Mat. Tamara & Rdr. Gabriel

Jan. 1st – Jan. 7th:

Reader Samuel

Dec. 25th – Dec. 31st: Reader Alexander

FALL/WINTER 2021 FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

Contact Mat. Tamara or Mat. Katie if you need a different date.

DECEMBER

19 Karney Family

26 Turic & Weeks Families

JANUARY

2 Christmas Leftovers Potluck

JANUARY (continued)

9 Charlanow Families

16 Luncheon with Archbishop Michael

23 Gomez & O'Brien Families

30 Cowan Family

WINTER CLOTHING NEEDED FOR LOCAL CHARITY

As our Father among the Saints, Basil the Great, teaches: *“The garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of the person who is naked. The shoes you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot.”* Please bring any coats, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, or boots that you can spare, and put them in the containers in the vestibule. *Thank you!*

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DECEMBER 2021 / JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<u>DEC 5</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship Hour: "Visit from St. Nicholas!" 6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya: St. Nicholas Day	<u>6</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy: Feast of Saint Nicholas the Wonder-Worker	<u>7</u> 7:00 PM Adult Study: <i>Thinking Orthodox</i> : In Church and By Zoom	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 3:00 – 8:00 PM Diocesan Teen Get-Together 6:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward (Note Time Change)
<u>12</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship & Nativity Play Practice Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Great Vespers & Litya: St. Herman of Alaska	<u>13</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy: Feast of Saint Herman of Alaska, the Wonder-Worker	<u>14</u> 7:00 PM Adult Study: <i>Thinking Orthodox</i> : In Church and By Zoom	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 9:00 AM Baking Day for the Bake Sale, in the Ministry Hall	<u>17</u> <i>If Needed</i> : Last Baking Day for the Bake Sale, in the Ministry Hall – Time TBA	<u>18</u> Parish Take-Out Bake Sale, 10 AM – 1 PM 4:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward
<u>19</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship & Nativity Play Practice	<u>20</u> 6:30 PM Parish Council Meets, in the Church	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> 6:30 PM Neighborhood Christmas Caroling	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 8:00 AM Royal Hours for the Eve of the Nativity 5:00 PM Holy Supper at the Rectory 7:00 PM Nativity Vigil	<u>25</u> NATIVITY/CHRISTMAS 9:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Nativity Of Christ CHRIST IS BORN! 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward
<u>26</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Fellowship Hour: Christmas Pot Luck! (No Church School or Teen Group Today) Caroling to the Homebound	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> 7:00 PM Great Vespers & Litya, Followed by New Year's Eve Fellowship Downstairs	JAN 1 +BASIL / CIRCUMCIS. 9:40 AM Hours & Liturgy St. Basil's Day / Circumcision of Christ 3:30 PM Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward
<u>2</u> 8:40 AM Hours & Liturgy Nativity Play! Fellowship Hour	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> 6:30 PM Vigil of Theophany, with the Blessing of Water	<u>6</u> THEOPHANY 9:40 AM Hours & Liturgy of Theophany, with the Blessing of Water	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 5:00 PM Great Vespers; Confessions Afterward

UPDATED 12/12/2021

**Please consider your financial PLEDGE
to the parish for 2022.**

THE “GIVING GRID”

Our 20 pledgers for 2021 pledged an average of \$61/week. If everyone who pledges were to increase their pledge by even 1 percent of their income; and if those households who aren't yet pledging (many of whom already give!) could commit to a pledged amount for 2022, then we could raise that average amount to at least \$75/week per pledging household ...

Then, we could meet our anticipated budgeted Parishioner Support for the year 2022, just through the fulfilling of pledges!

That would be another great step in the maturing **stewardship** of our parish family!

So, ask yourself: **Where am I on the grid?**
If I'm not at 10%, can I move 1 square to the left and pledge that amount for 2022?

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Weekly Beyond a Tithe		Weekly Tithe	Weekly Upper Range of Giving			Weekly Middle Range of Giving			Weekly Lower Range of Giving		
		15%	12%	10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
\$22,000	\$423	\$63	\$51	\$42	\$38	\$34	\$30	\$25	\$21	\$17	\$13	\$8	\$4
\$25,000	\$481	\$72	\$58	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5
\$30,000	\$577	\$87	\$69	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6
\$40,000	\$769	\$115	\$92	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8
\$50,000	\$962	\$144	\$115	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$173	\$138	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$202	\$162	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$231	\$185	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$15
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$260	\$208	\$173	\$156	\$138	\$121	\$104	\$87	\$69	\$52	\$35	\$17
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$288	\$231	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38	\$19

Pledge Commitment Forms will be mailed out soon.

**Thank you for your generous stewardship
of the ministries of Holy Trinity Church!**

**With love in Christ,
Fr. David**